




ANNUAL REPORT 2017
**SUNSHINE HOMES
VIETNAM**

A photograph of three young girls of Asian descent, likely of elementary school age, smiling warmly at the camera. They are wearing white collared shirts, which appear to be school uniforms. The girl on the left has dark hair pulled back. The girl in the center wears red-rimmed glasses and a purple headband. The girl on the right has long dark hair. They are positioned in front of a vibrant, abstract background featuring large, overlapping circles in yellow, green, blue, and purple. A large green diagonal shape covers the top right corner of the image, containing a quote and a name.

"Those who know me say that I am sometimes irrational in holding my course where it concerns the children. What they do not understand is that I am every child I see. I am every sick and abused child. I am every abandoned child. I am every lost and defiant child. And I am every child who wants nothing more than for someone simply to love them".

Christina Noble OBE

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ABBREVIATIONS

CNCF	Christina Noble Children's Foundation
DOLISA	Department of Labour, Invalids and Social Affairs
DOET	Department of Education and Training
HCMC	Ho Chi Minh City
MOET	Ministry of Education and Training
VND	Vietnamese Dong (currency)
UNICEF	United Nations Children's Fund
USD	United States dollar

OUR VISION, MISSION, VALUES

Vision: A united world where children are free from suffering, poverty, exploitation, fear, and oppression. Where children are aware of their fundamental human rights.

Mission: The Christina Noble Children's Foundation is dedicated to serving the emotional, physical, medical and educational needs of vulnerable children. We believe that every child deserves love, respect and freedom from all forms of exploitation. We establish long-term relationships with the children we support and empower them to live happy, emotionally rich, and independent lives.

Values: Our values represent our beliefs and guide how we behave. They are: Love, Compassion, Respect, Honesty, and Integrity.

Photo: Founder Christina Noble 1989



EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Our Founder Christina Noble, opened the Sunshine Home for Boys in 1994 and Sunshine Home for Girls in 1997, in partnership with the Department of Labour, Invalids and Social Affairs (DOLISA) of Ho Chi Minh City, to provide a safe nurturing and caring environment for street children and runaways who were suffering or at risk of starvation, commercial and sexual exploitation, human trafficking and living under a constant threat of violence. Since inception the Sunshine Homes have provided long-term full time holistic residential care for **1,061 beautiful children**.

In 2017, **52 children** resided at the Sunshine Homes, **29 boys** and **23 girls** between the ages **5-19 years old**. Four children successfully graduated; Two are now in full time employment and two children were integrated back with family member(s)-after successful intervention and on-going monitoring and support from CNCF.

During the 2016–2017 academic year, **44 children** attended full-time education. And **8 Children** attended vocational training.

All children engaged in personal and social development and life skills training, and attended workshops and seminars relevant to their age. Children also participated in a variety of extra-curriculum activities throughout the year to enhance their mental and physical well-being and social skills.

All children received a full annual health check and vaccinations where required in accordance with the Ministry of Health Vaccination Schedule at Paediatric Hospital #2 in HCM City which CNCF have a long established working relationship with.

At the end of the reporting period, **48 children** continued to receive holistic residential care at our Sunshine Homes.

In 2018, the Sunshine Homes will continue to provide a caring and holistic environment for children who would otherwise be at very high-risk. We will maintain the quality of existing services and continue to look at any improvements that can be made in all areas of child and staff services provided. We plan to refurbish the Sunshine Homes to ensure all our health and safety measures are being met and the children enjoy and warm, stable and stimulating home environment

2017 Operating Costs

- Boys Home - **USD \$53,223.54**
- Girls Home - **USD \$50,396.44**



PROGRAMME OVERVIEW

ESTABLISHED

1994 (Sunshine Home for Boys)
1997 (Sunshine Home for Girls)

LOCATION

District 10, Ho Chi Minh City

OBJECTIVES

To provide a safe and nurturing environment for street children and runaways who are suffering or at high risk of starvation, commercial and sexual exploitation, human trafficking and living under a constant threat of violence. Provide psychological and counselling services to help children deal with and process the trauma they have suffered. To provide children with high quality healthcare, an education and/or a skill or trade to help them achieve self independence, preparation for work and income generation, that will eventually enable them to live independently in the community as well adjusted adults.

PROGRAMME COMPONENTS

Residential Care; Rehabilitation; Education; Healthcare; Vocational and Life Skills Training

BENEFICIARIES

Children who are vulnerable and at high-risk of violence and exploitation (ages 5–18 years)

LOCAL PARTNERS

Department of Labour, Invalids and Social Affairs (DOLISA), District 10, HCMC

CNCF INVOLVEMENT

Responsible for full funding and financial management; co-management of Homes with local partners; provision of technical support to implement the project and facilitate recreational activities, extra-curricular activities, and vocational, personal development, and life skills training

CNCF MANAGEMENT

Helenita, CEO; Son Thu Trinh, Director of Operations; Nguyen Huu Nghia, Vice Director of Operations; Hoang Tu Uyen, Vice Director, Project Management; Nguyen Ngoc Minh Ngan, Programme Manager

HOME'S STAFF

5 Local full-time staff in each Home

PROGRAMME OVERVIEW

MONITORING AND EVALUATION

Scheduled visits to the Sunshine Homes by the CNCF Programme Manager are conducted every 2 weeks, with unscheduled intermittent visits in between. Children in the Homes also participate in weekly CNCF programmes such as Arts, Music and Sports Programmes which are held in the same building and compound as CNCF Head-Office allowing further regular monitoring and engagement with the children. Information and updates on the children are collected through project visits and timely additional support is provided when necessary. The Homes have an anonymous box where children can leave notes expressing their feelings and any concerns they may have, the key to the box is held off-site by CNCF management in head-office. CNCF Project Managers are always available to the children should they want to discuss any issues off site away from the Homes. Meetings with local partners and/or staff at the Homes are held regularly to provide project updates and resolve any issues. Weekly internal direct report meetings are conducted by CNCF Project Managers to discuss programme related issues and updates. Monthly, quarterly, and semi-annual project and financial expenditure reports are sent by project managers to the Board of Management. An end of year evaluation is conducted by partners DOLISA and CNCF to assess project results and an Annual Report is published.

2017 ACTUAL COST

Boys Home USD \$53,223.54.
Girls Home USD \$50,396.44

2017 PRIMARY PROJECT FUNDING

Boys Home-Anonymous Foundation (USA)
Girls Home-WAGS (Hong Kong)

FUTURE PLANS

In 2018, the Sunshine Homes will continue to provide a caring and holistic environment for children who would otherwise be at very high-risk. We will maintain the quality of all existing services and continue to look at any improvements that can be made in all areas of services. In 2018 we also plan to refurbish the Sunshine Homes to ensure all our health and safety measures are being met and the children enjoy and warm, stable and stimulating home environment.

REPORTING PERIOD

January - December 2017

PROGRAMME BACKGROUND

Est 1989, CNCF is one of Vietnam's longest serving and respected NGO's.

Our Founder, Christina Noble, opened the Sunshine Home for Boys in 1994 and the Sunshine Home for Girls in 1997 in partnership with the Department of Labour Invalids Social Affairs HCMC.

The Sunshine Homes are residential and before entering the Homes all children were suffering or at risk of starvation, commercial and sexual exploitation, human trafficking and living under a constant threat of violence.

The children are from a variety of troubled backgrounds and as a result the majority have received very little or no formal education.

The Homes provide a safe and loving haven, where children receive psychological and counselling services to help them deal with and process the trauma they have suffered. The Homes provide shelter, nutrition, healthcare, education, and vocational training, that will eventually enable the children to live independently as adults.

1,061 
the total number of children
who have graduated from our Sunshine Homes*

*This number represents the cumulative number of children who have lived at our Homes since the programme's inception. Please note that many of these children live in the Sunshine Homes for many years, if not through most of their childhood years

All children attend either pre-school, primary, secondary school or were home-schooled. Others attended higher education or vocational training, depending on their age and ability. Those undertaking vocational training choose from a wide range of apprenticeship courses suited to their individual interests. We also encourage the children to develop their sport and artistic abilities through other CNCF programmes such as the Sunshine Sports, Arts and Music.

Since inception the Homes have provided a sustainable future for ***1,061 children, 625 boys and 436 girls**. By providing them a safe home and a foundation to build upon in their formative years, our children have developed the confidence, life skills, and self-belief they need to reintegrate back into the community.

Photo: Founder Christina Noble
Website: www.cncf.org



OUR YEAR

2017 HIGHLIGHTS

In 2017, **29 boys** and **23 girls** resided at the Sunshine Homes. During the year, four children successfully graduated from the Homes; One majored in Industrial Electronics and is now in full time employment. One graduated in Restaurant and Hospitality and is now employed at 5 Star Caravel Hotel HCM City. Two children were Integrated back with family member(s) - after successful intervention and on-going monitoring and support from CNCF.

In 2017

52 CHILDREN

full-time residents

35 CHILDREN

in full-time education

4 CHILDREN

in Pre-School Education

5 CHILDREN

Home-Schooled

8 CHILDREN

attended Vocational training

16 WORKSHOPS

for children

on Life-skills and Personal development

7 TRAINING SESSIONS

for Home staff

on child development

12 EXCURSIONS

for children

Sunshine Home girl won

2 GOLD MEDALS

in track (800m and 100m) at a district level

In 2017

2 BOYS, 2 GIRLS

successfully graduated

At the end of 2017

48 CHILDREN

continued to receive holistic care

KPMG CSR Community Day



PROGRAMME ACTIVITIES

REHABILITATION

There is a vast amount of emerging research and clinical evidence that has improved our understanding of the physiological, emotional and psychological development of children and they way that trauma and neglect impact on normal developmental processes.

With the correct intervention and treatment and most importantly love respect and patience, children (for most) do have the resilience to overcome their experience over time.

In 2017, we continued to provide psychosocial counseling (PSC) and psychosocial support (PSS) to meet the children's emotional, social, mental, and spiritual needs. PSC and PSS is very important for the healthy development of all children and critical for orphaned, abandoned, vulnerable children and those who have been exposed to other kinds of traumas.

Our children are also encouraged to engage meditation. This helps them to improve a wide range of willpower skills, including attention, focus, stress management, impulse control and self-awareness.

Our children in our homes also have access to an on-site social worker that they can approach at any time, and likewise who can monitor and evaluate the children daily and provide the necessary support needed in a timely manner.

Sunshine Home staff attended the following training workshops

- Adolescent Psychology
- Helping children to improve their academics through proactive Teaching Skills
- Accident and injury prevention for children
- Communication and efficiency skills in working with vulnerable families
- Caring and supporting skills when working with vulnerable children
- Detect, intervene and supporting children with dysfunctional behaviour
- Discipline without tears



HEALTHCARE

All children at the Sunshine Homes are covered under the national healthcare programme.

Health and hygiene awareness and training

In 2017 we conducted seven health-related sessions covering the following topics:



Sex Education
Sex Orientation and Gender Equality
Understanding Puberty



First Aid
Common Diseases and Prevention
Health risks of body piercing



Nutrition and Safe Food Preparation

Health check-ups

52 children received a full annual health check and vaccinations where required in accordance with the Ministry of Health Vaccination schedule at Paediatric Hospital #2 in HCM City which CNCF have a long established working relationship with.

Two boys were diagnosed with impaired glucose tolerance. One child diagnosed with high white blood cell count. One boy and five girls have impaired vision. All required follow-up treatments.

Five children were further vaccinated against hepatitis B and three children were vaccinated against rubella.

Daily monitoring, intervention and timely medical care

The staff at our Sunshine Homes monitor and evaluate all the children's health and well-being daily. Staff monitor living conditions closely to keep the Homes neat and hygienic and ensure all foods are stored and prepared in a safe manner. When any concerns arise, the staff ensure the children receive appropriate and timely intervention. In cases where medical attention is required the Home staff inform the CNCF project manager immediately who is then responsible for informing CNCF Board of Management in all cases.



EDUCATION AND VOCATIONAL TRAINING

During the 2016–2017 academic year, **14 girls** and **21 boys** were enrolled in local schools and colleges. **2 boys, 2 girls** attended Pre-School. **3 boys, 2 girls** were Home-Schooled and **5 boys, 3 girls** attended vocational training. Academic performance was strong across the board with one child performing below average by the end of academic year 2017. Children who perform below average are provided with extra tutoring support.

Children who come in to the homes in the middle of an academic year are given home-tutoring until they are ready to enter main-stream schooling.

Children are provided with career advice and consultation on continuing education opportunities and suitable vocational training courses prior to completing their mainstream education.

Children are encouraged to study independently, discuss and raise issues with their peers and mentors, seek their own solutions.

This year, a further six new computers were installed in the girls home with thanks to GAP Vietnam, to give more available access to develop IT skills and utilise the internet to access learning materials.

The children also received English language lessons.

Vocational training courses were available to 8 children in 2017- carpentry, mechanics, welding, signage training, tailoring, bakery.

44 CHILDREN

in Education

8 CHILDREN

in Vocational training





Photo: Computer study



Photo: Homework study



ENRICHMENT PROGRAMMES

CNCF recognises the importance of personal and social skills in child development. Thus, we provide boys and girls living in the Sunshine Homes with comprehensive skills training so they can learn to protect and take care of themselves and interact successfully with others.

Life Skills Training

Children take part in seminars, training workshops and sharing sessions focusing on issues related to behavioural development and modern day social issues and challenges.

CNCF collaborate with other organisations and groups that have professional knowledge and hands-on expertise in conducting training for children on specific issues.



Protection from Kidnapping and Sexual Abuse
Bullying Prevention
Rights of the Child



Self-Management
Managing Negative and Challenging Emotions
Life Values



Internet and Social Network Safety



Environmental Protection



Social Skill Development

Boys and Girls Sunshine Homes for most attend extra-curriculum activities and excursions together to allow for healthy mixed gender interaction.

The children are also given opportunities to interact socially with local and international visitors. Social interaction with visitors occurs during organised activities in which the children can establish a sense of self and recognise appropriate behaviour from themselves and others in social settings. In addition to improving their social behaviour, the children also improve their communication, cognitive and motor skills and learn about other cultures.

The children also take part in social events and interact with CNCF staff, volunteers, interns and donors on special occasions such as Children's Day, Mid-Autumn Festival, Tet, and Christmas.

Recreational Activities

Experiencing a fun-filled and engaging childhood is important for the well-being and comprehensive development of children, and thus, we focus on giving our children the chance to choose from a range of activities. Through our Arts, Music and Sports Programmes, we organised regular extra classes and seasonal activities.

In 2017, one of our girls won two **gold medals** in track (800 m and 100 m) at a district level. Because of her commitment to athletics she was chosen to be an official member of the sport team of HCMC. Her goal is to become a professional athlete or trainer.





ART, MUSIC AND SPORTS PROGRAMME -
CHƯƠNG TRÌNH NHẠC, HỌA VÀ THỂ THAO
DAVID TRẦN QUANG VAO

CHRISTINA NOBLE
FOUNDATION
CHILDREN'S

Photo: Music study

2017 Excursions and Activities

Local and international supporters helped CNCF organise the following activities and excursions for the children.

Basket Ball Tournament HCM City - Organised by NBA CARES

British International School Community Football Tournaments - Organised by BIS and CNCF

Disney on Ice (Disney's first show in Vietnam) - Organised by CNCF

Football Games - Organised by Horizon Sports

Football Games - Organised by PUMA

M + W Group Football Tournament - Organised by Vincent Barrett of M+W Group Vietnam

Happy Football Festival - Organised by the Centre for Social Work for Children in HCMC

Life Through A Child's Lens Photography Contest - Organised by Sony

Rice painting and Art exhibition - Organised by the KHAC Project

Science Fair - Organised by CNCF

Star Wars Film Premier HCM City - Organised by Universal Education Centre

Summer camp - Organised by DOLISA and CNCF



Photo: Life Through A Child's Lens - SONY



OUR STORIES



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Overcoming Grief

Anh* arrived at the Sunshine Home for Boys when he was seven years old. His mother abandoned him and his father when Anh was an infant. When his father became sick due to poverty related disease and knew his death was imminent, he approached our home to ask for help. Anh's father died just ten months after sending Anh to the Boys Home. Losing his father was very traumatic for Anh and he has been slow to recover. Anh has no other known family members. Without his Father's foresight of approaching the Sunshine Home Anh would have been left vulnerable and defenseless on the streets and exposed to all kinds of danger. The Home staff with additional support from other professionals, have worked hard to help him overcome his grief. Anh remains a shy and timid boy and prefers playing alone, however the other boys are very caring and tender towards him and encourage him as much as they can to get involved in communal activities. Our team will continue to work with Anh and hopefully through the love and care that they will provide him, one day Anh will be able to live a content life with peace in his heart.

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I have many happy memories of my 11 years in the Sunshine Home, however the most special thing I received there was love from the Home staff and my brothers. They are my dear family, the only real family I had growing up. Before leaving the Home, I was equipped with confidence, knowledge and skills to lead an independant life. I now have a young family of my own, a very good job with a good income. I cannot describe how happy it makes me feel to know I can support and take care of my own wife and new child. I will always be grateful to Mama Tina, CNCF and the Sunshine Home, you transformed my whole life, I still dread to think how my life could have turned out had I have not been lucky enough to have gone in to the Sunshine Home.

– Former Resident, Sunshine Home for Boys

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Our Star Athlete

When Thanh* was a young child her mother passed away in a motorbike accident. A couple years later, her father died from cirrhosis. Thanh and her older brother lived with their grandmother who herself lived in very poor conditions. It was a difficult life as they struggled daily for many years just to survive. In 2013, Thanh was brought to the Sunshine Home for Girls so she could receive better care and the opportunity to be educated. Thanh has also had the opportunity to pursue her favorite activities, particularly athletics. She has won many medals and in 2017 was chosen to be an official member of the sport team of HCMC where she will also receive a monthly allowance. Her aim is to become a professional athlete or trainer. CNCF will do all they can to support Thanh and help her make her dream come true.

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After her mother died, my granddaughter was at great risk of exploitation and at worse kidnapping and trafficking from some bad people who would visit our community. Her father had left the family many years before, and there was no one to protect my granddaughter. I was in my sixties, selling lottery tickets on the street to survive and in very poor health myself. Thankfully the Sunshine Home agreed to take my granddaughter in. She has spent many happy years there, they have educated her took care of her health and with so much love. I know my granddaughter now has a real chance of a safe future and I can leave this world in peace knowing this. Thank you Christina Noble Children's Foundation.

– Grandmother of Sunshine Home for Girls Resident

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*Names changed for child protection

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

OUR DONORS AND SUPPORTERS

CNCF is committed to donors' rights and transparency. That is why we make our financial statements, administrative costs and funding available for your review online. CNCF has a proven track record of using donations efficiently and effectively. From school children who send their allowance to the philanthropic donors, we cherish all of our supporters. You can be assured that CNCF uses the valuable resources donors have provided in the most cost-effective ways possible.

Our sincerest appreciation and many thanks to our programme donors who have allowed us to keep our Sunshine Homes operating in 2017. Your support drives our work with the children. Thank you to all those who have also given additional funding, gifts and time in-kind which allows us to provide further childhood services and activities and additional children's supplies.

Sunshine Home for Girls:

Programme Donors

Wednesday Afternoon Golf Society (WAGS) Hong Kong

Additional Funding

GAP Vietnam
Kulczyk Foundation
Leonard and Georgene Bernhardt

GIFT AND TIME IN KIND

British International School
Centre for Social Work Children
Crown Relocation-Vietnam
Disney On Ice
DOLISA
Hale School -Perth Australia
Horizon Sports
KHAC project
KPMG Vietnam
Li & Fung Foundation

Sunshine Home for Boys:

Programme Donors

Anonymous Foundation

Additional Funding

Kulczyk Foundation
Leonard and Georgene Bernhardt
M+W Group Vietnam
Origamo-Italy

M+W Group Vietnam
Mekong Merchant, D2, Ho Chi Minh City
NBA CARES Foundation
NIKE
PUMA
Ringwood Secondary School, Victoria Australia
SONY Vietnam
The Deck, D2, Ho Chi Minh City
Universal Education Centre, Ho Chi Minh City
Warren Weener

Photo: Our 2017 Donors the Wednesday Afternoon Golf Society Hong Kong



WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON GOLF SOCIETY HONG KONG

Donors Testimonial

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We are a group of golfers, largely based in Hong Kong, known as Wednesday Afternoon Golf Society. Each year we hold a large golf event to raise money for charity.

In 2016 we were introduced to the Christina Noble Children's Foundation and made them the beneficiary of our 2016 Charity Golf day.

We have made many individual and Society visits to CNCF in Ho Chi Minh and met the children at the Sunshine Home for Girls.

We agreed with CNCF that we would try to support the operations of the Sunshine Home and In 2006 we raised approximately USD 80,000.

In subsequent visits it has become increasingly clear how the support we are able to provide the Sunshine Home impacts on these wonderful children, and helps them to grow into confident, happy, independent young women. The team at CNCF do amazing work and this funding goes to help them to continue to provide outstanding devotion and care to the children.

In 2017, we continued to support the Sunshine Home for Girls and CNCF and raised USD 140,000 for them.

We are honoured to work with CNCF and to support the Sunshine Home and they will again be the beneficiary of our 2018 Charity Golf Day.

- **Brian Moss - Head of Charity Committe**
- **Wednesday Afternoon Golf Society Hong Kong**

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We are always looking for sponsors and welcome anyone to participate in helping to improve the lives of the children. If you want to help in any way please contact Brian Moss wagscharityday@wagshingkong.org

WAGS Charity Golf Day 2017 Footage.
<https://www.wagshongkong.org/2017-charity-day-video>





Photo: WAGS visit HCM City Vietnam

FINANCIAL OVERVIEW

GIRLS HOME

Items	FY2017 in USD
Food Items	8,462.14
Clothes	396.43
Sleeping Kits	295.86
Additional Educational expenses	1,209.41
Recreational activities	503.93
Toiletries	471.35
Medical care	1,159.82
Children's Computers	3,637.54
Water, Electricity, Gas	877.11
Kitchen Equipment	131.07
Transportation	560.74
Furnishings	604.01
Repairs & Maintenance	246.95
Office communication and supplies	306.84
Salaries and contributions	32,093.73
<u>TOTAL COST</u>	<u>50,957.19</u>

Thank you to all those who donated gifts and time in-kind throughout the year enabling us to keep our annual operating costs to a minimum.

***2017 Audit available upon request or online www.cncf.org**

BOYS HOME

Items	FY2017 in USD
Food Items	13,093.10
Clothes	464.84
Sleeping Kits	666.77
Additional Educational expenses	1,643.09
Recreational activities	519.79
Toiletries	376.83
Medical care	1,597.94
Water, Electricity, Gas	1,229.36
Kitchen Equipment	251.54
Transportation	458.25
Furnishings	121.17
Repairs & Maintenance	264.60
Office communication and supplies	274.45
Salaries and contributions	32,261.83
<u>TOTAL COST</u>	<u>53,223.54</u>



If you are interested in supporting our humanitarian efforts please contact us:

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