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Ca Van Tran is a successful Vietnamese-American restaurateur. He is also head of two charitable organizations serving amputees and children in Viet-Nam.

Mr. Ca Van Tran had worked with the U.S. Marines Corps and US/AID in Viet-Nam through April of 1976. He left Viet-Nam on the last boat out of Saigon harbor on April 30.

Soon after arriving in the U.S., Mr. Tran started a restaurant business with his wife, Kim. Mr. Tran also earned a real estate license and sold and managed residential and commercial properties. He expanded his successful restaurant business to a chain of restaurants in the Washington, D.C., metropolitan area.

In 1991, Mr. Tran founded Viet-Nam Assistance for the Handicapped (VNAH) and guided its growth to over \$1 million for artificial limbs and wheelchairs for amputees in Viet-Nam. This program is expanding. Through his VNAH organization, Mr. Tran has arranged for the fitting of over 7,000 limbs for amputees and the delivery of over 600 wheelchairs in southern Viet-Nam.

In his many recent trips to Southeast Asia, Mr. Ca Van Tran has negotiated successfully with a number of local governments, arranged for an upgraded water supply system at one clinic, enabled reconstruction at another, trained medical technicians, and guided the delivery of thousands of limbs and wheelchairs for amputees.

In 1993, Mr. Tran established Health & Education Volunteers, Inc. (*Health Ed*), for broader humanitarian activities. This organization is now helping scores of orphaned and displaced children in Lam Dong Province, in the Central Highlands of Viet-Nam.