



Love is so strong and powerful, stronger than all the weapons in the world. And it should be given to everybody."

- Christina Noble OBE -



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ABBREVIATIONS

IMU Intensive Monitoring Unit
 RCU Residential Care Unit
 CNCF Christina Noble Children's Foundation
 HCMC Ho Chi Minh City
 SSMC Sunshine Social & Medical Centre
 MOLISA Ministry of Labour Invalids and Social Affairs
 CRADC Centre of Rehabilitation and Assistance for

Disadvantaged Children





OUR VISION, MISSION, VALUES

Vision: A leading children's foundation protecting and empowering vulnerable children and changing lives.

Mission: The Christina Noble Children's Foundation (CNCF) is dedicated to serving the physical, medical, educational and emotional needs of vulnerable children. We believe that every child is an individual who deserves love, respect and freedom from all forms of abuse and 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

ESTABLISHED

1991

LOCATION

38 Tu Xuong Street, District 3, Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam

OBJECTIVES

To provide orphaned and vulnerable children with access to high-quality comprehensive care so they can reach their full potential

BENEFICIARIES

Children aged 0 to 6 years who are abandoned/orphaned or from impoverished families who suffer with malnourishment, cerebral palsy, hydrocephalus, and other varied poverty-related conditions; infants who are physically or developmentally impaired; and children who do not have access to preschool education

LOCAL PARTNERS

The Ministry of Labour, Invalids and Social Affairs (MOLISA)

CNCF ACCOUNTABILITY

The Christina Noble Children's Foundation (CNCF) is responsible for funding. SSMC is jointly run with MOLISA, the CNCF Director of Operations is the Co-Director of the SSMC along with the Director appointed by MOLISA

MONITORING AND EVALUATION

Daily monitoring visits on site at SSMC are conducted by CNCF's Vice Director. Information and updates about the children's wellbeing are collected through these daily visits. Regular meetings with the Director, SSMC, MOLISA and staff are held to provide project updates and to discuss any challenges. CNCF SSMC staff also have weekly meetings. Monthly and semi-annual reports prepared by our local partners and CNCF staff are provided to MOLISA and the CNCF Board of Management. An Annual Review and Annual Operation Report of the programme are also made available to all stakeholders. An annual evaluation of the programme is conducted by our local partner and CNCF Management for future planning

ACTUAL COST 2022

USD \$318,830

REPORTING PERIOD

January - December 2022

2023 OBJECTIVES

- To provide check-ups and on-site treatment for 90 children with malnutrition and disabilities
- To provide pre-school education for 60 disadvantaged children
- To provide medical treatment for at least 1,000 disadvantaged community children

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Throughout 2022, the Sunshine Social & Medical Centre (SSMC) remained steadfast in its mission to provide essential healthcare, nutritional support, physiotherapy-based rehabilitation, psychosocial care, as well as preschool education and day care services to infants and children who are orphans or come from disadvantaged backgrounds. Our dedicated team of healthcare professionals, caregivers, and educators continue to work tirelessly to ensure that each child receives the highest standard of care.

Since inception, CNCF's Sunshine Social & Medical Centre has provided



1,649 VULNERABLE CHILDREN with full-time residential care



2,463 CHILDREN with day care services and

early childhood education at our Kindergarten (Son Ca Songbird Unit)



treatments at our outpatient clinic

42 RESIDENTIAL CHILDREN (AGES 0 TO 6)

suffering from cerebral palsy, down syndrome, malnutrition, hydrocephalus, respiratory and gastrointestinal ailments and other neurological, visual and physical impairments, were provided with quality healthcare support at SSMC.

PHYSIOTHERAPY

were conducted for 17 children with physical disabilities, in addition to the children receiving acute medical care. The care provided by the SSMC's two full-time physiotherapists are critical for the children's long-term development and are not typically accessible to Vietnamese children living in poverty.

EXAMINATIONS AND TREATMENTS

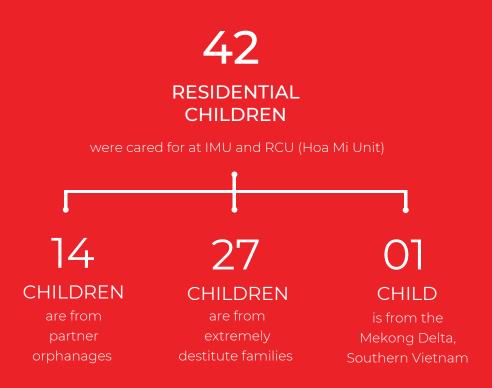
to children ages 0 to 16 were provided through SSMC's satellite outpatient clinics in surrounding provinces. In addition, 80 children in Kon Tum Province were provided with formula milk every month to help partly treat for their malnutrition. Our outpatient and medical outreach programme continue to make a huge impact on individual and community health.

CHILDREN ATTENDED KINDERGARTEN

and were provided with an early childhood education. Furthermore. CNCF's Special Education Class also brought great benefits to 10 children with intellectual challenges.

OUR YEAR

In alignment with the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals, CNCF is dedicated to providing quality healthcare for every child, regardless of their backgrounds or circumstances. Through the implementation of the Sunshine Social & Medical Centre, we ensure children are provided with a healthy childhood and quality early education for the best possible start to life.



United Nations Sustainable Development Goals

















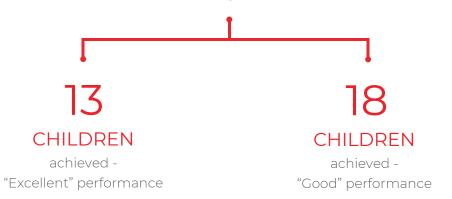


CHILDREN

(aged 3 to 5)

attended Son Ca Kindergarten

At the end of the academic year 2021-2022, 31 children were eligible to be assessed:





CHILDREN

from Hoa Mi Unit were enrolled in Son Ca Kindergarten for preschool education



CHILDREN with intellectual challenges attended SSMC's Special Education Class

OUR YEAR

Healthcare & Physiotherapy



2,293 PHYSIOTHERAPY SESSIONS

were provided to **17 children**. Among them, **10 children** made significant progress



41 NEW RESIDENTIAL AND KINDERGARTEN CHILDREN

were diagnosed with malnutrition. At the end of 2022, 13 children fully recovered from malnutrition



TURNS OF VACCINATIONS including Sabin, Measles, Mumps, Rubella, Encephalitis, Typhoid, and Chicken Pox were provided



O2 CHILDREN were supported with leg braces for gait adjustment



70 TEAM CASE CONFERENCES were organised



OUR YEAR

Outpatient Clinic & Community Outreach



674 EXAMINATIONS AND TREATMENTS

were provided to children (aged 0 – 16) through our outreach medical trips in Ho Chi Minh City and Ben Tre Province. Among them, 109 treatments were provided for children with malnutrition



80 MALNOURISHED CHILDREN (aged 0 to 16)

in Kon Tum Province were provided with monthly nutritional milk

Vocational Training



COMMUNITY
CHILDREN (aged 10 to 15)

with disabilities were provided with on-site early-intervention vocational training classes

Children were taught how to make jewellery, bags, hand weaving baskets, hair-accessories, wallets, copper wire bonsai trees, beading, textile printing and a range of expressive arts.

Home Visits



INITIAL HOME VISITS

were conducted for child enrolment criteria

Additional Support



103 CHRISTMAS GIFTS

were distributed to children



89 LUNAR NEW YEAR GIFTS

were distributed to children

Staff Training & Workshops



47 TURNS OF SSMC STAFF

attended **03 childcare** training sessions





PROGRAMME DESCRIPTION

The Sunshine Social & Medical Centre (SSMC) is where the Christina Noble Children's Foundation (CNCF) began its life-changing programmes in 1991 and remains to this day the heart of the Foundation.

The Sunshine Social & Medical Centre provides healthcare, nutritional support, physiotherapy-based rehabilitation, psychosocial care, pre-school education and day care services to infants and toddlers who are orphaned and abandoned or come from poverty-stricken families. Educational support is provided for children with disabilities in the form of special needs classes and the kindergarten provides early childhood education to children from disadvantaged families.

Far too many children who arrive at SSMC continue to suffer from the crippling consequences of the long-ago Vietnam-American War. With over 20 million gallons of dioxins dropped between 1962 and 1971 and some still remaining in the ecosystem in many areas of Vietnam to this day, the lives of the third generation of children are still being affected by these toxic defoliants.

In 2015, the Sunshine Social and Medical Centre received the highest accolade bestowed by the Vietnamese Government, the prestigious Labour Order Medal. SSMC was recognised for excellence in service and care and for providing an integrated programme of services for abandoned babies, street children, sick and malnourished infants, and their parents.

PROGRAMME DESCRIPTION

The SSMC provides an international standard of care through the Intensive Monitoring Unit (IMU), Residential Care Unit (RCU, Hoa Mi Nightingale Unit) and Day Care Unit (Son Ca Songbird Unit).

Intensive Monitoring Unit (IMU) & Residential Care Unit (RCU; Hoa Mi Nightingale Unit)

Children in the IMU and RCU are between the ages of 0 and 6 years and suffer from a variety of conditions including malnutrition, cerebral palsy, Down syndrome, hydrocephalus, and visual impairments. Due to the parents' limited knowledge of nutritional care and their inability to provide the appropriate diets for their children, malnutrition becomes a very common health condition among children from poor families, with almost all children arriving at the SSMC suffering from malnutrition and related health issues.

On-site specialised and intensive healthcare provided includes nutritional support, supplements and medications, vaccinations, dental, eye check-ups and physiotherapy. Upon arriving, each child is assessed by our medical team who then implements an immediate healthcare plan to address the child's specific needs and monitors their progress daily.

All children are covered under an annual health scheme that includes a health check, dental check and eye examination. Each child receives regular health assessments and, when needed, treatment and rehabilitative care to address specific medical and social needs. Children requiring more specialised treatment are referred to one of the main paediatric hospitals located in Ho Chi Minh City, the Children's Hospital Number 2 with whom we have close working relationships.

Each child at the Centre receives an individually tailored diet and is provided with well-balanced daily meals along with nutritional supplements (including Vitamin A). All residential children receive Sabin, Measles, Mumps, Rubella, Chicken Pox, Encephalitis, Typhoid vaccinations in accordance with the Ministry of Health's vaccination schedule.

Frequent case conferences are organised to assess each child's progress over our three areas of care: health, education and social well-being. Their development is also reviewed quarterly by the medical team including physiotherapists, speech therapists and nursing staff.





PROGRAMME DESCRIPTION

Physiotherapy

The SSMC provides early intervention physiotherapy-based rehabilitation for children with cerebral palsy, hydrocephalus and developmental delays. The Centre has two full-time physiotherapists who work closely with our medical staff and are included in all case discussions.

To support our non-residential children who otherwise have no access to healthcare due to financial hardship, our physiotherapists conduct special training sessions for the parents or guardians of the children, so they can continue to provide on-going physiotherapy at home.





PROGRAMME DESCRIPTION

Kindergarten (Son Ca Songbird Unit)

The Son Ca Kindergarten provides educational, nutritional and emotional development support to preschool children (ages 3 to 5) from the local community and some children living in the RCU. The day care support also enables the parents or guardians to attend or seek employment knowing that their children's overall needs are being met in a safe and loving environment.

Prior to enrolment, home visits are conducted to assess each family's circumstances and living conditions, allowing us to understand the needs and immediate requirements of each child coming into our care. After enrolment, each child undergoes an extensive assessment that measures physical wellbeing, awareness, language, and speech development and ability. Our classes follow the Vietnam National Curriculum for early childhood education with teaching methods modified to meet our children's learning needs. Dental checks and eye examinations are also provided to day care children.

PROGRAMME DESCRIPTION

Special Needs Education

Our residential children with developmental delays are enrolled in special needs educational classes to develop their language and non-verbal communication, fine and gross motor skills and decision-making skills.

Outpatient Clinic and Outreach Programme

The Outpatient Clinic, located on the first floor of the SSMC, provides children living in poverty and their families with complimentary health check-ups, high-quality paediatric consultancy, treatment and social support. We also provided consultations to parents on malnutrition and physiotherapy treatments.

Our healthcare services are extended via our Community Outreach Programme reaching many more children and families in need. In 2022, we conducted outreach trips in Ho Chi Minh City and Ben Tre Province, and continued providing treatments to malnourished children in need in remote areas in Kon Tum Province. Large numbers of migrants from varied parts of Vietnam live in these provinces in below average conditions. Malnutrition rates among these communities are also extremely high compared to the national average.



PROGRAMME DESCRIPTION

Health Talks

To ensure our children's families stay up-to-date with childcare knowledge and skills, CNCF facilitates health talks to provide basic medical knowledge to the parents and guardians. A survey is conducted at the end of each talk to evaluate their understanding of the information provided. This is to ensure families are retaining the information and leave with a greater understanding of the topic and are able to implement the knowledge in their own homes.

Events and Excursions

Social engagement activities are crucial for the overall wellbeing and development of children. CNCF organises a range of activities including outings with our volunteers and celebrations of international and national days such as Lunar New Year, Children's Day, Mid-Autumn and Christmas.

Staff Training & Workshops

To support the delivery of our programme and empower the CNCF team, our SSMC staff attended training and workshops to keep up to date with global childcare best practice learnings ensuring our children continue to receive the highest quality of care.





OUR STORIES

Blossoming Under The Care Of SSMC

Linh* was abandoned at birth and later transferred to a local orphanage. Linh arrived at CNCF's Sunshine Social & Medical Centre in need of urgent medical attention when she was only 17 months old. Frail and undernourished, weighing a mere 6.6 kilogrammes, Linh was diagnosed with severe malnutrition, bronchitis, eyesight challenges, and cerebral palsy. Her muscles were severely stiff, particularly in her ankles and limbs, and her motor development was that of a 3-month-old baby. She struggled to roll over and had limited perception of her surroundings.

The SSMC Medical team immediately conducted a case conference upon Linh's arrival, followed by regular assessments to monitor her health and progress. Based on these evaluations, a comprehensive intervention plan was formulated. With a carefully tailored nourishing diet, over the months, Linh's health began to improve and she steadily gained weight. Her once wheezing breath gradually stabilised. Linh also received necessary medical interventions for bronchitis. Through consistent physiotherapy sessions, Linh's muscle strength and coordination gradually developed, enabling her to stand up and walk unaided for short distances. This remarkable achievement filled our Caregivers with joy. Additionally, Linh's cognitive development flourished thanks to SSMC's positive language interventions and she learned to recognise her own name.

Today, Linh has fully recovered from malnutrition, and her eye condition and cerebral palsy no longer remains insurmountable to her overall health and wellbeing. CNCF continues providing Linh with ongoing support, love, care, and dedication, nurturing her health and providing her with a happy and positive childhood.

^{*}Name and identity changed to protect privacy

OUR STORIES

From Vulnerability to Flourishing Young Boy

Phong* comes from Tra Vinh Province in the Mekong Delta region of Southern Vietnam. He was placed under the care of a local social protection centre upon his birth. When Phong was 35 months old, he was referred to CNCF's Sunshine Social & Medical Centre for vital medical treatment and care. Phong was diagnosed with severe malnutrition, growth delays, and a congenital heart condition. Despite being physically stunted, he showed great determination by being able to walk independently and speak a few words.

Upon Phong's arrival at the Centre, he faced the challenges of recurrent respiratory infections and a diminished appetite. The dedicated Doctors and Caregivers of SSMC immediately provided him with a nutrient-rich diet while ensuring the young boy received essential treatment for his infections and vaccinations. Regular visits to the city's Children's Hospital No. 2 were also facilitated to closely monitor his congenital heart condition.

Phong was also enrolled in SSMC's special needs classes in which his unique abilities were guided and nurtured. This year marked a significant milestone in Phong's developmental journey, as he excitedly joined our Son Ca Kindergarten, embracing new opportunities for growth and learning.

Phong's incredible resilience from such a young age is an inspiring testament to CNCF's mission of transforming the lives of vulnerable children and fostering their physical and emotional wellbeing. His story reinforces our unwavering commitment to providing a nurturing environment where children can thrive in happiness and peace.

*Name and identity changed to protect privacy





OUR STORIES

Thank You From A Family

"Previously, our family faced hugely challenging circumstances and so much so, that we were unable to send our child, Ngoc*, to school. As a result, she experienced delays in speech and slower development compared to her peers. However, thanks to CNCF, Ngoc was able to attend SSMC's Son Ca Kindergarten. Her progress has been truly remarkable as she blossoms into a healthy and joyful child.

During Ngoc's time at the Kindergarten, the Teachers have consistently provided educational and social support to her. They have organised numerous engaging learning activities and playful experiences, often surprising the children with thoughtful gifts that have brought immense joy to Ngoc's heart. The sheer happiness Ngoc feels upon receiving these gifts is beyond words.

Our family is overwhelmed with deep gratitude and appreciation for CNCF and the SSMC for all the assistance provided to Ngoc and our entire family. We cannot thank you enough for the transformative changes you have brought about. From the bottom of our hearts, we extend our sincerest gratitude to you all."

- Mother of an SSMC Child -

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ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

Your donations and support to the Sunshine Social & Medical Centre enable CNCF to continue delivering quality and comprehensive healthcare to orphans and children living in dire poverty, who would otherwise have no access to such services.

We believe that a healthy childhood is the cornerstone of a prosperous future, and are always committed to providing a safe and nurturing environment where children can flourish under the love and tireless dedication of our team. Our holistic approach in early childhood support not only ensures the development of a child's physical, emotional and psychological wellbeing but also their cognitive learning.

We are deeply grateful to our primary donors Anonymous Foundation (US) and SHOEfabrik (VN), Pulte Family Foundation (US), PVH (VN) and Donal Grogan (US) for funding this project and laying a strong foundation of childhood for our children. Thank you also to the many kind individuals and organisations not mentioned for their additional support.

We would also like to acknowledge the Ministry of Labour, Invalids and Social Affairs (MOLISA) who jointly operates the Sunshine Social & Medical Centre with CNCF and makes it possible for us to implement the programme successfully.



FINANCIAL OVERVIEW

The total cost of running the Sunshine Social & Medical Centre in 2022 was:

\$318,830 USD

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.

Audit in progress at time of reporting. Our audits can be found here.



SUNSHINE SOCIAL AND MEDICAL CENTRE EXPENDITURES IN 2022

| Expenditure | Amount (USD) | |
|---|--------------|-----|
| Medicines | 8,481 | • • |
| Healthcare (Medical supplies, material, hospital fee) | 7,586 | • • |
| Food & nutritional supplements (Including vitamins, milk formula) for children & Fuel for kitchen | 32,444 | • |
| Entertainment for children (Festival, excursion, etc.) | 1,382 | |
| Children supplies | 3,239 | |
| Office supplies (Teaching aids, form & medical record) | 28 | |
| Electricity & Water | 11,003 | |
| Telephone & Postage | 632 | |
| Repairs & Maintenance (Machine & Building) | 10,055 | |
| Petrol & Transportation | 1,764 | • • |

| Expenditure | Amount (USD) | |
|---|--------------|-------|
| Community outreach travel | 1,914 | • • |
| Official partner visits (MOLISA & others) | 192 | • • |
| Staff training | 1,491 | • • • |
| Centre Staff uniform | 1,834 | |
| Centre Staff salary x 42 staff | 197,547 | • • • |
| Centre Staff night shift | 13,474 | • • • |
| Centre Staff benefits | 313 | • • • |
| CNCF Project Management Staff salary | 18,924 | • • • |
| Miscellaneous | 1,580 | |
| Others | 4,947 | • • |
| TOTAL COST | 318,830 | |



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