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Invitation

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A classroom at Kim Đồng Primary School in Đắk Nông

The Vietnam Foundation wishes to invite you, your family and friends to

trường làng tôi (my village school)

the Annual Gala dinner to raise funds for the construction of three classrooms for a primary school, a Teaching Centre for teachers of disabled children and other aid projects in Vietnam.

**at 7.00 pm,
Saturday 5 September 2009,
Phước Lộc Thọ Restaurant
First Floor, 233 Canley Vale Rd,
Canley Heights, NSW**

\$50 per person

The program for the evening includes:

*6-course Vietnamese **banquet**.*

***Music** performed by popular Vietnamese artists living in Sydney and the lovely,*

*Vietnamese-speaking **Stefanie Dawson**.*

***Photo presentation** of the projects which the Foundation completed over the past year and plans to support in the near future.*

Thanks to your generous support, the following projects have been completed or are underway



An Khánh Primary School in Bến Tre

We helped build these two new classrooms, a toilet block and level a pond to enlarge the school playground.



Mái Ấm Hồng Ân orphanage in Tây Ninh

With our help, these orphans no longer have to sleep on bare floor but on beds with proper bedding, blankets and mosquito nets and have proper study rooms with bookcases, desks and computers. We are also providing 20 piglets that will become sources of income for the orphanage and a biogas system which will provide energy source for cooking.



Phong Mỹ kindergarten in Đồng Tháp

We helped build a new two-classroom building to replace this dilapidated structure. Construction is currently underway and expected to be completed by September 2009.



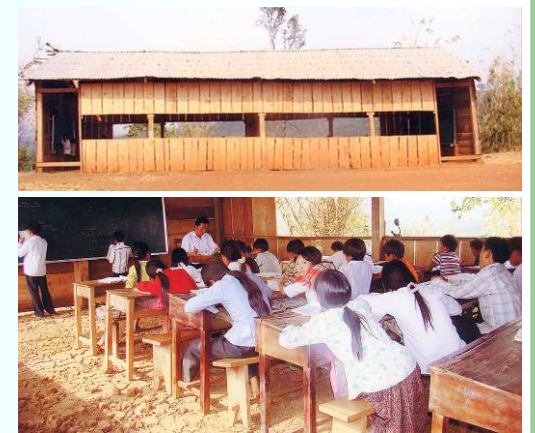
Village Chance in HCMC

Tim Aline Rebeaud, the Swiss artist who founded the Maison Chance, visited Australia as our guest at last year's fund raising dinner. In addition to many engagements in Sydney, we also organised Tim's visits to other states. They resulted in a total of 234,961 AUD raised for the Village Chance project, which will expand facilities caring for these street children and poor disabled persons in HCMC. Tim is waiting for the permit to start construction.

We are looking for your support to continue or commence the following projects in the near future

Kim Đồng Primary School in Đắk Nông

The school is in an isolated part of Đắk Ngô village, Tuy Đức District, Đắk Nông province, in the Central Highlands. 95% of the local population are ethnic minorities, many of whom moved to the area from northern provinces in recent years. The school has only 14 classrooms at 7 separate sites, catering for about 800 students in 27 classes. Three of the classrooms are only temporary makeshift shelters. We will help the local population to construct a three-classroom building at one of these sites. Construction cost is estimated to be about 260 M VND (about 18,000 AUD)



Teacher Training Centre in Thừa Thiên Huế

We will support the construction of a Training and Resource Centre for The Office of Genetic Counselling and Disabled Children (OGCDC), an NGO attached to the Hue College of Medicine and Pharmacy. This NGO is providing numerous vital medical and educational services for the poor and the disabled. The Centre, to be in Nam Đồng District, Thừa Thiên Huế province, will provide facilities for training teachers who teach and care for children with physical and intellectual disabilities. The estimated cost of 25,000 USD will be shared between the Foundation and other donors in France and the USA.



Heifers for Sóc Trăng farmers

In partnership with Heifers International, Vietnam office, we have been helping 44 families to improve their living conditions by raising cattle and engaging in other income-producing activities. This is the second year of the program and some of the peasants still need support for raising the cattle to full maturity and are being given further training in livestock management, crop production, etc.

