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FOREWORD



Nhat story is inspiring. Born in a very poor rural area from a very poor farming family, Nhat was not destined to go university. Rather one would have expected him to become a poor seasonal farmer like his father, the main income earner in the family. At the age of 9, Nhat lost his father in a terrible accident. Floodings are one of the most feared natural catastrophes in Hue and in the central provinces, as too many people in the poor rural areas lose their life to these tragic accidents. Yet today, at the age of 22, Nhat is currently looking for a job as a data scientist, in Saigon. Several job opportunities are lining up for him; nothing has been signed yet but as a graduate from the prestigious University of Technology of Saigon, Nhat profile should catch the interest of multiple employers. In Saigon, in recent years, IT engineers or data scientists like Nhat are highly valued.

Nhat story is sadly that of Vietnam. In the countryside, there are millions of kids in Nhat situation; in Vietnam rural areas, there are millions of contract farmers like Nhat's father, who are barely earning above the 2 dollars threshold a month (the extreme poverty level set by the World bank). School and education are hence rarely an option in these poor areas; Nhat, were he not offered a spot at Nha Bao Tro Phu Phuong (our center for poor kids and orphans) when he was in high school, would have probably dropped out. Thanks to the support of all our donors and sponsors, we were able to find a place for Nhat to study. Two years later he successfully passed the very selective exam for the prestigious University of Technology of Saigon. Six years later, thanks to our university scholarship program, Nhat will soon be a proud alumnus of the University of Technology. And

in a year, we hope Nhat himself will become a sponsor of the program; he expressed his willingness to honor his commitment as per our university scholarship program and give back in return. Along with him, 9 of our kids, from our scholarship program are graduating this year from universities. All of them have pledged to give back, now that they are all set in life.

Stories like these, that you can find in our testimonies in this annual report, are the reasons we have founded Duc Son Child a decade ago. We believed then, and we still do, that there is a future outside of poverty and misery for kids like Nhat in Vietnam. His story confirms the impact that we can have, thanks to your long-term support. Thanks to you all, we have been able to help over a hundred kids since our association exist. This is however too small, way too small, as many other deserving kids are still left aside. This year, we would like again to call for your generosity, as we cannot continue to function without financing and sponsoring. Help us make a difference!

**Sincerely,
DSC executive board**

EDITO



L'histoire de Nhat est bouleversante. Né dans une famille très modeste, dans un village reculé et pauvre du centre, le destin de Nhat n'était sans doute pas d'aller à l'université, plutôt se destinait-il, comme son père, à devenir un travailleur saisonnier, prêt à prêter sa force de travail dans les rizières du pays. A 9 ans, un terrible accident emporte le père de Nhat, principal source de revenus de la famille. Les inondations sont une catastrophe redoutée, dans le centre, à raison, puisque des milliers de personnes perdent la vie lors de grandes périodes d'inondation. La nature est redoutable, dans le centre du pays et de tels accidents tragiques sont hélas une norme. Pourtant, aujourd'hui, à l'âge de 22 ans, Nhat est diplômé de la prestigieuse université de Saigon de Technologie, et cherche actuellement un emploi en tant qu'ingénieur informaticien et « data scientist ». Il ne devrait pas chercher bien longtemps : des profils comme le sien, avec son diplôme, sont une denrée très recherchée sur le marché du travail.

Des histoires comme celle de Nhat sont banales au pays. Dans les campagnes, on trouve des millions d'enfants dans sa situation ; encore aujourd'hui, le Vietnam compte des millions de travailleurs saisonniers, qui survivent avec un salaire de misère. Pour les enfants de ces familles, l'éducation, l'école, l'université, voilà autant de luxe que la pauvreté interdit. S'il n'avait pas rencontré les bénévoles du centre de Phu Thuong, qui ont vu en lui un potentiel, du mérite, Nhat aurait sans doute cessé ses études au lycée. Grâce au soutien qu'il a reçu à Phu Thuong, dans le centre, Nhat réussit à décrocher le sésame pour la prestigieuse et très

sélective université de technologie de Saigon ; ensuite via la bourse de Duc Son Child que nous lui avons accordé chaque année, quatre ans plus tard, Nhat a décroché son diplôme universitaire. Et, dans un an, nous espérons que Nhat honorera sa promesse, lorsqu'il s'est engagé avec nous, celle d'abord d'obtenir son diplôme (il a coché cette case), puis celle ensuite de parrainer à son tour un étudiant pauvre. Donner en retour, voilà un souhait qu'à en tout cas largement exprimé Nhat dans son interview qu'il nous a accordé dans ce rapport annuel. Avec lui, ce sont neuf autres étudiants qui seront cette année diplômés, après avoir été boursiers chez nous. Comme Nhat, eux aussi se sont tous engagés à redonner en retour.

Ces histoires, inspirantes, que nous vous invitons à lire dans ce rapport, sont la raison même de notre engagement. C'est pour donner un autre destin à des enfants comme Nhat que nous avons fondé l'association il y a un peu plus de 10 ans. Lui et tous les diplômés de cette année confirme que grâce à votre aide, nous pouvons avoir un impact. Depuis notre création, c'est plus de cent enfants que nous aidons ou avons aidé. C'est louable, mais hélas beaucoup trop peu au regard des millions d'autres enfants que nous ne pouvons, faute de moyen, aider. Cette année, plus que jamais, nous avons besoin de votre aide. Cette année, plus que jamais, nous comptons sur vous – rien n'est possible sans votre précieux soutien.

L'équipe éditoriale Duc Son Child

LỜI NÓI ĐẦU



Nhật hiện là sinh viên năm cuối trường Đại học Công nghệ Sài Gòn. Nhật lớn lên trong một gia đình khó khăn, ở vùng nông thôn nghèo thuộc tỉnh Thừa Thiên Huế. Bố mất sớm năm 9 tuổi sau một trận lũ lụt lớn, gia đình Nhật thiếu đi nguồn thu nhập chính. Dù là một học sinh giỏi đầy tiềm năng, Nhật chỉ có ý định học hết lớp 9 rồi tìm việc làm, hỗ trợ trang trải một phần chi phí cho gia đình.

Không ai có thể ngờ cậu bé Nhật năm đấy nay chuẩn bị tốt nghiệp một trong những trường đại học nổi tiếng nhất Việt Nam, trường Đại học Công nghệ Sài Gòn. Con đường học tập của em chỉ được khuyến khích và hỗ trợ sau khi Nhật được nhận vào Nhà Bảo trợ Học sinh Nghèo Phú Thượng năm lớp 10. Nhờ vào sự chăm sóc, nuôi nấng, và hướng dẫn của nhà bảo trợ, Nhật có thể tập trung vào việc học và thi đỗ vào đại học. Trong thời gian học đại học, em tiếp tục nhận được sự giúp đỡ của hội Đức Sơn Child để trang trải chi phí học tập cũng như ăn ở tại Sài Gòn. Hiện tại, Nhật đang tìm kiếm một công việc thuộc lĩnh vực kỹ sư máy tính.

Như lời em đã hứa với Đức Sơn Child, Nhật sẽ tiếp tục truyền thống « đáp đền tiếp nối » bằng cách sẽ hỗ trợ cho một sinh viên nghèo hiếu học khác sau khi tốt nghiệp. Nhật không phải là trường hợp duy nhất. Năm nay, tám sinh viên nhận được sự trợ giúp của Đức Sơn Child sẽ tốt nghiệp và sẽ tiếp nối truyền thống quý giá, ươm dưỡng những viên ngọc thô cần được giúp đỡ.

Thành quả này là minh chứng cho tính hiệu quả của mô hình hỗ trợ sinh viên nghèo mà Đức Sơn Child theo đuổi. Từ khi thành lập đến nay, Đức Sơn Child đã giúp đỡ hơn 100 sinh viên và học

sinh nghèo và đã có hơn 30 em tốt nghiệp đại học. Chúng tôi không thể làm được điều này nếu không có sự hỗ trợ và đóng góp của các nhà hảo tâm, quý hội viên ở Pháp, Việt Nam, Úc, và Hoa Kỳ. Đức Sơn Child xin chân thành cảm ơn niềm tin yêu của quý vị. Hy vọng rằng năm nay, và trong tương lai, Đức Sơn Child sẽ tiếp tục nhận được sự hỗ trợ của quý nhà hảo tâm, quý hội viên để cùng chung tay góp phần thay đổi tương lai của những đứa trẻ thiếu may mắn như Nhật. Hãy để công bằng trong tiếp cận giáo dục không chỉ là một niềm mơ ước.

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Our actions, this year (FY2021-22)

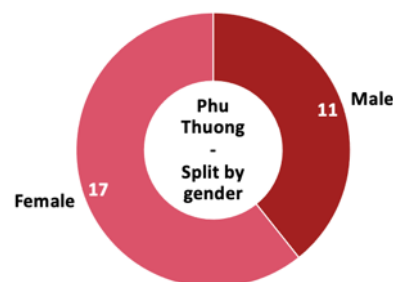
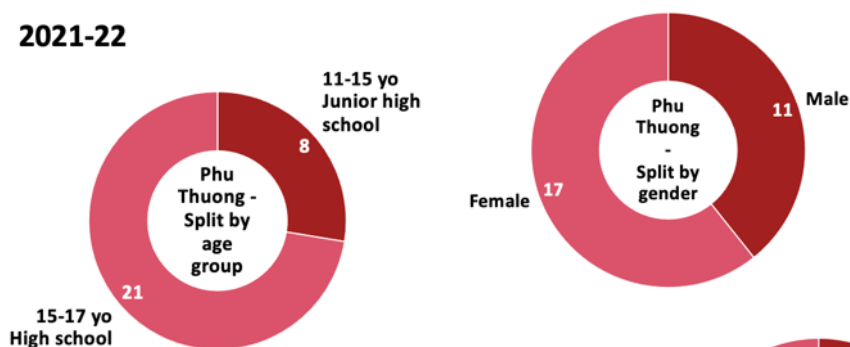
Hue is coming back to normal in 2022. Tourism is slowly recovering, and we are seeing Hue again lively and dynamic. Last May, the city hosted the first festival after 2 years, with several groups of dancers and musicians from all over the world. For all our centers and orphanages, this is a major relief as visitors and donors (both foreign and local) are slowly coming back. The central region enters a period of economic recovery after two years of COVID and lockdown. This means better job prospects for our students graduating from university, as well as better standard of living for a province that still relies heavily on tourism and agriculture.

Still, Duc Son, Phu Thuong and Uu Dam needs substantial financial support and aid to function on a daily basis. Our three centers fulfill an essential social and humanitarian functions in the poor city of Hue and its vicinity and needs financing to continue to do so.

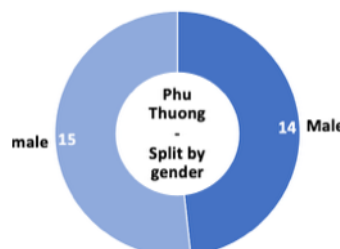
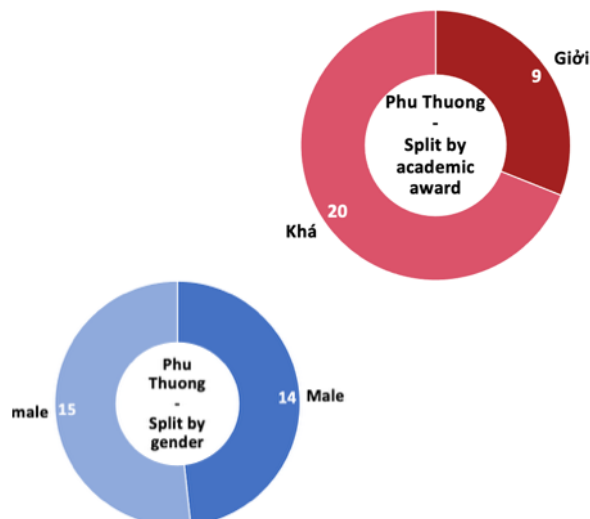
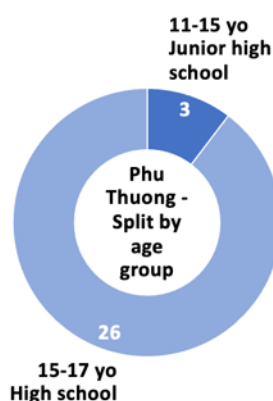
At our center: in Phu Thuong

As for last year, our activities with Phu Thuong center have been one of the key highlights of this

2021-22



2022-23 - projected



year. Phu Thuong center, which is home to 29 kids, from 12 to 18 years old, from very poor background and / or orphans in the region of Thua Thien Hue. Phu Thuong center is fully managed by our association since 2019. It is one of the few independent and non-religious center for poor kids and orphanage in Hue`

This year again, we are extremely proud of the results of our kids in Phu Thuong. From its creation, in 2007, Phu Thuong philosophy has been to offer a chance for deserving kids from very poor areas and / or very difficult family background a chance to get a university diploma. A number of

kids at Phu Thuong center are orphans, living mainly thanks to the support they receive at the center. From the inception, most kids have been hard working, earning excellent grades and with 100% success rate at the highly selective university exams.

This year, all of our 29 kids at the center earned academic awards, from their school. 9 of them got the highest award (labelled “giỏi”, i.e. “great results” or “excellent”, award normally granted to top 3-4 students of a class), and the rest of them (20) got the second highest award (labelled “khá”, i.e. “satisfactory”). 9 of these students will graduate from high

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school this year, and again all of them have successfully pass the exams to the university. As they graduate from high school, these 9 students will leave Phu Thuong center (to join our university scholarship program). We will replace them with new high school / junior high school students. Our staff from Phu Thuong have finalized the field work to recruit new potential students last August and we are happy to host 7 new kids in our Phu Thuong center.



Financing and budget

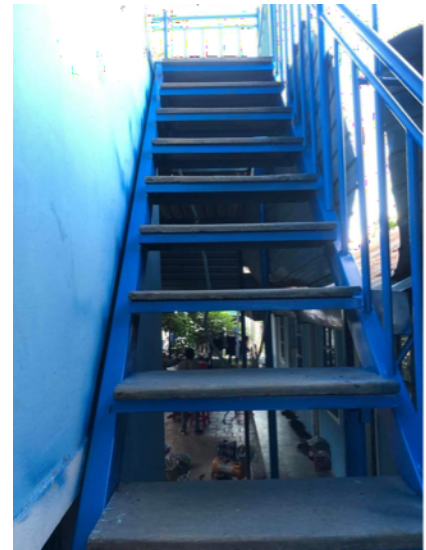
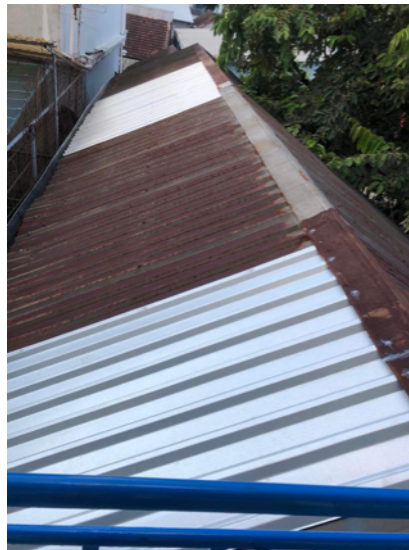
This year, we have conducted several upgrade works, much needed for the facility (electricity, painting, repair of the second floor). In total, we have invested over 3000 euros last year in various upgrade works. We hope to be able to continue this, to help improve the living conditions of our kids at the center. We would like to thank our

Full name	University	Total scholarship-euros / year commitment from DSC
Nguyễn Thị Lan	Đại Học Y dược Huế - y đa khoa	700
Lại Thị Mai	Đại Học Nhật - quan hệ trung / scholarship to study in Japan	700
Lê Thị Hồng Nhi	Đại học kinh tế Huế / University of Economics, Hue	800
Trần Văn Nhân	Đại Học Y dược Huế - y đa khoa / Pharmacy University of Hue	700
Lại Phước Xuân San	Đại học kinh tế Huế / University of Economics, Hue	800
Nguyễn Thị Tứ	Đại Học Y dược Huế - Nha khoa / Pharmacy University of Hue	700
Phan Thị Thanh Vân	Đại Học Ngoại Ngữ Huế / University of foreign language	700
Đoàn Thị Thảo Vi	Đại học kinh tế Huế / University of Economics, Hue	700
Lê Hoàng Quỳnh Như	Đại học Duy Tân Đà Nẵng / University of Duy Tan, foreign language, Danang	800

Our orphans from Junior and senior high school, receiving small funding from a group of retired teachers in Hue, in May 2022.



Our 9 kids from Senior high school, who will enter university in September (from left to right: San, Nhấn, Mai, Nhi, Lan, Tứ, Vân, Như, Thảo Vi)



Reparation of the second floor and of the roof, August 2022 (with the support of Phu Thuong landlord who has very generously pay for the reparations)

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Our actions, this year (FY2021-22)

At our center: in Uu Dam

The pagoda is still being very well managed by sư cô Phước Thiện and her team. They are doing a tremendous work caring for the 45 kids living at the orphanage. The number of students at university, joining our scholarship program and fully sponsored by our association has been growing. We hope again that this year, several more students managed to pass the exams for higher education and joins our scholarship program.

We expect to have three new university graduates in 2023. They would join our first 3 students from Uu Dam, graduating from university last year (total of 6 students graduating from university with our financial support and since the beginning of our partnerships) 4 years after we have initiated the program with Uu Dam.



Kim Ngan, 3rd year university student,
tourism college in Hue



Our student, Hieu, with our vice-president, graduating in September 2022. Hieu is working as an IT support in a local company in Hue. Hieu spent his summer helping



Kim Ngan, 3rd year university student,
tourism college in Hue



Trung Thu celebration, September 2022, in Uu Dam

At our center: Duc Son pagoda and orphanage

Tourists and visitors are coming back to Duc Son. This is a relief: the latter are an essential source of funding and sponsor. We mentioned, last year, that the number of newly born abandoned and left to Duc Son pagoda was a bad sign of the increased poverty and misery in Hue. The trend this year, has luckily improved a bit. Still, this year, Duc Son this year welcomed 3 more orphans, abandoned just few weeks after they were born.

With Duc Son pagoda, this year we have focused our actions on the ad-hoc support and funding, to help the pagoda in their daily management. Our operation this year include the following :

Financial aid, from our individual donors in France (thank you to our donors this year for your precious support)

Delivery of first support, infant milk and diapers (big thanks to our Vietnamese sponsors giving us all these)

In addition, this year, we are happy to hear that four students have successfully enter tertiary education. They will join vocational schools and universities from Hue and will join our program starting this September (and receive our financial support).



Youngest orphan in Duc Son: Mai is 9 months old

Welcome and congratulations to:

- Võ Văn Thuận, college for automotive study
- Phan Ngọc Khuê, college for nursing and rehab study
- Kiều Thiện Bảo Châu, college for nursing and rehab study
- Nguyễn Thị Mùi, college for nursing and rehab study



New class of kids below 3 years old in Duc Son pagoda

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Name	University	With DSC since...	Graduating in	Future job after graduation
Nguyễn Nguyên Chương	Dai Hoc Kinh Te Hue / University of Economics of Hue	sept-18	sept-22	Graduate August 22
Phan Van Duy	Dai Hoc Kinh Te Hue / University of Economics of Hue	sept-18	sept-22	Graduate in august 22, already has a job
Le Phan Thanh Dat	Dai Hoc Cong Nghe Thong tin / Information Technology University	sept-18	Dec-22	Graduate in December 22, already has a job as a data scientist
Tran Thi Mau	Dai Hoc Y Duoc / Pharmacy University of Hue	sept-18	sept-22	In rehab specialization, graduate in 22; not yet a job
Nguyen Thi Mo	Dai Hoc Ngoai Ngu / University of Foreign language	sept-18	sept-22	Graduate in august 22, already has a job, English teacher
Nguyen Kim Ngan	Dai Hoc Khoa Hoc / University of Sciences	sept-18	sept-22	Graduate in august 22, has a job in IT (thanks to a former graduate from PT)
Phan Dinh Nhat	Dai Hoc Cong Nghe / University of technology of Saigon	sept-18	sept-22	Graduate in December 22 ; looking for a job

Our university scholarship program

Our university scholarship program remains our key and flagship initiative. Since the implementation of the program, 8 years ago, we have been providing full financial aid (between 300 to 1500 euro per annum, per student depending on their school and their situation) for our students under our program. For every students from each of the 3 centers we have been working with, we guarantee that any and every student graduating from high school and entering university will be eligible to our scholarship program.

This year, our program provided financial support to 34 students, disbursing over 25,000 euros. This year, we are extremely proud to announce that 7 students will graduate. In total, our program will have, by the end of July, have a network of 37 alumni. Building a strong alumni network, to continue to build solidarity after our students graduate, is one of our ambitious in

the short term. Our initial project was to create a solidarity community network, where successful graduates would give back to their community and hometown once they were successfully set. This ambition remains, and as our number of alumni grows this is our next big milestone.

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Financials - in Euro	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23 (p)
Spending								
Scholarship program - Phu Thuong	2 600,00 €	12 400,00 €	25 500,00 €	34 500,00 €	37 900,00 €	31 200,00 €	23 650,00 €	23 350,00 €
Scholarship program - Uu Dam			1 100,00 €	2 000,00 €	2 112,44 €	1 351,81 €	900,00 €	900,00 €
Scholarship program - Duc Son	1 100,00 €	1 350,00 €	1 000,00 €	1 500,00 €	1 000,00 €			
Full management of Phu Thuong				28 368,97 €	26 081,85 €	27 877,77 €	27 202,85 €	29 512,88 €
Buying land - Duc Son (1)			18 480,00 €					
Other operation to DSC				- €			1 500,00 €	
Other operation to Uu Dam				900,00 €	1 000,00 €	1 000,00 €	1 000,00 €	1 000,00 €
Other fees	114,00 €	147,72 €	250,00 €	246,98 €	246,98 €	246,98 €	246,98 €	246,98 €
Total	3 814,00 €	13 897,72 €	46 330,00 €	67 515,95 €	68 341,27 €	61 676,56 €	54 499,83 €	55 009,86 €
Revenues								
Individual donors - france - sponsors	6 174,75 €	5 452,04 €	15 122,00 €	3 600,00 €	3 500,00 €	4 500,00 €	9 000,00 €	9 000,00 €
Sponsorship Linkbynet				21 000,00 €	10 000,00 €	7 500,00 €		
Operations in France			3 973,86 €	5 000,00 €	5 000,00 €			4 000,00 €
Donors - US					9 000,00 €	4 500,00 €	4 500,00 €	
Individual donors - Vietnam	2 600,00 €	12 400,00 €	22 513,00 €	30 000,00 €	26 000,00 €	30 000,00 €	25 000,00 €	15 000,00 €
Individual donors - Australia					3 000,00 €	1 000,00 €	4 000,00 €	3 000,00 €
Fund raising for land purchase				- €				
Donation from Association "Avenir"			4 000,00 €	7 300,00 €	12 000,00 €	12 000,00 €	11 000,00 €	12 000,00 €
Other donations				4 524,98 €	1 000,00 €		1 500,00 €	
Donation for "Uu Dam"				900,00 €				
Total	8 774,75 €	17 852,04 €	45 608,86 €	66 900,00 €	69 500,00 €	59 500,00 €	55 000,00 €	43 000,00 €

Financing and budget

We have disbursed, in total, 55,000 euros to support our three centers and to finance our scholarship program. The decrease vis-à-vis previous year is mainly due to the reduced number of students in our university scholarship program (40 students last year vs 34 this year).

We would like to thank again all our donors and sponsors, without whom none of the activities above would be possible. In particular, we would like to warmly thank: USA International relief and Dr. Thanh. Thank you also to all our individual donors in France, in the US, in Vietnam; several of them have been supporting us since the first years of our association. All this would not have been possible without you.

For this upcoming year, we are again calling for donors and sponsors. We are this year short of euro 10,000 to 15,000 to be able to sustain our operations with our centers. We plan to strengthen our corporate partnerships, which will be necessary to sustain our activities. Our operations will continue to require substantial funding, and we do hope we will be able to count on your continuous and invaluable support this year. This year more than ever, we need your support.

TESTIMONY FROM OUR STUDENTS



Phan Thanh Dat has entered our program for university students in 2017-18. He will graduate this December.

Please introduce yourself.

My name is Le Phan Thanh Dat, I'm 22 years old and I'm currently finishing in my final year of Data Science at University of Information Technology (UIT) - VNUHCM where I'm going to graduate in December 2022. There are 4 people in my family, but I only live with my father and my younger brother without mother. She divorced my father when I was a little boy. My father is a worker who is eager to do any legal work as long as he is paid. My life was changed in summer 2015, when I was adopted by Phu Thuong Poor Students Program. Me and many other children were nurtured by Ms.Ton Nu Quynh Duong and other volunteers at Phu Thuong.

What will you do now that you are soon graduate? Was it difficult to find a job?

Because of Covid pandemic, many

companies have dropped their personnel. Fortunately, before graduation, I could find a job which fits my study program: Data Scientist - Internship. I had to work on programming languages to write many programs which help improve user experiences, especially in food and drink, fashion, retail. Although this job is appropriate with my study program, there are many difficulties that I had to solve to become better, therefore, I have to self-study many courses to stay current with expertise. This is the first job that I applied for, and it makes me feel very excited.

Can you describe your life as a student? Any hobbies?

UIT is one of the well-known universities in Vietnam, especially in southern Vietnam, where many high school students dream about. And I'm one of the luckiest students to become a member of UIT.

In my first year, I found many new friends from all over Vietnam. They are kind and friendly. They share everything they know without considering or hesitating. My classmates are very brilliant. Some students joined in some reference based on their study. For that reason, I cooperate with my friends to research and to write papers. Luckily, my first paper was accepted in the PACLIC 36 2022 conference after hard-working time. That is the best moment in UIT that I will never forget.

Besides learning, I have joined many other activities that improve not only knowledge on the books but also many soft skills. I joined the Spring volunteer campaign with my friends when I was sophomore. We came to Thanh An island - a small island located about 70 kilometers to the south of Ho Chi Minh City where about 5000 individuals reside here. We stayed 3 days in Thanh An and met many navy personnel who were responsible for protecting the marine frontier. They are friendly and funny, so we can organize many outside activities for them: collect trash and clean houses, play badminton, and ignite the bonfire. I'm excited to make more people feel better.

Now, I finished my study program at university and am going to graduate in December 2022. That's amazing and I can't wait until graduation day.

What will you do to help other students from Phu Thuong now that you are a graduate?

In the future, I will become a sponsor who is eager to help children in Phu Thuong and poor children in Vietnam. I will visit Phu Thuong Poor Students Sponsor and organize activities as well as donate money for children the same way that Benefactors helped me before. I think children have to grow in an active environment within education and

entertainment properly, for balancing their life, to become an active person, and a successful person.

Any last words for donors in France, Australia, the US or Vietnam?

It required long time to follow our daily life, taking care of our health, our lessons, sharing our stories... Once again, I want to thank donors in France, Australia, US and Vietnam. You changed my life and that of many children in Vietnam. With all due respect, I'm so grateful and pleased to be a child who was adopted and grown up. I hope you are always healthy and happy every day. Thank you!

TESTIMONY FROM OUR STUDENTS



Phan Dinh Nhat has also entered our program for university students in 2017-18. He will graduate this December and wanted to address the following message, in the form of a letter, to our association and our donors.

Dear Donors and Sponsors,

My name is Phan Dinh Nhat. I am currently 22 years old and a final year student at Ho Chi Minh City University of Technology, majoring in English Language. Now, I have completed all of my school subjects and am awaiting the graduation review in December, with the graduation ceremony scheduled for March of next year. My family consists of four members: my mother, my brother, my sister, and me. Born in a location prone to natural calamities, there are hurricanes and floods in the

winter, while the sun burns the skin in the summer. My father was also washed away by the water that year on this day 13 years ago. My father is the breadwinner in our family, but that day, when I was only 9 years old, my world and family shattered. My mother, who had previously been a stay-at-home mother caring for children, had to take on the role of the family's primary breadwinner, supporting the family's finances as well as raising the young children to become responsible adults.

Understanding the poor family condition, I have always tried and attempted to study and help my family get out of poverty over the years. My brother has been out of school since the 10th grade in order to work and support the family. As for me, I've been instructed by my mother to try to study at university in order to lessen hardship and help my family. But the cost of attending college is too expensive, and I am aware that my college road is lengthy, and my ambition of attending university may not be accomplished.

But a watershed moment in my life occurred when I was adopted by Phu Thuong Poor Students Sponsor and was able to complete my education. From the start of my 12th grade until the university admission exam, I remained at the Phu Thuong Poor Students Sponsor. In this new home, I was raised, educated, and disciplined by Ms. Ton Nu Quynh Duong, I made many new friends and helped them in study and in life. I was helped to fulfill my own and my family's dream, going to university. It can be said that Phu Thuong Poor Students Sponsor changed my life.

I recently completed my internship as a Business Analyst, despite the fact that it was quite tough to obtain this position, but because the company did not assist me in developing myself, I decided to leave. I am currently self-studying the expertise required to apply for the position of Data Analyst in Ho Chi Minh City. I've been looking for work for over a month now.

During my time at university, I worked hard to do well in class so that I would not disappoint the people who supported and helped me go to school. In most courses, I fearlessly offered to speak, rose to the position of group leader to lead other

members, and was highly regarded by the teachers.

In the end, my GPA was 3.15, which disappointed me because I was on the verge of graduating with a very good degree. I only blame myself for not trying harder, and I have some regrets as a result.

I don't have any notable hobbies; instead, I enjoy reading books to broaden my knowledge, particularly in psychology and sociology; my favorite author is Malcolm Gladwell, whom I first acquainted with through his book *The Outliers*. I also enjoy learning computer software, particularly data analysis applications. In addition, I enjoy learning different languages, with Chinese being my favorite.

After I graduate and have a stable job, I want to help a poor student at Phu Thuong Poor Students. Sponsor one student until that student graduates, just as benefactors have helped me in the past. Through this, I would like to express my heartfelt gratitude to the donors, sponsors in France, and the Phu Thuong Sponsor who have helped me

throughout my academic journey. I shall never forget your generosity. I wish you good health, a lot of fun at work, and a lot of luck in life.

I truly thank you all once again.

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Tran Van Nhan, entering first year university and joining the program

Please introduce yourself.

My name is Tran Van Nhan. I am 18 years old. I am going to be a medical student at Hue University of Medicine and Pharmacy this academic year.

In 2017, my father passed away in a motorbike accident so now there are only 4 members in my family including my mom, my elder sister, my older brother and me. Currently, my sister is a fifth-year medical student at Hue University of Medicine and Pharmacy and my brother is a third-year student at University of Science and Technology in Da Nang city. Before when my father was still alive, both of my parents had to work really hard on a daily basis to make ends meet. However, after my beloved father died suddenly, my whole family went into both mental health and financial crises. We were all grieving, heartbroken and really struggled to put food on

the table let alone tuition fee. At that time, my mom had to work day and night and my two older siblings had to do part-time jobs after school to ease the burden on my mother's shoulder. Fortunately, when I was an 11 th grade student, I was recommended to live in Nha bao tro Phu Thuong by Ms.Duong who knew thoroughly about my family financial hardship. Ms. Ton Nu Quynh Duong - who has been responsible for fostering poor students at Nha bao tro – has helped me a lot during my 2 years staying at this place. My family and I are so grateful for all that Nha bao tro Phu Thuong and Ms. Duong have done for me. I think that without the great support from Nha bao tro Phu Thuong and Ms. Duong, I could not make this far.

What university will you join? Why did you choose this one?

I am going to join Hue University of Medicine and Pharmacy. My major is general medicine. I chose this major because when my dad was injured severely in the accident, I did not know a thing about his condition and could not do anything to revitalise him. So, I told myself at that time that I had to become a doctor to help patients who was injured severely as my dad. On the top of that, medicine really sparked my interest since I would get a chance to gain more insight into human body structures and how it functions to sustain human's lives. What's more, I would be able to learn how to treat various diseases so that I could help a lot of patients.

What job do you want to do later?

I want to become a good doctor so I could help the ill especially those who are poor and do not have enough financial condition to cure their diseases. After graduation, beside working as an official doctor at a hospital to support my family, I also want to work as a volunteer doctor to treat for patients from isolated area like Nam Dong or A Luoi in Hue province.

Can you describe your life at Nha bao tro Phu Thuong?

I was so blessed to become a member at Nha bao tro Phu Thuong and I am so grateful for the love, care, and supports that Ms. Duong and other students at Nha bao tro have gave me. Ms. Duong was really care for not only my daily life but also my studying. She has helped me with my English subject and I was so grateful for what she has done for me. I would want to express my sincere thank you to her and Nha bao tro Phu Thuong.

Once you graduate, how do you intend to help other students from Nha bao tro Phu Thuong?

After I graduated from high school, I passed all studying materials that I

have to other junior students at Nha bao tro Phu Thuong so they might have good resources for their studying. At the moment, I am willing to help other students at Nha bao tro with their mathematics since this is my strength. I think after I graduate from medical university and could make a living, I will donate a part of my salary to buy new books and necessary stationaries for students at the beginning of new school years.

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Nguyen Thi Tu, entering first year university and the program

Please introduce yourself.

My name is Nguyen Thi Tu, I am 18 years old. I was born into a family with difficult circumstances. My family has 7 people. My whole family is deaf except me and my grandfather, so it is very difficult for my parents to find a job to earn money to live and feed me. I just graduated from high school and plan to study at Hue University of Medicine and Pharmacy. I've been in Phu Thuong for 5 years.

What university will you join? Why did you choose this one?

I plan to study maxillofacial dentistry at Hue University of Medicine and Pharmacy. I chose this industry because I have a passion for medicine and want to help people stay healthy.

What job do you want to do later?

I want to be a good dentist in the future.

Can you describe your life at Nha bao tro Phu Thuong?

As a student at Nha Bao Tro Phu Thuong, I spend most of time studying and doing homework. After studying, I often help Ms. Duong (the person in charge of Nha Bao Tro) go to the market, cook, etc. In my spare time, I often help my friends with homework or play, watch movies together. Although they are not relatives, everyone considers each other like siblings.

Once you graduate, how do you intend to help other students from Nha bao tro Phu Thuong?

I will help the students in Phu Thuong by opening free classes to teach students, buying necessary items such as books and pencils for students, regularly asking for encouragement and helping students, etc.



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