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seed of  
**Peace**

# PROJECTS

## resources for children

- Kindergarten and Elementary Schools construction, Quang Tri, A Luoi, Thua Thien-Hue
- Love/Rosebud Shelter, Ho Chi Minh City
- Scholarship Awards, Thua Thien-Hue, Ho Chi Minh City
- Thanh Xuan Peace Village, Ha Noi
- The Study Corners, Thua Thien-Hue
- The Street Vision, Ho Chi Minh City
- The Tay Linh and Thanh Giong Vocational Schools, Thua Thien-Hue
- Traditional Musical Instruments, Ha Noi

## capacity and resources building

- Non-Interest Revolving Loan Fund, Nghe An, Thua Thien-Hue
- The A Luoi Valley

## traversing borders: viet nam teacher training program

- The Viet Nam Teacher Training Program  
Ha Noi, Nha Trang, Hue

# SUPPORT our EFFORTS

- \$500 to CHEER will sponsor a student to complete her college education
- \$100 to CHEER will pay a university student's tuition and books for one year
- \$80 to CHEER will sponsor a Vietnamese English language instructor to participate in the Viet Nam Teacher Training Program
- \$65 to CHEER will provide a Non-Interest Revolving Loan so that an impoverished family can start a small business
- \$50 to CHEER will pay the education costs of a young girl who was rescued from prostitution and lives in the Love/Rosebud Shelter
- \$20 to CHEER will buy a Study Corner (desk, chair, bookshelf and lamp) for a rural child who has no place at home to study



With CHEER's support,  
Tran Van Bac graduated  
from Hue Medical School  
in September, 2003

**YOUR CONTRIBUTION WILL MAKE A DIFFERENCE!  
GIVE GENEROUSLY and REAP THE JOY OF GIVING**





"Doi Ban" (Two Friends) by Dang Dinh Tien, 16, affected by Agent Orange.

# CHEER FOR VIET NAM

Culture Health Education and Environmental Resources

A non-profit 501(c)3 organization, based in Los Angeles, California dedicated to projects that:



- improve the quality of life of underprivileged children and people in Vietnam
- promote cross-cultural and educational understanding and collaboration between Vietnam and the United States
- contribute to the building of trust, tolerance and peace among people

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## PLANT a seed of PEACE

Since its inception in 1993, CHEER for Viet Nam has pursued economic, cultural and educational projects to improve the lives of disadvantaged families and encourage understanding and peace between Viet Nam and the United States. With limited resources in comparison to the vast needs, we focus on small achievable projects. A donation to CHEER can be the turning point in the life of a child, a student, an artisan, a teacher, or a family.

**You can make a difference!**



## NOURISH young talent

Nguyen Thi Thuy, a blind and talented musician at the prestigious Ha Noi Conservatory, is from a poor family. Until recently the students shared the only available "tam thap luc," a 36-string instrument played by Vietnamese musicians for centuries. CHEER provided the class with additional instruments at a cost of about \$90 each and hopes to make additional gifts so that each student will have his or her own instrument by 2004.



## BUILD schools

In 2002 one-third of all Vietnamese children did not make it to grade 5. By building kindergartens, CHEER plans to give children from poor families a head start in their education.

In Lai An Village, Thua Thien-Hue Province, 650 students no longer have to walk as much as 10km across rice fields to attend classes. Dedicated in July 2003, the newly rebuilt Phu Mau 1 Elementary School, costing less than \$5,000, was the first joint project between the village and CHEER.



## STRENGTHEN communities

More than 20 million Vietnamese people live in poverty. CHEER's innovative Non-Interest Revolving Loan Fund provides seed money to impoverished families to become self-sufficient. Since 1997, 900 families have improved their lives by participating in the program.

A \$65 loan helped Ms. Mai Thi Hop of the Pa-Co ethnic group, head of a bead-weaving co-op, increase her monthly income from \$10/month to \$29/month. She is making plans to expand and find a sales outlet for her co-op's beautiful crafts. She will repay her loan in 2004, allowing the next family in line to borrow money.



# TRAVERSE borders



Since Viet Nam opened its door in the late 80's to commercial opportunities with other countries, the demand for English instruction has far exceeded the supply of qualified English instructors. English is the language of business, technology, and tourism and the key to Viet Nam's integration into the world economy. Beginning in 2001, CHEER's Viet Nam Teacher Training Program (VTTP) has brought together American and Vietnamese English instructors in Ha Noi, Nha Trang and Hue. Your generous contribution will help us expand this program to meet Viet Nam's tremendous need for English-language instructors.



This young student from A Luoi Valley, Central Viet Nam, is just one of many children still affected by the massive bombing and spraying of Agent Orange from 1965 - 1972. In addition to the physical hardship, he and the other 282 students at Hong Kim Elementary School come from impoverished families. CHEER has provided scholarships, Study Corners, and a small library to Hong Kim.

# HEAL the wounds of war

On the web: [www.cheerforvietnam.org](http://www.cheerforvietnam.org)

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