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# Physicians With Heart

## Vietnam Project

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### HISTORY OF PREVIOUS WORK IN VIETNAM

**Heart to Heart International** In April, 1995, 20 years after the end of the Vietnam War, Heart to Heart International and a team of volunteer delegates delivered 45 tons of critically needed pharmaceuticals and medical supplies (valued at \$7 million, U. S. wholesale) to 11 different hospitals, clinics and medical centers throughout Hanoi and Ho Chi Minh City. The Federal Express MD-11 aircraft that carried the medicines and supplies was the first commercial American aircraft to land on Vietnamese soil since the Vietnam War.

**American Academy of Family Physicians** In 1996, AAFP members Alain Montegut, M. D. and Stephen F. Cummings, M. D. began talking with the Vietnamese Ministry of Health with the goal of beginning a residency program for family practice in Vietnam. As a result of their work, family practice residencies have been established in Hanoi, Ho Chi Minh City and Thai Nguyen. In addition, 2 clinics in Ho Chi Minh City have been established for family medicine, and family practice clinics are pending in Hanoi and Thai Nguyen.

### PHYSICIANS WITH HEART PARTNERSHIP

Since 1993, the *Physicians With Heart* partnership has delivered more than \$48 million (U.S. wholesale) worth of medical aid to areas of great need throughout the former Soviet Union via an annual airlift. The American Academy of Family Physicians, the AAFP Foundation and Heart to Heart International are proud to announce an additional project in 2001 which will deliver medical aid, medical education and hope to the people of Vietnam.

### PROJECT OBJECTIVES

#### 1. Deliver Medicines and Medical Supplies

The delegation will deliver a multi-million dollar shipment of pharmaceuticals and medical supplies to several hospitals and clinics.

#### 2. Provide Medical Education and Model the Concept of Family Practice

Volunteer physicians and nurses from the AAFP will provide educational seminars on the concepts and principles of family medicine in the existing residency programs, and serve as role models of family practice in the host hospitals and clinics.

### WAYS TO GET INVOLVED

#### 1. Support the Project with a Cash Donation

Help underwrite the cost of the shipment of medicines and medical supplies and of the medical education programs.

#### 2. Support the Airlift with Product

Donate much-needed medicines and medical supplies to support the overall humanitarian effort in Vietnam.

#### 3. Join the Volunteer Delegation

Help us personally deliver hope and healing to thousands of people in Vietnam.