



CHILD SPONSORSHIP PROGRAMME VIETNAM

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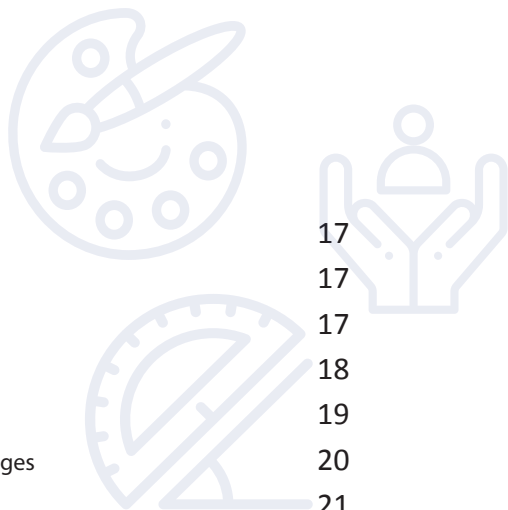
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ABBREVIATIONS

BOLISA	Bureau of Labour, Invalids and Social Affairs
CNCF	Christina Noble Children's Foundation
CSP	Child Sponsorship Programme
DOLISA	Department of Labour, Invalids and Social Affairs
HCMC	Ho Chi Minh City
MOLISA	Ministry of Labour, Invalids and Social Affairs
PPC	People's Committee





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.

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ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

Our Child Sponsorship Programme connects underprivileged children and their families to people from around the world who want to create change in the lives of those most in need.

Thank you to all our sponsors who continue to play a crucial role in realising our Founder a Christina Noble's mission of giving the children in our care an education that will ultimately help them break the cycle of poverty and achieve a brighter future.

Special thanks to our local government partners who make it possible for us to run our Child Sponsorship Programme successfully.





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I don't want all the good people who would like to help to be outside the organisation. I want them all to be part of a big circle...to help the children, to protect them and to give them back their childhood.

- Christina Noble, Founder CNCF -



PROGRAMME OVERVIEW

ESTABLISHED 1994

LOCATION Ho Chi Minh City (including Can Gio District), Ca Mau (Ca Mau Orphanage and Ca Mau U Minh), Ben Tre, Dong Nai, and Long An (Chau Thanh and Thanh Hoa Districts) provinces. Some children enrolled in the programme also reside in other provinces such as Bac Lieu, Dong Thap and Binh Duong.

OBJECTIVES To create educational opportunities for children in need who are of school age but are unable to afford school or are at high risk of leaving school; to improve and develop the family's living conditions; to provide access to other services, such as personal counselling, career counselling, and life skills training, so that the children are equipped with the necessary knowledge and skills to lead fuller lives; to enhance family and community awareness of the importance of education.

PROGRAMME COMPONENTS Financial assistance in the form of a monthly sponsorship amount given to families to support education and living expenses for children; counselling; life skills training; and support through other CNCF programmes.

BENEFICIARIES Children from disadvantaged backgrounds who are either not enrolled in school or at high risk of dropping out of school due to financial difficulties. These children are either orphans or street children living with relatives; children from large families with parents who are disabled; children from low income households; children whose primary caregivers are not consistently employed; or children whose families are affected by sudden financial hardship due to parents getting divorced, bankruptcy or a serious accident or illness affecting the primary income earner. Children currently enrolled in the Child Sponsorship Programme who are over age 16 are considered for further support after high school if they are still experiencing extreme financial difficulty and want to pursue college/university level education or vocational training.

LOCAL PARTNERS

Provincial DOLISA of Dong Nai, Ben Tre, and Ca Mau Provinces; BOLISA of Can Gio District (Ho Chi Minh City), PPC of Chau Thanh District (Long An Province) and PPC of Thanh Hoa District (Long An Province)

CNCF INVOLVEMENT

Entirely responsible for funding, programme management, monitoring and evaluation

CNCF MANAGEMENT AND STAFF

CEO: Helenita Noble; Director of Operations, Vietnam: Son Thu Trinh; Vice Director of Project Management: Hoang Tu Uyen; Sponsorship Programme Manager: Hoang Bich Ngoc; Deputy Manager: Vo Thi Xuan Huu; Sponsorship Officers: Phan Thi Que Khanh, Van Thi Xuan Quynh, Nguyen Ngoc Thanh Truc and Nguyen Bao Tran

MONITORING AND EVALUATION

Because CNCF is responsible for funding and programme management, we conduct regular monitoring and evaluation activities. Updates of children's progress in school and home are sent to the sponsors annually. Based on observations and feedback during monitoring visits, timely support is provided to children and families. Prior to enrolment and as issues arise, our social workers and programme manager conduct home visits. Weekly internal meetings are conducted for CNCF staff to discuss programme-related issues and updates. Project visit reports, monthly reports, and semi-annual reports are sent by CNCF staff to the Board of Management and an Annual Review of the programme is sent to all stakeholders.

2018 ACTUAL COSTS

Because this is a supply driven programme, the budgets and number of children in the programme are dependent upon the number of sponsors. A child enrolled in the Sponsorship Programme receives approximately USD \$372 per year. This year, 918 children were enrolled in the programme.

FUTURE PLANS

In 2019, our aim is to continue to provide financial support to help children stay in school; improve case management; improve fund disbursement logistics; provide career counselling and mobilise additional resources for children; improve sponsor engagement; and develop new partnerships with local partners.

REPORTING PERIOD

January – December 2018

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

In 2018, the Child Sponsorship Programme (CSP) in Vietnam continued to provide financial and social support to children and their families living in extreme poverty. Monthly donations provided by individual sponsors helped children cover the costs of education such as school supplies, uniforms and travel.

918

CHILDREN & THEIR FAMILIES

were supported by the CSP where living in Ho Chi Minh City and four surrounding provinces.



346

HOMES
visits to families in the CSP and new families applying for sponsorship in 2018

302 CHILDREN/FAMILIES
received counselling and advice

33 PROJECT
visits to provincial projects.

79 CHILDREN
received support from other CNCF programmes.

SINCE ITS INCEPTION IN 1994

21,000 CHILDREN
have been assisted by the Child Sponsorship Programme in Vietnam

PROGRAMME BACKGROUND

The Child Sponsorship Programme (CSP) in Vietnam was established in 1994. At the end of 2018, the CSP has helped more than 21,000 disadvantaged children in Southern Vietnam attend school and live happier and healthier lives.

We believe education is crucial to the growth and development of every child and is the key to breaking the poverty cycle and building stronger and safer communities. Education gives children a chance, a sense of worth, hope and an opportunity for change. Ultimately, education gives children the tools to change their own lives.

Vietnam is a developing country and its workforce must continue to develop knowledge and practical skills for the economy to continue to grow. Vietnam has made positive changes in its educational system in recent years, and Vietnamese youth now have access to basic educational services. However, the government also recently introduced an education policy that increases the costs of education that students and their families must cover. Therefore, children in both urban and rural areas still face considerable challenges and obstacles in accessing education.

In addition to tuition fees, families are also required to pay for textbooks and reference materials, transportation fees and uniforms. For many of Vietnam's families, the cost of sending their children to school is well beyond their means. Many children from poor households simply cannot go to school because of economic constraints.

The CSP was established with the aim of helping children enrol in and stay in school. The programme provides essential support to marginalised families, increasing the opportunity for their children to complete their schooling and improve their prospects.

The CSP connects children and their families to people from around the world who want to be part of a rewarding journey to create change in the lives of those most in need. By building a bridge from families living in extreme poverty and hardship to people who can help, the CSP facilitates a mutually beneficial and empowering relationship.

A sponsor provides a lifeline to a family living in desperate and vulnerable conditions, providing them with the financial means to eat, keep warm and send their children to school.

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OUR YEAR

IN 2018

918 CHILDREN & THEIR FAMILIES

were supported by the CSP and living in Ho Chi Minh City and four surrounding provinces.

94 CSP BENEFICIARIES

graduated high school, intermediate school, college, university or vocational training programmes.

In addition to receiving much needed financial assistance from sponsors, the children and their families also receive support from our sponsorship team.

302 CHILDREN AND/OR THEIR FAMILIES

received counselling and advice

79 CHILDREN

received support from other CNCF programmes

100 CHILDREN

attended life skills trainings



918
children

benefited from the
Child Sponsorship
Programme

346
home
visits

were carried out

33
project
visits

were carried out

09
children

received a laptop
and desktop
computers

\$30,000
USD
of extra
financial
support

was provided to
sponsored children

>1000
of donated
items
(e.g., clothes, stationery)

were distributed to
CSP children and
families

PROGRAMME ACTIVITIES

Child Sponsorship Explained

The CSP connects children and their families to people from around the world who want to be part of a rewarding journey to create change in the lives of those most in need. By building a bridge from families living in extreme poverty and hardship to people who can help, the Foundation’s sponsorship programme facilitates a mutually beneficial and empowering relationship.

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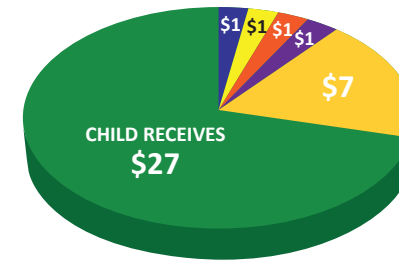
One of the most beautiful and sometimes life-changing aspects of our programme is the cultural exchange and friendship that often develops between sponsor and family. Through an initial profile, our sponsors learn about their child and the challenging circumstances they and their family face. This understanding is developed

further through the course of the sponsorship through letters, reports, photos and other personal correspondence. In addition, with the help of our programme officers, many sponsors meet the families they have been supporting; this is always an incredibly memorable and heart-warming experience for everyone involved.

To select families most in need of our support, our programme officers carefully evaluate each sponsorship application and conduct an initial visit to the family’s home. Children that are selected generally come from backgrounds where there is a single parent and many young children, a parent is disabled, the primary caregiver to an abandoned or orphaned child is an elderly relative, or both parents are unemployed or engaged in low paying work. Most families in the CSP have incomes below the poverty line.

All children in the programme must attend full-time education and be between the ages of three and sixteen. Children over sixteen are considered for sponsorship if they are continuing on to higher education and are in extreme financial need.

WHERE YOUR DOLLARS GO



A child sponsor can transform the life of a child, restore dignity within the family, and eradicate the cycle of abuse and poverty once and for all with only US\$38 a month.

Child Sponsorship Fee \$38

- Operational Running Costs
 - Foreign exchange contingency
 - Partner office management cost
- CNCF Vietnam Programme Costs
 - Child enrichment programme
 - Family emergency fund
 - Vietnam project management cost

When children turn eighteen, their circumstances are reassessed. If they still require financial assistance and are continuing education, their sponsor is contacted and asked whether they wish to continue providing support.

Every month, CSP children receive a stipend. These funds provide crucial assistance needed to cover the costs of education such as school supplies, uniforms and travel. Without this monthly assistance, most children in the programme could not afford to attend school.

Sponsorship money is also sometimes used to cover the costs of clothes, food, extracurricular activities and courses.

PROGRAMME ACTIVITIES



BENEFICIARIES

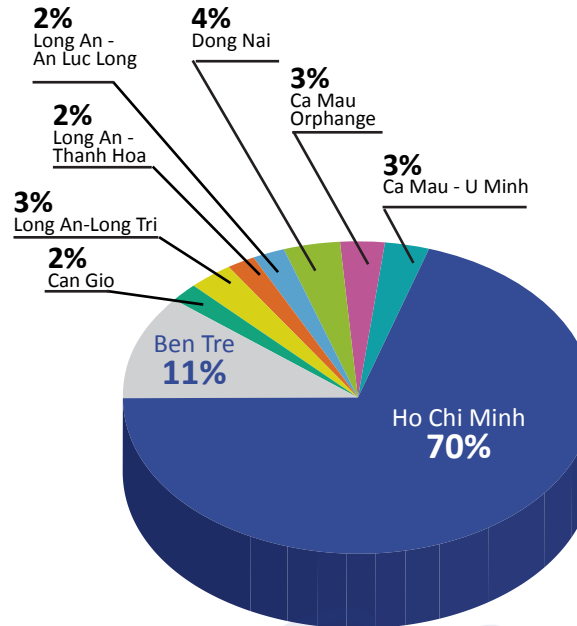
Locations

The CSP operates projects in five locations: HCMC, Ca Mau, Ben Tre, Dong Nai and Long An provinces.

- ◆ The programme’s subprojects include:
- ◆ HCMC Project
- ◆ Ben Tre Province Project
- ◆ Can Gio District Project
- ◆ Long An – Long Tri District Project
- ◆ Long An – Thanh Hoa District Project
- ◆ Long An – An Luc Long Project
- ◆ Dong Nai Province Project
- ◆ Ca Mau Orphanage Project
- ◆ Ca Mau – U Minh District Project

Children in the programme who live outside the operating locations are children who have been enrolled in the CSP for several years who moved to other provinces outside our operational footprint. Currently, no new enrolments are accepted from outside the project locations, but the CSP team aims to expand its programme reach in the future.

Geographical Distribution of CSP Children

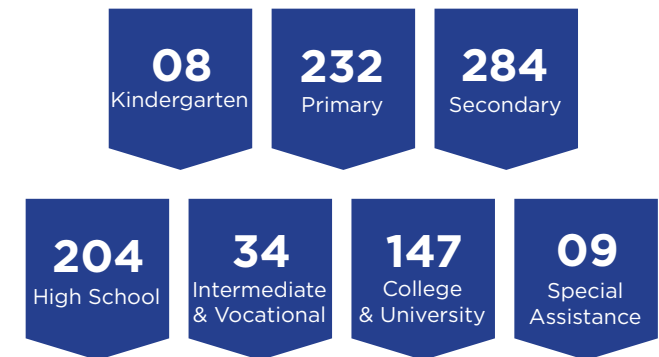


Education Level of Sponsored Children

Children enrolled in primary secondary and high school, as well as those attending university, college and vocational training, received assistance through the programme.

In 2018, all CSP students received a fixed monthly amount to support their education and living expenses.

Education Level of CSP Children (Number of Children)



CSP Children and Parents: In Their Own Words

“CNCF’s continued support has encouraged me to become a better person in school and life. Thanks to you, I have learned the importance of education. I completed my education thanks to your generous support. Now I have the knowledge and skills I need to make a living.” – CSP graduate

“I would like to say a sincere thank you to my sponsor and CNCF. I am lucky and happy to receive such support. To me, this is a huge motivation, not only the financial support, but emotional support to help me overcome obstacles and strive to succeed in school. I have become stronger and more certain of my future. I am deeply touched and grateful for your support. Thank you for your care, your encouragement and reassurance.” – CSP student

“CNCF has helped me continue my educational journey. Even when my performance in school was not good, you still believed in me, which was my greatest motivation for not giving up. Thank you for always being there for me. I deeply appreciate your wonderful support throughout all these years.” – CSP graduate

“I am sincerely thankful for the sponsor and CNCF’s help. You have helped my family, and my son in particular, more than you know.” – Parent of CSP student

“I don’t know how to express enough gratitude to my daughter’s sponsor and CNCF. You have supported my daughter and helped her stay in school. She can now write and count. Thank you so much.” – Parent of CSP student

“Thank you so much for helping my grandson go to school. Thanks to you, he is able to study and has a chance to change his life.” – Grandparent of CSP student





Academic Results

Sponsored children are required to attend mainstream schools or vocational training. School attendance is carefully monitored, and schools provide a confirmation letter at the beginning of the school year and reports at the end of each semester. In addition, our staff work with the local partners, students, and their families to track each student's school performance and monitor his or her family conditions. If a student is not maintaining satisfactory school performance or encounters difficulties in his or her studies, our staff investigate the reasons and offer additional support.

In 2018, 248 of our sponsorship children scored "excellent" or "good" on their results. These are promising results because these children must overcome many obstacles to their education and often their homes do not provide a conducive learning environment.

In addition, 48 children completed primary school, 44 children completed secondary school, 50 children completed high school, 42 children were accepted into universities or colleges, and 44 students graduated from colleges, universities, intermediate or vocational schools.

A challenge we continue to encounter every year is children dropping out of school. Whenever a child is taken out of school, we make every effort to meet and talk to the parents to see if there is any other solution. Unfortunately, we are not always successful.

Sponsorship Disbursement Days

All of our sponsored children and families received payments on time throughout the year as a result of our direct payment approach.

In 2018, all Sponsorship Disbursement Days were conducted efficiently and successfully. Disbursement days are organised monthly in HCMC and quarterly in outlying provinces.

In addition to receiving the financial aid, parents and children also update programme staff on any changes in their lives and share necessary information. Most importantly, these days nurture relationships among parents, children and programme staff.

During disbursement days, parents are informed of news about employment opportunities, special events (educational and entertainment) for children and information about their children's education (e.g., exam preparation and managing stress).

Home Visits

Home visits are a critical part of the CSP, particularly for children who live in outlying provinces where meetings occur quarterly instead of monthly. Our aim of visiting 100% of sponsored children in the provinces remains a priority.

Through home visits, our staff develop rapport with the children and their families. Our teams gather information to assist us to assess risks and ensure children are protected and cared for. In 2018, 346 home visits were conducted, 251 of which were to provincial homes. High administrative costs involved with home visits and geographical distance between locations significantly restrict this number.





Project Visits

In 2018, 33 project visits were made to project sites where we have collaborative partnerships. These visits were an opportunity for the sponsorship team to work directly with representatives of local partners. During these visits, the team also paid disbursements, conducted home visits, provided trainings such as life skills training and career orientation, and handed out awards earned for good academic performance in school.

Our local partners help us remain in constant contact with our sponsored children and their families. They assist with the administration and management of the programme at a provincial and district level, help us identify and resolve issues and assist with home visits, especially in remote areas. Crucially, our local partners identify and introduce us to the most disadvantaged children with the most need. We value our local partner relationships and believe that the success of the CSP is a result of good communication and cooperation from both sides. Our local partners are Dong Nai DOLISA, Ben Tre DOLISA, Ca Mau DOLISA, Can Gio BOLISA, Chau Thanh PPC (for Long An – Long Tri and Long An – An Luc Long projects) and Thanh Hoa PPC.

Counselling

In 2018, 302 children and families received counselling and advice from our staff. Of these, 243 children received advice on education, career planning and the importance of staying in school. In addition, 36 children were counselled on health and hygiene-related issues and 12 families received financial counselling. Our social workers ensure all children in need of counselling receive high quality support.

Progress Reports

To ensure precision, quality and comprehensiveness, individual meetings with each sponsored child and his/her guardian are conducted throughout the year. Along with information acquired during home visits and monthly updates, each profile and report outlines the current circumstances and needs of the family and aims to connect the children and sponsors in a personal way. In 2018, 134 profiles for new child beneficiaries and 792 annual progress reports were compiled and sent to the sponsors.



Life Skills Training

Life skills training is an important component of the CSP. We aim to provide beneficiaries with more than just financial support and workshops and trainings on important topics are one prong of our holistic approach to care.

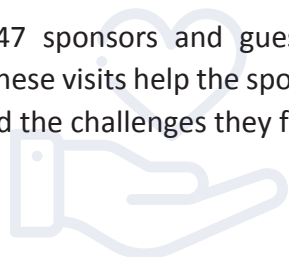
In 2018, 110 children (10 to 16) and 21 teachers and local staff in HCMC and Ben Tre province received sex education training. Topics covered included psychological changes during adolescence, human sexual anatomy and reproductive health, safe sex and birth control and sexual abuse prevention.

At the Ca Mau Orphanage, 22 children participated in problem solving and creativity “play and learn” programme, which included exercise, arts and crafts and quizzes.

Finally, 10 children (ages 10 to 14) participated in Children Innovate, part of the Smart and Child-Friendly City initiative. Children in HCMC learned about principles of planning and designing a city, neighborhood planning and creating 3D models, designing green cities with parks, entertainment areas, and city monuments, and designing streets, elevation plans, and silhouettes.

Sponsor And Guest Visits

In 2018, 47 sponsors and guests visited with CSP children and their families. These visits help the sponsor connect with the children and better understand the challenges they face in their daily lives.



Staff Training

All CSP staff attended a two-day training about social work skills and how to work with disadvantaged children. Staff also learned about budgeting and accurately projecting income and expenses.

Ca Mau Orphanage staff (15) participated in a two-day training course in case management. According to the participants, the knowledge gained was practical and applicable to their daily duties. Increasing training for local staff is an area of enhanced focus in coming years because it can greatly improve child outcomes in our provincial projects.

Additional Support

In 2018, thousands of donated items were distributed to sponsored children and families in HCMC during scholarship distribution days.

In addition, 261 CSP children living in outlying provinces received clothes and school supplies. Furthermore, 154 children received gifts in recognition of their academic performance in school.

Additional support during the Vietnamese New Year, Tet, was given to 100 families facing extreme financial hardship. Finally, 9 university and college students received a laptop or a desktop computer.



OUR STORIES

Helping a Family in Need

Kim's* family lived in a slum area of Ca Mau Province—the southernmost point of Vietnam. In 2013, when Kim was eight years old, her parents separated. Her father left and less than a year later, her mother abandoned her and her three siblings. Kim's grandparents took the four children (ranging in ages from three to ten) into their cramped rented house. Kim's grandparents do odd jobs to get by, but they struggled just to survive.

When Kim was first accepted into the Child Sponsorship Programme, she was on the verge of dropping out after fifth grade, and it seemed her 3-year-old brother would never attend school. However, financial and emotional support provided by the CSP for the past four years has helped the family get back on their feet and kept Kim in school.

In fact, while the family still faces daily struggles and deprivations, all the children go to school. This year, Kim will complete her secondary education, which is a great step toward a brighter future.

*Names changed to protect privacy.



Fighting Through Pain

Cam* is the younger of two children from a broken family living in a remote area of Ben Tre province. Not long after Cam was born, her parents separated because of endless conflicts and disagreements. After the split, Cam's father left the mother and children.

With nowhere to turn, the mother and daughters took shelter at Cam's grandmother's cramped and dilapidated thatched house. Financial difficulties forced Cam's mother to return to hard manual labour—she previously developed serious back problems from working at her job carrying heavy sacks of rice. She takes pain-killers frequently because she could not afford a proper treatment.

Despite her health problems, she took on as much work as possible to earn enough money to cover tuition fees for Cam and her sister. However, last November, the pain got so bad doctors at the Hospital of Traumatology and Orthopaedics recommended that she stop working.

Sympathizing with her daughter's difficulties, Cam's grandmother tries her best to share the financial burden by working as a house helper. Even Cam and her sister peel cashew nuts after school to make some money. Due to her poor living conditions, Cam is malnourished. However, Cam and her sister are strong willed and consistently achieve excellent results at school. Support provided by the CSP the last four years has not only alleviated the financial burdens on Cam's family, but encouraged Cam to continue to work hard to achieve her dream of being a teacher.

*Names changed to protect privacy.

OUR STORIES

Overcoming Adversity and Tragedy

Phuong* was enrolled in the CSP when he was just two years old. At the time, Phuong's family was struggling just to feed its five members, three of whom are physically impaired. Phuong's mother and uncle both suffer from brittle bone disease caused by Agent Orange exposure and Phuong's adopted uncle has significant mental health challenges. Despite their challenges, all four adults tried their best to support each other and sell lottery tickets on the streets every day to make a living.

In 2004, Phuong's parents had another baby who was afflicted with brittle bone disease. Ever since Phuong was a young child, he has understood his responsibilities as the oldest and healthiest child. He is responsible and has performed well in school. In addition, he helps out at home, taking care of the housework and helping his father make fabric flowers and sell lottery tickets after school. Last year, when Phuong's father suddenly passed away from liver disease, leaving the family in both emotional and financial turmoil, Phuong became the family's leader.

Despite the tragedy and adversity, Phuong never gave up his college dreams and worked hard to balance work and school. To pay for his tuition fees and help his family get by, he works hard as an assistant to a martial arts trainer in a primary school. During our visit to Phuong's house last year, his mother shared in tears that "Phuong's father would be so proud of him."

For eighteen years, the CSP has accompanied Phuong on his journey. Many challenges remain for Phuong and his family, but he is well-equipped to tackle any obstacle in his path because of his strong will and determination.

*Names changed to protect privacy.





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A Family's Hope

Tran's* father died in a traffic accident leaving his mother to care for her and her younger brother. Tran's family hails from the most remote district of Dong Nai province and struggled to find housing of any kind. Tran and her brother have accompanied their mother to sell lottery tickets on the streets since they were little.

The family's situation only got worse when they moved to HCMC to find medical treatment for their ailing grandmother. Tran stayed behind to finish her studies, but her brother was forced to drop out of school during tenth grade to work in a metal workshop. Meanwhile, Tran's mother sells coconuts in the morning and lottery tickets at night to try to make ends meet. Still, their combined salaries are barely enough to cover daily expenses, let alone the grandmother's medical costs.

Tran has used her difficult circumstances to fuel her drive to succeed. She knows her mother and brother are sacrificing so much so she can finish school. She continues to excel as an outstanding student at a distinguished high school and we hope with continued support she will be able to continue her studies in college.

*Names changed to protect privacy.





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OUR STORIES

Orphan Succeeds Despite Many Challenges

“I can’t believe I’ve made it. I’ve graduated!”

Xuan* beamed with pride and joy in the bright sunshine as she eagerly showed off her graduation certificate to CNCF staff. Looking at the young woman, beaming with self-confidence, it was difficult to imagine just eight years ago she was a timid orphan struggling to survive.

To afford basic costs of living, Xuan’s brother and sister dropped out of school and went to work. Xuan would have dropped out as well if not for the support of her sponsor. For eight years, the monthly sponsorship not only helped Xuan pay for school tuition but strengthened her determination to finish her education and build a better life. In 2016, Xuan finished twelfth grade and undertook vocational training in hospitality management in Hanoi. Xuan overcame her homesickness and completed her studies. In 2018, Xuan proudly received her certificate of Commercial Cookery and Hospitality Management and earned a position at a high-end restaurant—a solid foundation for her to start her career and the first step toward her dream of opening a restaurant chain internationally to promote Vietnamese cuisine.

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OUR STORIES

Triumph Over Adversity

In 2006, 12-year-old Than* lived with her large family in a cramped house in a slum area. She was on the verge of dropping out of school because of the extreme difficulties her family faced.

With four children, Than's parents struggled to make ends meet with meager incomes from their unstable jobs. Than's father worked odd jobs ranging from tricycle deliveryman to motorbike taxi driver and her mother is a cleaner. Both of Than's older siblings had to give up their education to go to work.

However, thanks to the CSP, Than was able to complete high school and became the first person in her family to earn a college degree, a Bachelor Degree in Accounting and Auditing from the University of Industry. The twelve years of sponsorship has seen Than grow from a school girl struggling to hold onto her education to a young graduate embarking on a bright future.

*Names changed to protect privacy.

Humble Beginnings, Bright Future

When we first approached Lan's* family in Dong Nai province in 2007, the rough roads turned to mud by heavy floods during the rainy season were symbolic of Lan's educational path. Every day, the young girl walked many kilometers to her small school. Lan's house at that time was bare, built of raw bricks, cement and leaves for the roof. The modest home sheltered her five family members.

Lan's parents scrapped for meager incomes, running errands, working at construction sites, and doing other odd jobs. Nevertheless, they were determined to send all three children to school. Lan is the oldest child and ever since she was a little girl, she showed a rugged determination to overcome her beginnings and set an example for her siblings.

With further support and motivation from her sponsor over ten years, she consistently achieved good academic results and became the first in her family to get accepted into HCMC College of Economics, majoring in accounting. Living in the city by herself, Lan is very active and holds down a part-time job as a sales clerk at a dairy outlet. With the experience she gained and her drive to succeed, after graduation, Lan immediately landed a job as an accountant in a Japanese company. Lan's future is bright!

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FINANCIAL OVERVIEW

Because the CSP is a supply driven programme, the budgets and number of children enrolled are dependent upon the number of sponsors.

Monthly Child Sponsorship amounts distributed in 2018

USD 258,470.26

Extra funds distributed to families/children in 2018

USD 18,805.98

Cost of Running the Programme in 2018

USD 46,356.11

CSP Vietnam works in cooperation with CNCF group offices in Australia, Hong Kong, Ireland, France, the United Kingdom and the United States to provide sponsorship to disadvantaged children.

Our 2018 audits are available online
<https://www.cncf.org/finance-policies>

If you wish to change the life of a child in Vietnam, please contact our team in Vietnam or any of our group offices.





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