



VIETNAM VETERANS PEACE INITIATIVE

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This is a report by the Vietnam Veterans Peace Initiative, a non-profit humanitarian and educational foundation headquartered in the United States promoting and supporting projects in Vietnam and other areas around the world.

The VVPI was incorporated in 1999 in California and our 5 member Board of Directors has mandated that 98% of our funds be directed to programs and projects, and no funds shall be used for salaries or other expenses except for 2% dedicated to administrative costs. All board members pay their own expenses when traveling to visit projects in Vietnam and other areas.

The VVPI has been active in Vietnam since 1999 in several areas, including education, health care, Agent Orange remediation, and veteran-to-veteran humanitarian outreach. Our 13-year relationship with Vietnam has been characterized by extraordinary cooperation and accommodation by the Vietnamese, at every level.

Our efforts grew out of the Veterans Initiative, a program conducted by Vietnam Veterans of America that works with the Vietnamese to resolve the issue of missing soldiers from the war, both American and Vietnamese. During our participation with this worthy program, we became aware of needs outside the charter of Vietnam Veterans of America, and formed VVPI to focus on these important issues.

One of our first projects was helping the Hoa Phong Maternity Clinic outside DaNang rebuild following a devastating flood that destroyed the facility. We have maintained a relationship with the clinic and the Ministry of Health in DaNang.

Additionally we have provided direct financial support for higher education by making available grants for tuition, books, and study materials to several students who have attended Hanoi University. Upon graduation, these students have joined the labor force and are making measurable contributions to the expansion of the Vietnamese economy.

We are currently associated with providing support for the Committee for Sustainable Community Development and the programs they conduct.

Specifically the Vietnam-USA Society, Mr. Vu Xuan Hong, and Mr. Bui Van Nghi have been exceptional partners in our work in Vietnam. Both men have made possible our continuing efforts in Vietnam and we highly appreciate their work on our behalf.

They have contributed to the success of several outstanding programs including a VVPI Young People's Delegation in 2001, a VVPI sponsored visit of Young Entrepreneurs to the 2005 Vietnam-USA: Path Forward Conference, and the Make-A-Wish visit of Miss Elizabeth Porter and her family in 2010. Porter, then 17 years old used her battle with cancer to focus attention on the plight of Agent Orange children.

We are proud of our activities in Vietnam and realize that we could never have been as successful as we are without the cooperation of the Vietnamese. We are grateful for the support and encouragement we have received and look forward to many more years of cooperation and friendship with our Vietnamese friends.

Thomas H. Corey, President

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