



# TAY NINH RESIDENTIAL CENTRE FOR VISUALLY IMPAIRED CHILDREN VIETNAM

ANNUAL REPORT 2019



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We must unite for the children.  
We must put aside our differences  
to love the little ones. We must  
give children unconditional love. If  
we give children unconditional  
love, then many of those other  
needs will follow.

- Christina Noble OBE -



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## ABBREVIATIONS

TNRC	Tay Ninh Residential Centre for Visually Impaired Children
DOLISA	Department of Labour, War Invalids and Social Affairs
CNCF	Christina Noble Children's Foundation
HCMC	Ho Chi Minh City
USD	US Dollar (currency)
VND	Vietnamese Dong (currency)
WHO	World Health Organisation





# 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 physical, medical, educational, and emotional 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.

# PROGRAMME OVERVIEW

<b>ESTABLISHED</b>	1999
<b>LOCATION</b>	Tay Ninh Province, Vietnam
<b>OBJECTIVES</b>	To provide visually impaired children and young adults with holistic care including shelter, education, health-care, nutritional care, rehabilitation and vocational training for their long-term development and empowerment
<b>BENEFICIARIES</b>	Children and young adults (ages 5-22) with visual impairments, blindness or hearing and speech impediments and psychological challenges who come from underprivileged families
<b>LOCAL PARTNERS</b>	Department of Labour, Invalids and Social Affairs (DOLISA) of Tay Ninh province

## CNCF ACCOUNTABILITY

CNCF is fully responsible for funding and financial management. CNCF provides management and technical support for project implementation and facilitates extra-curricular activities and life skills training

## MONITORING AND EVALUATION

CNCF Programme Manager conducts monthly visits to the Tay Ninh Residential Centre (TNRC) for monitoring and updating the children's information. Regular meetings with the local partners and Tay Ninh Centre staff are held to provide project updates and to discuss any challenges. CNCF TNRC staff also attend weekly meetings. Timely support is provided when specific needs arise. Monthly, quarterly and semi-annual reports are provided to CNCF Board of Management. Annual evaluation is conducted by DOLISA and CNCF to assess project effectiveness. An Annual Report of the TNRC programme is also made available to stakeholders

## ACTUAL COST 2019

USD \$63,483.58

## REPORTING PERIOD

January - December 2019

## 2020 OBJECTIVES

- To provide safety and protection for up to 65 children with visual impairments
- To maintain quality of existing services
- To launch innovative initiatives in order to enhance project efficiency
- To provide additional support when needs arise
- To improve the working environment for the Centre's staff
- To develop project independence and self-sustainability

# EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

In 2019, the Tay Ninh Residential Centre for Visually Impaired Children (TNRC) in Vietnam continued to provide children with shelter, food, healthcare, education, rehabilitation and vocational and life skills training, empowering them to become self-sufficient and successfully integrated into the community.

In 2019,  
**61** CHILDREN AND YOUNG ADULTS were provided with holistic care at the TNRC



 **28**  
GIRLS

 **33**  
BOYS

**52** CHILDREN AND YOUNG ADULTS resided at the TNRC at the end of 2019

Since inception, the Tay Ninh Residential Centre in Vietnam has assisted

**1,346** CHILDREN AND YOUNG ADULTS

to become self-sufficient and independent.

**17** CHILDREN are totally blind

**09** CHILDREN are partially blind

**26** CHILDREN have visual impairments

**35** CHILDREN enrolled in mainstream education

**100** MEDICAL TREATMENTS were provided to the children residing at TNRC



# PROGRAMME DESCRIPTION

Tay Ninh province is located in the Southeast region of Vietnam approximately 100 kilometres from Ho Chi Minh City. It was the place of one of the fiercest battles during the American-Vietnam War, where a large amount of defoliants were scattered. After the war, many children were born with severe eye deformities, visual impairments and blindness. The use of defoliants such as Agent Orange, inadequate access to health education and monitoring and a lack of medical and nutritional care have contributed to a high level of visual impairment which still persists in the province today.

Established in 1999, the Tay Ninh Residential Centre for Visually Impaired Children (TNRC) functions as both a residential and educational centre, providing children with long-term residential care, nutrition support, healthcare, education including academic education, rehabilitation, vocational and life skills training and recreational activities. The Centre can accommodate up to 65 visually impaired children and young adults.

To date, the Tay Ninh Centre remains the one and only facility offering comprehensive care to an underserved and often overlooked population of visually impaired children in the province. Since inception, the Tay Ninh Centre in Vietnam has assisted 1,346 children and young adults to become self-sufficient and independent.



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# PROGRAMME DESCRIPTION

## Residential Care

The Tay Ninh Centre provides a range of vital services for children with visual impairments who need urgent and long-term support. The TNRC staff oversee the facility management, along with the provision of individually tailored diet and nutritional supplement plans for every child and the maintenance of adequate sanitation, ensuring that a consistent and high quality of care is provided to residential children.



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Our Sunshine Children at the Tay Ninh Residential Centre for Visually Impaired Children



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# PROGRAMME DESCRIPTION

## Healthcare

### Monitoring

All children at the Tay Ninh Centre receive medical insurance, annual health check-ups, regular health and hygiene monitoring, and timely medical assistance.

The health, hygiene and visual conditions of a child are monitored closely by a full-time nurse at the Centre. All children receive vaccinations and are taught to use eyewash and to keep their eyes clean. For children who have partial vision loss or who are facing the risk of blindness, daily medications are provided to stabilise eye conditions. Children with special dietary needs are provided with an individually tailored nutritional plan.

All residents participate in morning exercise sessions while children with physical challenges also attend regular physiotherapy sessions to improve their flexibility. There they practice simple movements such as holding objects in their hands, stretching and bending to improve flexibility.

### Health and Hygiene Awareness and Training

To provide the children with basic medical knowledge, the centre's staff conducts sharing sessions for children on various topics including general health, personal hygiene and eyesight protection.

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# PROGRAMME DESCRIPTION

## Education

### Formal Education

Education is essential for growth and is the key to a self-sufficient future for every child. For most of the children entering the Tay Ninh Centre, access to an education is often limited due to financial hardships and a difficult learning capacity. Tay Ninh Centre aims to provide children and young adults with knowledge and skills, enabling them to enrol in mainstream schools and integrate into their communities.

After graduating from primary school, most children with special needs living at the TNRC attend local mainstream secondary schools with approval from the Department of Education in Tay Ninh province. Lessons and examinations are converted into Braille text and tutoring is provided based on children's needs.



# PROGRAMME DESCRIPTION

## Personal and Social Skills Development

### Vocational Training

Utilising the newly built computer room which was funded by Dorothea Haus Ross Foundation in 2017, the children participate in weekly computer classes to develop their IT skills. They also gain vocational skills through handicrafts, massage therapy, bamboo reed curtain making, rattan weaving, mushroom growing, shrimp salt making and music classes.

### Rehabilitation Programme

Through this programme, children learn to function independently in varied surroundings in order to become self-sufficient. To help children practice daily household tasks, an area in the Centre is set up as a model house equipped with basic facilities. This is to support the children to build their independence and confidence in navigating spaces.

### Life Skills Training & Workshops

Tay Ninh Centre organises training and workshops on social, emotional and behavioural development to support healthy growth and positive self-concepts for a child's lasting self-esteem. Topics covered are vast and vary from soft skills training such as empathy, gratitude and communication skills to sexual abuse prevention, water skills and water safety.





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# PROGRAMME DESCRIPTION

## Personal and Social Skills Development

### Social Skills Development

CNCF understands the importance of well-being and social engagement to each child's development. We ensure that every child can join in varied excursion trips to the parks and nearby provinces such as Dong Thap province, Vinh Long province, Ben Tre Province and Vung Tau province.

Children at the Centre are empowered to participate in contests and have won in several provincial competitions in sports, music, chess, story-narrating, painting and science. In 2019, a food fair was organised by CNCF with the support of UPS in celebration of the International Day of People with Disabilities where all children enjoyed their first buffet lunch experience.

# PROGRAMME DESCRIPTION

## Personal and Social Skills Development

### Recreational Activities

All children have access to the Centre's library with books in Braille, audio books on cassette tapes and CDs, tactile books and normal books. These books are provided by CNCF and other organisations including Audio Library for People with Visual Impairments through the Ho Chi Minh City General Library. The General Library sends an audio books car for the children at the centre every quarter. Each teenage girl and boy has a mobile phone or radio, which they use to listen to favourite programmes, such as music and storytelling channels.

In addition, thanks to the computer room funded by the Ross Foundation, the centre residents also have access to computers for school work and recreation.

### Staff Training & Workshops

To ensure a consistent and high quality of service, our staff at Tay Ninh Centre regularly attend training and workshops focusing on topics such as project management, child care and early intervention for children with special needs. Maintaining up-to-date skills and knowledge is essential in capacity building for the staff and overall project improvement.





Our Sunshine Children practising during Music class

# GLOBAL VISUAL IMPAIRMENT AND BLINDNESS STATISTICS

These estimates provide essential information and highlight the need for greater access to eye care support and the prevention of visual impairment in vulnerable communities. Having access to early and effective interventions is crucial for prevention, treatment and rehabilitation of eye conditions and vision impairment in every child.



- **Every minute, one child** goes blind somewhere in the world <sup>[1]</sup>
- Approximately **90%** of the world's visually impaired live in low-income settings <sup>[2]</sup>
- At least **2.2 billion** people have a vision impairment or blindness. Of those, at least 1 billion have a preventable vision impairment or one that has yet to be addressed <sup>[3]</sup>



# OUR YEAR

CNCF is committed to providing children with vision impairments or blindness coming from families experiencing significant disadvantages with holistically critical care and early intervention support. The programme's effectiveness in improving a child's quality of life through healthcare, education and holistic support ensures sustainable and long-term impacts on children and young adults, empowering them to become self-sufficient and independent.

**61** CHILDREN  
received holistic support



**9** CHILDREN  
transitioned out of the TNRC  
during the year

**9** CHILDREN  
transitioned out of TNRC after  
securing stable employment

**9** CHILDREN  
returned home to their families

**6** CHILDREN  
transitioned into TNRC  
during the year

**52** CHILDREN  
were living at TNRC  
by the end of 2019

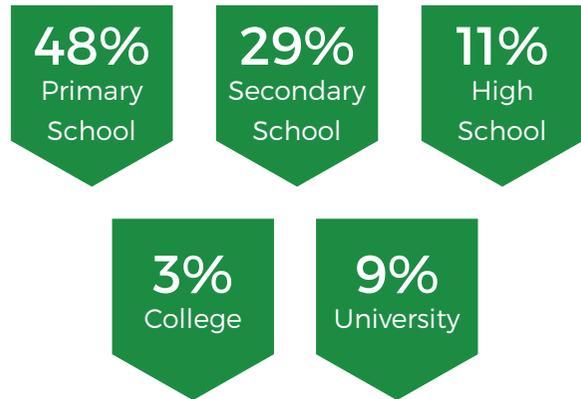


# OUR YEAR

## Education

 **58** CHILDREN received school supplies

**35** CHILDREN enrolled in mainstream education



**12** CHILDREN received "Excellent Performance"

**11** CHILDREN received "Good Performance"

**12** CHILDREN received "Average Performance"

**01** CHILD graduated from high school

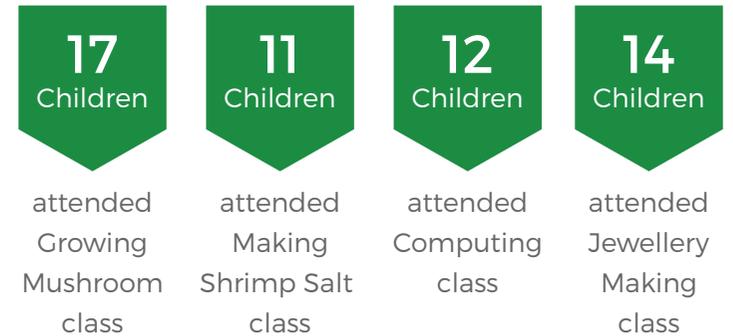
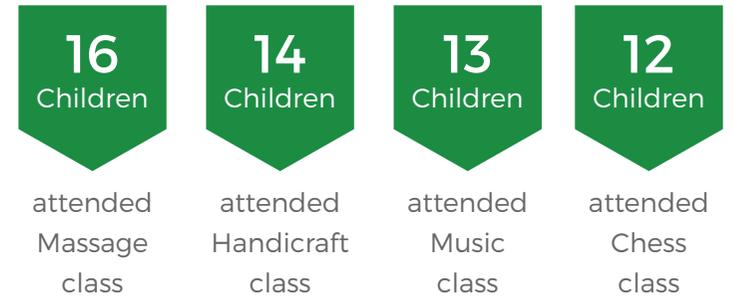
**01** CHILD graduated from university

**32** CHILDREN attended rehabilitation classes



**12** CHILDREN received additional tutoring

**28** CHILDREN attended vocational classes



**08** CHILDREN were sent to learn massage skills at vocational centre for people with disabilities in HCMC

**04** CHILDREN studying at university in HCMC received additional education support

# OUR YEAR

## Healthcare



**51** CHILDREN  
received annual health  
check-ups at Hoa Hao Hospital



**42** CHILDREN  
were dewormed



**09** HEALTH WORKSHOPS  
were organised



**72** CHILDREN  
were vaccinated against hepatitis B



**100** MEDICAL TREATMENTS  
were provided



**36** CHILDREN  
received Dental check-up

## Social Development



**15** TOPIC TALKS AND  
SHARING SESSIONS  
were conducted for children



**08** EXCURSIONS  
were organised



**15** SPECIAL EVENT CELEBRATIONS  
AND SPECIAL ACTIVITIES  
were organised



**61** CHRISTMAS PRESENTS  
were distributed



**22** TNRC STAFF MEMBERS  
attended 11 trainings and workshops



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# OUR STORIES

## Helping The Whole Family

Huong\* is the youngest child from a poor and struggling family. Huong's father has persistent health issues that require frequent treatments, leaving him unable to look after Huong. Due to Huong's visual impairment and challenging living conditions she was sent to the Tay Ninh Centre. Here, Huong received holistic support including therapeutic care, academic tutoring and vocational training. The Centre's staff also helped secure scholarships to cover some of her family's living expenses and encouraged her to engage in a range of extracurricular activities to build her confidence and social connections. In 2019, after dedication to her studies and perseverance, Huong successfully passed the university entrance exam. She is now working part-time to support her family financially and looking forward to her studies. Thanks to her resilient spirit, courage, hard work and the continued support of the Tay Ninh Centre, Huong is building a brighter future for herself and her family.

\*Names and identities changed to protect privacy

# OUR STORIES

## Building A Better Life

Tien\* lived with her grandmother in the Tan Chau District of Tay Ninh Province. She was abandoned by her father and mother after their marriage ended. Tien's grandmother has significant health issues that requires frequent medical treatment. Despite her ailments she worked as a hired labourer to try provide for her and Tien, but it was too much to bare. Tien was sent to the Tay Ninh Centre to receive much needed medical support for her eye health. She is a kind and caring child and is always eager to learn. Tien studied hard and enthusiastically participated in all events and activities recommended by the Centre's staff. She often received compliments for her outstanding achievements in both academic and extracurricular activities.

Through vocational classes at the Centre, Tien learned massage skills and furthered her training in Ho Chi Minh City. After graduating, she worked as a massage apprentice and is now earning a stable income as a massuse. Tien has come a long way in just a few short years. Her perseverance and dedication along with the support she received at the Centre has helped place her on a path toward a better life and bright future

\*Names and identities changed to protect privacy





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# OUR STORIES

## Testimonial From A Residential Child

"I cannot see anything around me. It was very difficult for me to take care of myself when I was younger. Thanks to the wholehearted care and guidance of the Tay Ninh Centre staff, I have developed in so many ways. I was able to go to school, learn daily life practices and participate in life skills training courses. The Centre did not only support me academically but also gave me the opportunities to make friends and take part in excursions to develop soft skills and learn how to socialise. I am very thankful to all of the teachers at the Centre for believing in me and for giving me the childhood that I dreamed of. Now I am studying at college and continuing to develop myself even more day by day to show my appreciation to the teachers at the Centre."

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# OUR STORIES

## Testimonial From The Mother of a Tay Ninh Child

“I see that my child has become more mature and independent after staying at the Tay Ninh Centre. I am very thankful to the Centre for the support and care they give to my child. It gives me so much comfort knowing my child is there under the care of CNCF. My child receives annual health checks, is able to join excursions to learn new skills and has many new experiences which my family cannot afford. Thank you to all of the Centre staff for nurturing, caring for and educating my child which I would not have been able to do on my meager income.”





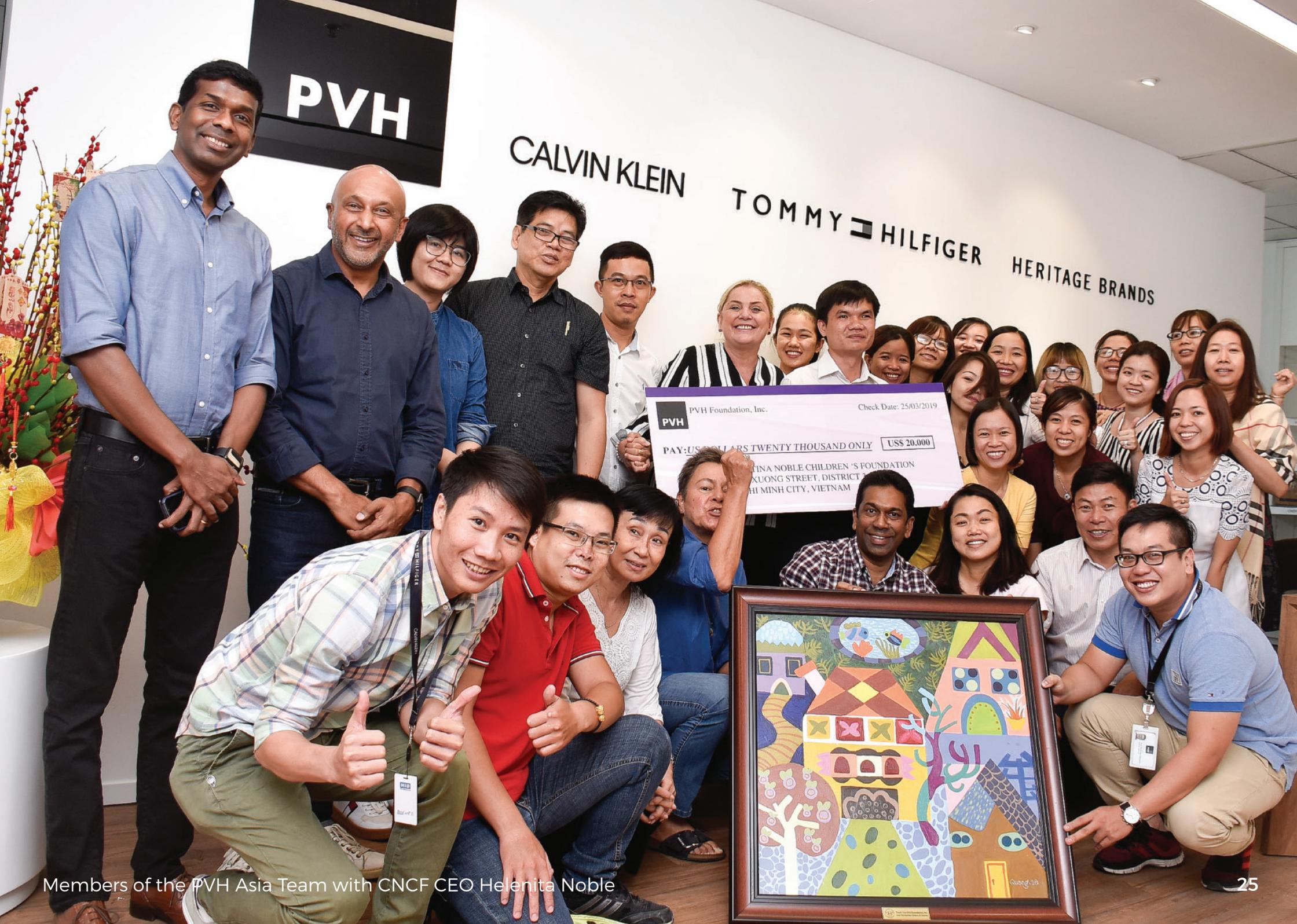
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# OUR STORIES

## Testimonial From UPS

Based on our UPS Foundation selection evaluation, we found that CNCF project meets critical community needs to provide necessary care and protection for disadvantage children in Vietnam. The projects also aligned with our UPS Foundation focus areas – Diversity & Inclusion: invest in new opportunities for the underserved and underrepresented that target economic empowerment, higher education and inclusion. The efforts by CNCF aligns with our giving strategies and there are opportunities on partnership for UPS volunteers to engage with the community. In addition to the grant, UPS employees also had opportunities to directly offer our help to the children through our volunteering activities at the education centers supported by CNCF. We are glad that we were able to help improve the learning environment and well-being of disadvantaged children in Vietnam through our partnership with CNCF.

- UPS - Human Resources Department Representative



PVH

CALVIN KLEIN

TOMMY HILFIGER

HERITAGE BRANDS

PVH Foundation, Inc. Check Date: 25/03/2019  
PAY: US DOLLARS TWENTY THOUSAND ONLY US\$ 20,000  
CNCF (CHILDREN'S NOBLE CHILDREN'S FOUNDATION)  
XUONG STREET, DISTRICT 1  
HO CHI MINH CITY, VIETNAM



Members of the PVH Asia Team with CNCF CEO Helenita Noble

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# FINANCIAL OVERVIEW

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The total cost of running the Tay Ninh Residential Centre for Visually Impaired Children in 2019 was

**USD \$63,483.58**

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Heartfelt thanks to our kind donors who enable CNCF to keep this project operating and also to those who generously support with gift and time in-kind which enables us to keep our costs down.

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Audit in progress at time of reporting.  
Our audits can be found at:  
[www.cncf.org/finance-policies/](http://www.cncf.org/finance-policies/)



# TAY NINH RESIDENTIAL CENTRE FOR VISUALLY IMPAIRED CHILDREN EXPENDITURES IN 2019

Description	Expenditure 2019
Food items	17,859.29
Clothes	769.61
Medical care	3,260.89
Recreational activities	461.77
Personal toiletries	302.67
Special support for education	2,082.65
Rehabilitation class	633.80
Massage, English, Music classes	1,103.98
Computer class	868.54
Allowances & benefits	9,580.30
Utilities (water, electricity, gas)	555.76

# TAY NINH RESIDENTIAL CENTRE FOR VISUALLY IMPAIRED CHILDREN EXPENDITURES IN 2019

Description	Expenditure 2019
Sleeping Kits	269.47
Repair, maintenance & equipment	1,569.65
Miscellaneous	1,446.83
CNCF staff salary x 20	6,216.58
Computer class for staff	2,669.26
High value equipment	2,823.70
Recreational activities	4,134.73
Making Shrimp salt	1,463.18
Children's massage room	3,447.30
Others	1,963.61
<b>TOTAL COST</b>	<b>63,483.58</b>



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## ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

Your donations and support to our Tay Ninh Residential Centre for Visually Impaired Children enables us to give some of the most disadvantaged and vulnerable children in Vietnam a better start at life for a brighter future. The visually impaired children and young adults in our care are provided with long-term residential care and life-saving education, health-care, nutritional care and rehabilitation services to reach their full potential.

We would like to send a heartfelt thank you to our primary donors PVH (HK), Nelumbo Stiftung (CH) and UPS (VN) for funding this project and providing a safe and supportive environment for our Children.

Thank you to Liquidnet (HK), Claire Ann & Sridar (HK) and the many kind individuals not mentioned for their additional support in ensuring our children receive the caring and supportive childhood that they so deserve and thus remaining true to our Founder's philosophy.

We also take this opportunity to extend our appreciation to our local partner Department of Labour, Invalids and Social Affairs (DOLISA) of Tay Ninh province who support and makes it possible for us to implement this programme successfully.

To all those who visited and interacted with the children at our Tay Ninh Residential Centre for Visually Impaired Children in 2019, a heartfelt appreciation to you for your time and kindness.



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