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Bringing Aid to Children with Cancer



The new educational playroom for pediatric cancer patients at Hue Central Hospital

Each day, the Pediatric Center at Hue Central Hospital treats up to 120 children suffering from cancer-related diseases. Due to their prolonged treatment, these children are unable to attend school with their peers. However, because many children want to continue learning, the doctors proposed a study and play area to enhance children's physical and mental health during treatment at the Center. They wanted to create a place where children could find joy and motivation, helping them persevere in their treatment and enhance their mental well-being, allowing them to overcome some of their pain and discomfort.



Parents can now share quality time with their children at the new facilities



On September 13, 2024, Hearts for Hue, in partnership with the Oncology Center at Hue Central Hospital, received a generous donation from the D.O.V.E. Fund to support children battling cancer. The D.O.V.E. Fund's contribution to the children's learning area included educational toys, swings, trolleys, and storage cabinets. The children were also treated to milk, healthy snacks, and celebratory gifts honoring the Mid-Autumn Festival. These gifts are essential to providing a more comfortable and stimulating environment for young patients undergoing treatment. By fostering a sense of normalcy and joy, [Hearts for Hue](#) and [The D.O.V.E. Fund](#) aim to help these children cope with their challenges and maintain a positive and hopeful outlook.

Shine Your Smile Project Helps Students Succeed

Earlier this year, the D.O.V.E. Fund got involved with **Shine Your Smile**. This program uses experienced mentors to help young students in rural Quang Tri province with the soft skills necessary to succeed in an increasingly complex world.

SYS's mentorship programs have supported disadvantaged students in rural Quang Tri province by providing opportunities to develop skills critical for future success. Through workshops, leadership activities, and individual mentorship, over 65 students have gained confidence and improved their critical thinking and career planning abilities, which has led to increased self-esteem and improved academic performance.



Ngoc Rin, co-founder of Shine Your Smile, is a recipient of The D.O.V.E Fund Scholarship program who believes in paying it forward by helping others. She currently attends The University of Danang.



Mentors and students in a Shine Your Smile classroom in Quang Tri

An additional 36 mentees were recently connected with 15 mentors from all over the country to organize training sessions and group activities and learn the soft skills necessary to succeed. SYS also wants to develop a D.O.V.E. Fund student community and help our students broaden their social skills. SYS recently organized an online "Career orientation" seminar, attracting more than 100 students. Another successful workshop with 50 participants focused on environmental protection. We are grateful to partner with SYS and applaud their efforts to enhance students' lives in Vietnam.



A classroom workshop for SYS Students in Quang Tri Province



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The D.O.V.E. Fund remains committed to providing academic assistance to students who demonstrate financial need, scholastic potential, initiative, and a solid work ethic. Our scholarship program enhances the academic lives of 180 high school students and 50 University students annually. Thirty of our scholarship recipients are students at the prestigious Ho Chi Minh University of Technology.

Each year, when members of the D.O.V.E. Fund visit Vietnam to award scholarships, they witness the profound impact of our program on the lives of the students. These students, all struggling financially,



Nguyen Thi Huong

**Recipient of The D.O.V.E. Fund
Scholarship for 3 years at Quang
Tri High School**

Huong was awarded the Do Nguyen scholarship for the 2024-25 academic year. She is a freshman at Danang University of Medical Technology and Pharmacy, where she is pursuing her dream of becoming a doctor.

Born into a small family in a poor village in Trieu Phong district, Huong grew up understanding the challenges of financial hardship. Her family of six,

share their stories of how the scholarship has made their education possible. For nearly 25 years, the D.O.V.E. Fund has assisted over 5,700 students, enabling them to continue their education and preparing them for a more hopeful future.

**Support a brighter future.
Donate to a D.O.V.E. Scholar!**

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Did you know that there are 11,700 students attending D.O.V.E. Fund supported schools this year?

including her parents, two elder brothers, and a younger sister, rely primarily on her father, who works hard as a farmer to support them. With all the children in her family being students, her parents bear the weight of substantial financial responsibilities, making it difficult for them to cover school tuition fees and daily living expenses.

[Click on the above photo to hear Nguyen Thi Huong express her thanks](#)



Tax Tip: Use your RMD to make a QCD to the D.O.V.E. Fund

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