



Year In Review

Our Mission

Compassion In Deeds is a non-profit organization dedicated to improving the lives of underprivileged children in Vietnam by promoting educational and socioeconomic programs.

At Compassion In Deeds, we believe that providing a strong educational foundation at the primary and secondary levels will open new opportunities and help children achieve their full potential.

Compassion In Deeds is a 501(c)(3) organization.

Compassion In Deeds finished its 2nd year of operation on a high note with over \$9,000 in contributions. More importantly, we provided 53 scholarships for children in Vietnam, almost doubling the number of scholarships provided last year.

At Compassion In Deeds, we focused our support primarily on children from low-income families and from rural locations. The average family income of those on scholarships is approximately \$80 per month or under \$1,000 annually, less than the \$1,052 annual per capita income based on 2009 data from the U.S. State Department.^[1]

Most of the families are from rural areas located in the southern region near Ho Chi Minh City, the south central region near Binh Thuan, the central region near Da Nang, and the highlands region near Kon Tum. Children from these outlying areas face tougher challenges obtaining basic education because of fewer opportunities and lack of financial resources. The \$100 scholarships are significant for these children and their families, helping pay for tuition and other educational expenses such as uniforms, books and school supplies.

Our fundraising efforts were assisted by KOMO TV, the local ABC affiliate, which reported on Operation Babylift and featured one of our Board of Directors. As a result, we received more inquiries which allowed us to reach a wider audience.


Word from the Board

By Jeff Gahr

It has been my pleasure to serve on the Board of Directors at Compassion In Deeds since its inception a little more than two years ago. Growing up as an orphan in Vietnam, I experienced a life without much of anything....no food, no clothes and no hope....just dreams. Dreams that one day somehow, someway, life will be better.

That dream was fulfilled almost 35 years ago when I was given a chance at a new life in the United States. Strangers who didn't know my name gave me a chance to be part of a family again and get an education. It opened up a world of opportunities.


Today, to honor those who sacrificed for us, my friends and I founded Compassion In Deeds to 'pay forward' the kindness others had given us earlier in life.

I hope you will find the compassion in your heart to join Compassion In Deeds in giving disadvantaged children in Vietnam a chance for a better life. 



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We are grateful for our donors—our partners in this endeavor—for their financial support and words of encouragement. As we read the notes that often accompany contributions, we are touched by their sacrificial giving and willingness to help a child in a distant country. 

[1] <http://www.state.gov/r/pa/ei/bgn/4130.htm>

The Year Ahead

Building on our success, we intend to maintain our commitment to those already on scholarships as well as increase the number of scholarships as more funding becomes available. Each additional scholarship requires careful financial planning for multiple years since we pledged to support each recipient throughout his or her secondary education. As we grow, we are mindful that we need to reserve funds to meet future needs.

Consistent with our mission statement, we intend to supplement our scholarships program with other projects designed to help children in rural areas. These community-based projects can be as simple as providing computers, building a library to enhance children's learning experiences, or installing freshwater wells and filtration systems to give children access to basic necessities.

In the coming year, some of the board members plan to visit Vietnam to meet with community leaders and explore the feasibility of funding projects. It also gives us an opportunity to visit scholarship recipients to assess their educational progress.

Lastly, Compassion In Deeds will be unveiling a website soon to provide information about the organization and its mission, and to illustrate how contributions are being used in Vietnam. As always, we want to hear from you. Any suggestions to improve our website or future plans are welcomed and appreciated. We are also willing to meet others people in your network interested in learning more about Compassion In Deeds. Please direct your inquiries to CompassionInDeeds@gmail.com.



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