



E-NEWSLETTER

LORETO KIDS CHARITY

Q3
2015

MESSAGES

Message from Ha My - CEO of LORETO KIDS CHARITY

Dear Loreto's donors, friends and supporters,

"No road is long with good company."

Turkish Proverb



A new chapter for Loreto since our beloved former CEO – Trish Franklin – has begun. Trish's heart and soul have been and still is, attached to **Loreto Kids Charity**. Remaining as Loreto's Patron, Trish will still be watching us and accompany us, on every journey we take in the future. The Loreto Team Members – the precious asset of the organization – will go confidently in the direction that we are all passionate about – "lifting learners into the future."

We tremendously appreciate your long-standing and steadfast support toward the Team and especially to the 55,000+ children in our care.

The beauty of life always penetrates from our heart and soul.

Ha My - CEO

HIGHLIGHTS

★ Trish receiving the highest honorary medal

9th July, 2015, Trish was privileged to be bestowed the Vietnam-Friendship Medal, for her twenty years of contributing to building bonds between Vietnam and Australia. This is the highest and most noble medal, given to expatriates, who make significant and notable contributions to the development of Vietnam and the friendship between Vietnam and other countries.



★ Farewell to Trish: @ Hard Rock (26th June), @ HUFO (3rd July)

Trish made her semi-retirement decision three years ago. After her long twenty years of living and sharing with under-privileged lives in Vietnam, the decision to leave was momentous and monumental. On 27th June, the 'Goodbye n' see ya again' night was warmly organized by the team with a number of expat attendees who are Trish's friends during her time in Vietnam.

3rd July was specially saved for the farewell to Loreto's local partners, who have worked with Trish for many years and kept their high admiration/ respect for a Legend like Trish. 'Goodbye n' see ya again, Trish!'



★ New staff: Vo Thuy Tuong Vi – Administration and Accounting Support (started on 20th July)

In July 2015, Loreto Kids Charity welcomed a new Addition to our Team – Ms. Vo Thuy Tuong Vi as Administration and Accounting Support. Vi's love for children has led her to Loreto's door. Vi wishes to devote more on lifting these young learners into the future.



★ Nguyen Thi Kim Tuyen becoming the new Communications Manager

After months of dedication and hard work, the Loreto Team congratulates Ms. Tuyen on her new position as Communications Manager. Tuyen's support in the Marketing and Communication field has helped Loreto to continue to raise awareness in and outside Vietnam.



★ John and Leigh's visit

The Loreto Team was delighted to have two special GUESTS OF HONOR - Mr. John McNulty – Australian Consulate General and Ms. Leigh Anderson – Assistant to John – call into the office to share a gracious informal catch-up over a few cups of tea on Friday, 4th September. We owe enormous thanks to Mr. John and Ms. Leigh, as well as our special FRIENDS at the Australian Consulate General, for their kind, faithful and splendid connections.

★ Rugby Club to NDC & Rugby Tournament

11th September, Loreto joined hands with the Al Fresco Group to organize a "friendly football match" between 20 players from Hong Kong and kids from Nguyen Dinh Chieu Special School for The Blind. Both the kids and players had a great time playing, bonding and chatting over pizzas and pasta. On 12th September, the Rugby Tournament was held at RMIT University. Thanks to the Al Fresco Group's support, Loreto managed to raise funds for the upcoming Bikes and Helmets Project.



★ Student Groups arriving: BP, JTC

On 21st September, St. Joseph's College- NSW, Australia, students and Loreto Team visited Can Thanh Special School for a fun-bonding day. It was quite a hot and humid day, yet we could feel the love in the air as students from St. Joseph's College were so nice and caring towards the kids.



On 28th September, the Loreto Team once again welcomed another student group from Perth- WA-Australia – John XXIII College. For some of these students, it was their first time seeing such disadvantaged kids at Phu My Orphanage, yet they did their jobs beautifully and left great impressions with everyone. The Loreto Team hopes this life-changing experience is a wonderful memory they will never forget.

"lifting learners into the future"

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PROJECT CATCH-UP

1 Since "SUPER SPAMCHAM" in June, "We have been counting stars and dollars!!!"

The monthly **SPAMCHAM** networking event, (hosted at Jaspas, on the last Wednesday of the month) by the Al Fresco's Group, along with their amazing staff, generous sponsors and participants, have faithfully supported **Loreto Kids Charity** for many years. A **SUPER SPAMCHAM** was held on 24th June. It was a warm thankful celebration for Trish Franklin – the legendary founder and former CEO of Loreto Vietnam - as she decided to embark on a new spiritual journey, whilst remaining a special patron of Loreto.



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2 The Special Deliveries of over 500 "School Packs" in Cu Chi, Ca Mau and An Giang

A Gift of School Pack means "A Whole School-Year Friend" to a Rural Child

A billion **THANKS** to our golden-hearted Corporate Groups and donors throughout and beyond Vietnam. **Hundreds of rural children in Cu Chi** (marginalized area in Ho Chi Minh Province), **Ca Mau and An Giang Provinces** (southern Vietnam) had a wonderful start to their new School Year with practical gifts of school requisites: exercise books, coloured pencils, pens, pencils, rulers, erasers, sport shoes and sport uniforms. Very special thanks to our outstanding sponsors, Mayer Brown JSM, ABC International School (ABCIS), the Canadian International School (CIS), Scott & Binh's Restaurant, Star Kitchen, St. Timothy School, Kepi and an anonymous donor for the invaluable joint support.

Thank you **Mr. Phil Johns**, Executive Director of **AusCham Vietnam**, for his delightful presence at the School Packs Distribution occasion in Ca Mau Province.



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3 FUJI XEROX VIETNAM, THANK YOU FOR BEING "STRONG, KIND & INTERESTING." And for "LIFTING LEARNERS INTO THE FUTURE!!!"

FUJI XEROX VIETNAM COMPANY LIMITED presented a donation plaque to **LORETO KIDS CHARITY** toward the renewal of **five classrooms** for less advantaged children in a poverty-stricken border area in **An Giang Province**.

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4 PwC Vietnam (Ltd) Continues to Support Happiness for Rural Children with a "Friendly Library" Project in Tra Vinh

An exciting "**Friendly Library**" was officially opened for rural children from a destitute and isolated fishing village in **Tra Vinh Province** - funded by **PricewaterhouseCoopers (Vietnam) Limited** (or PwC Vietnam), one of the leading Business Consulting in Asia Pacific and a competitively prestigious Auditing Business in Vietnam, in partnership with Loreto Kids Charity. The grateful beneficiary of PwC philanthropic support for this project is, **Dong Hai 'C' Primary School in Duyen Hai District, Tra Vinh Province** (Mekong Delta region of Vietnam).

PwC (Vietnam) funded this inspiring "education-based" project, and have also generously funded other life transforming educational projects in remote areas.

For more information about **PwC Vietnam**, please access <http://www.pwc.com/vn/vn/index.jhtml>



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Opening of Cai Keo Kindergarten in Ca Mau = Another Door of Educational Opportunities for "Waterways" Children

Another magnificent and well-resourced kindergarten was officially opened to embrace **over 100 little pre-school** possums in **Ca Mau Province**.



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"Can You Hear the Children Sing?!!" 🎵🎵🎵

Thanh Bui – Ambassador of **Loreto Kids Charity** and his Team from **SOUL Music & Performing Arts Academy (SMPAA)** passionately attended the Opening Ceremony of **Ngu Lac D Music Room** in **Tra Vinh**.

Thanh Bui and our dear friends from **SMPAA** jubilantly teamed up with **Loreto Kids Charity** to continuously plant admirably ambitious seeds of, "music education", for the young generation of Vietnamese children from both privileged and under-privileged family backgrounds. Congratulations **Thanh Bui** and **SMPAA** on the Opening of the second music room for **Ngu Lac D Primary** students in **Tra Vinh Province!!!** Music is a culture.



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THE UPS FOUNDATION, A GLOBAL LEADING BUSINESS AND A LOCAL BIG-HEARTED FRIEND

The **UPS Foundation** presented a cheque for **USD 40,000** to **Loreto Kids Charity**, generously giving toward the renovating and equipping costs of **two Computer Rooms** and **two "Friendly Libraries"** for rural and less-advantaged children in **Phu Yen (central Vietnam)**, **Tra Vinh** and **An Giang (south-western Vietnam)**.

For more information about the **UPS Foundation**, please visit www.ups.com/



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UPCOMING EVENTS

'HEART' FOR SALE Program

You can support Loreto Kids Charity by purchasing these items!



80,000 VND/pc



50,000 VND/pc



60,000 VND/pack
(250,000 VND – 5 packs)

"I alone cannot change the world, but I can cast a stone across the waters to create many ripples."
(Mother Teresa)

For ordering information, please contact **Tuyen**:
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LORETO NOVEMBER GALA

LORETO November GALA

November 7th, 2015 from 6:00 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.

SOUL Music & Performing Arts Academy (SMPAA), 214-216 Pasteur, Dis. 3, HCMC



Photo Exhibition
Raffles
Free Finger Food and Drinks
Kids Activities
Performances:

THANH BUI AND SOUL STUDENTS
PETEY MAJIK NGUYEN (MAGICIAN)
MARK BOWYER
VISION-IMPAIRED STUDENTS
OTHER ARTISTS

Pre-purchase Entry Donation:
(before Oct. 23rd)

Adult: 450,000 VND
Children under 12: free access

On-the-day Entry Donation:
Adult: 500,000 VND
Children under 12: free access

An evening including special live performances to fundraise for poor rural children

Please contact tuyen@loretovietnam.org or (08) 3910 6364 for more information.
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Account number (VND): 3024268
Account number (USD): 203454
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