

A Grateful D.O.V.E. Fund Thanks You!



D.O.V.E. Fund Scholarship Committee Past Chair, Marian Grems with Vietnam Liaison, Bui Cam Nhung from Quang Tri Province.

Our 2023 Dinner Auction on August 19th had 244 guests---the biggest turnout ever. Guest Speaker, Karen Saumer, widow of Vietnam veteran, Lanny Saumer, talked about his return visits to Vietnam with the D.O.V.E. Fund.

In 2007, Lanny wrote his autobiography, "My Guardian Angel" and began raising funds to build a school where he served in Quang Tri province as a Marine in 1968. But as the school neared completion in 2009, Lanny was diagnosed with a lung ailment and passed away in Wisconsin. In 2010, Lanny's son, Brandon and wife, Karen, traveled with the D.O.V.E. Fund to attend the school's dedication in Vietnam. Karen inspired the audience with her stories of ordinary people doing great things.

Once again, D.O.V.E. Fund Trustee, Steve Sczesny, emceed the event along with guest Auctioneer and WTOL-TV retired personality, Jerry Anderson. For the winning bidder, D.O.V.E. trustee, Roland Southard and his wife, Celeste, treated a table full of guests with a Bananas Foster dessert prepared tableside. Live auction items included a week-long mini-vacation at a private home in Crystal Springs, Florida, a Sunday Brunch Cruise for 8 at Catawba Island Club, a Lake Erie fishing trip, a foursome of golf at Inverness Club, a private suite for 10 to watch the Mud Hens at Fifth Third Field, a \$1,000 Gift Certificate to the Appliance Center and a week-long stay at a slope-side condo at Boyne Mountain, Michigan.



Bui Cam Nhung and Trustee, Fred Grimm present new projects.



Dinner guests enjoy bidding during auction portion of program.

During the Special Ask portion of the program, VP of Vietnam Projects, Fred Grimm, along with Project Liaison Manager, Bui Cam Nhung, who traveled from Vietnam to attend this year's event, asked the audience for help in funding three new humanitarian projects. Jerry Anderson started bidding at \$5,000 and when the final bids were tallied, thanks to our generous guests, donations were more than enough to fund all three projects. Three guests bid up their own donations well into five-figures and one donor completely funded a student Eye Care Clinic initiative, prompting D.O.V.E. Fund Treasurer, Tim Kearney to say, "Oh, what a night. On top of great bidding on Live and Silent auction items, this was far and away, our best year ever."

The D.O.V.E. Fund is appreciative and grateful to all who attended the auction and especially to those who couldn't attend but donated online or mailed-in their contributions.

A special thanks to the major sponsors who helped provide complimentary dinners for all our guests. Champion sponsors include Tom Allen, David Langendorfer, and Richard & Melissa Marcus. We'd also like to thank our Helper and Patron sponsors along with several generous donors who prefer to remain anonymous.



Trustee, Roland Southard and wife, Celeste, prepare Bananas Foster dessert.



From Left, Sandra Perry, Lt. Col. Phil Perry (ret), Dan Cummins from WTOL-TV



Guest auctioneer, Jerry Anderson, seeks bids from the audience.

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To learn more about Bui Cam Nhung and the D.O.V.E. Fund projects in Vietnam, click here to view the **pre-auction video** from WTOL-TV. fro



The D.O.V.E. Fund is committed to providing academic assistance to talented students who demonstrate financial need, scholastic potential, initiative, and a solid work ethic.



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Last year, the D.O.V.E. Fund supported 230 students with awards totaling \$34,000. We are proud to report that 100% of the D.O.V.E. scholars successfully completed the 2022-2023 school year,

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