

The D.O.V.E Fund Celebrates 25 Years Providing Love and Hope in Vietnam



Singer Dan May leads the students in a rousing version of his original song "One Voice, One Song."

The annual trip to Vietnam is always a treat for every D.O.V.E. Fund member and guest who signs on. This year was no exception as 18 adventurous travelers decided to join trip leaders Fred and Jill Grimm in Hanoi on March 2nd. After a day in the Vietnamese capital and an overnight stay in scenic Ninh Binh, the group set out for Quang Tri province. Over two days, the group awarded scholarships at Hai Lang High School, inspected new kitchens at the Gio Mai Daycare Center, and celebrated its Silver Anniversary with students and teachers at Quang Tri High School.

The group also traveled to Khe Sanh, where the D.O.V.E. Fund inspected hygienic sanitation facilities to help the ethnic minority families near the Laotian border. Later in the week, the group visited Trieu Thuan to inspect a new kitchen and canopy project, a computer room project at Trieu Thuong, and a new eyecare project at a school in Quang Tri town.



D.O.V.E. Fund guest Megan Gillis awards scholarships to students in Quang Tri .



D.O.V.E. Fund members Denny and Jan Metzger with students in the computer classroom at Trieu Thuong Elementary.



Mr Thai Huu Lieu, Deputy Director of Quang Tri Department of Foreign Affairs, awarded the D.O.V.E Fund a Certificate of Merit for outstanding contribution to the development of Quang Tri Province.

The group met with doctors at Hue General Hospital to check on the progress of the Agent Orange screening project in A Luoi district and then visited the pediatric cancer ward where the D.O.V.E. Fund financed the building of a new, spacious facility where cancer-stricken children can spend quality time with their parents.



Dan May, left, singing with the children at the Hue General Hospital pediatric cancer ward with D.O.V.E. Fund guests, Tegan Coleman, Sylvia Washburn and Eli Coleman.



During a visit to the Hue Social Center, talented patients entertained the D.O.V.E. Fund with dance and musical numbers. The group also inspected the expanded mushroom growing facility and received beautiful, crocheted gifts from the craft shop. The group also visited the business locations of participants in the Micro-Finance program. Three businesses, all women-owned, focused on the sale of bagged fertilizer, homemade noodles, live pigs, and a fish farm in a nearby river.

Lizzy Free inspects the greenhouse and holds a newly sprouted mushroom.

The trip culminated on March 16th with a visit to the Ho Chi Minh Technical University auditorium, where singer and songwriter Dan May performed several songs. His latest, "One Voice, One Song," written just for the occasion, is a tribute to the DOVE Fund's 25 years of humanitarian work in Vietnam. We are so grateful that Dan and his wife, Lisa, joined us this

year and are delighted that he will be performing at our annual auction on August 16th.



Emcee Mai Huynh kept things rolling at the 25th Anniversary celebration.



D.O.V.E. Fund supporter, Linda Vu, third from right, with family and friends relax before the show.



This year's group of D.O.V.E. Fund travelers pose during the 25th Celebration.

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August 16th, 2025 – 5:00 PM

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Join us as we celebrate 25 years of providing love and hope to the people of Vietnam.

Best Selling Author Donates to the D.O.V.E. Fund



Vietnamese author [Nguyễn Phan Quế Mai](#) is donating 100% of the proceeds from her new book, *The Color of Peace*, to three organizations that support victims of Agent Orange and the removal of unexploded ordnance in Vietnam. The D.O.V.E Fund, a veterans-based charitable organization that has been providing relief to Agent Orange victims in Vietnam for decades, is proud to be associated with Nguyễn Phan Quế Mai. The author of several best-selling books about life in Vietnam, Ms. Nguyen, is about to launch a multi-city tour in the U.S and is looking forward to sharing her knowledge and experience with you. To meet this prolific author and learn more about Vietnam, please register your attendance at the following link:



<https://nguyenphanquemail.com/en/page/events>



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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, 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.

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Nguyen Thuy Hang, former student of Hai Lang High School celebrates with Bui Cam Nhung and Fred and Jill Grimm at the 25th Anniversary Celebration.



Nguyen Thuy Hang gives a special message to the students of Quang Tri High School. She was a former D.O.V.E. Fund Scholar from 2017 - 2019 and now is an executive in business development in Ho Chi Minh City.

[Click on her photo to hear her story.](#)

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