

Newsletter

December 2023

# Friends of Hue Foundation





Dear Friends,

*I want to wish everyone a Wonderful Holiday!! It has been very eventful year for the Children's Shelter in Hue. The children have been busy with their school work, soccer, art classes, dance, and so much more.*

*We have been fortunate to have many special visitors come to get to know the children and go on outings to beach or bookstore.*

*Many of the children come from difficult family circumstances and do their best for a brighter future. Because of your kindness and compassion, the children have a safe place to call home, nutritious meals to eat, and access to education. You give them the opportunity to grow, learn, and develop into the amazing individuals we know they can become. Your gifts of money, resources, and time help make all this possible.*

*Most importantly, your support shows these children they are loved and valued. You give them hope for a better future. Words cannot express how meaningful this is for their development and healing.*

*I want to thank the Board of Directors for all their time and support. Your ideas and outreach have made all this possible.*

*On behalf of the children and entire staff at the Friends of Hue Shelter, thank you for making a life-changing difference in the lives of so many through your generosity and kindness. We could not continue our important work without partners like you.*

Sincerely,  
Anna Nguyen  
Executive Director  
Friends of Hue Foundation





# Fun & Learning Activities

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The FHF family was honored to participate in an exquisite art exhibition program that was organized by the Department of Foreign Affairs. The event showcased the exceptional paintings and handmade products created by the children. The artworks were displayed at the prestigious Diem Phung Thi Museum and received high praise from the guests who attended the exhibition. The children's talent and creativity were highly appreciated by all those who attended the event.



# Art Exhibition at the Department of Foreign Affairs





# MID AUTUMN FESTIVAL

The children had an amazing time at the Mid Autumn Festival celebration in September 2023







# Trip to Thap Cham Beach

During their summer break, they were treated to a wonderful day at Thap Cham Beach. The children even prepared a traditional dish called banh loc by themselves, and together they played and enjoyed swimming in the summer sunshine. It's true that little moments make big memories!



# Monthly Birthday Celebrations



We celebrate the children's birthdays every month. They are all excited and help prepare for the celebrations. We prepare special food and birthday cake.



# Bench Art Painting

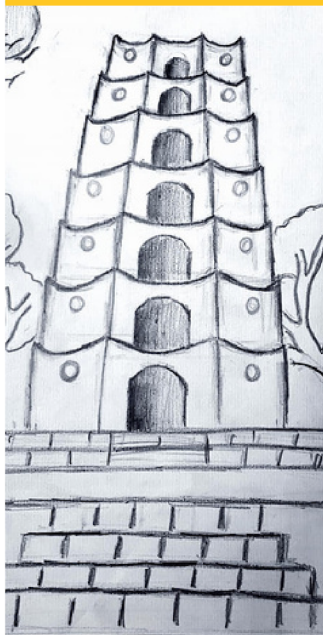
The kids has fun painting the benches in the Center.







# Toucher Arts Exhibition



We are honoured that the Toucher Arts Project in France showcased the works of FHF children, providing an opportunity to nurture their talents—sincere thanks to Toucher Arts for the opportunity.



# Center Renovation



The FHF building in Hue needed numerous repairs and renovations to make it safer and more comfortable for the children. One of the first works done was the installation of ceramic tiles on the first floor to minimize the damage during floods. We are going to renovate the 2nd floor living quarters for the children in summer 2024. We also waterproofed the surrounding walls and parts of the building that are exposed to rainwater.

One of the major repairs done in the shelter was the renovation of the fence and gate of the compound.



# Me Program

The Senior Program is one of the most important projects of FHF. We have helped hundreds of elderly individuals in Hue who were in dire conditions by providing them with food, medicines, household help, wheelchairs, indoor toilets, and many other necessities. Thank you to Thuy Truong and Craig Frances for their generous donations to the Senior Program.





# The Launch of Oceanographic Argo Float Jenny Do



Through the Monterey Bay Aquarium Research Institute, the Oceanographic 'Argo' float was purchased and dedicated to the memory of our beloved Jenny Do. This effort was coordinated by one of our long-time board member, Tom O'Reilly.

Jenny Do was a Friends of Hue Foundation leader, teacher, humanitarian, artist, and explorer. Her spirit lives on. The "Jenny Do" float has been adopted by the children in the shelter. The artworks they created were painted on the surface of the float by our very own Trinh Mai Thach.







It is heartwarming to share about the successful distribution of wheelchairs to those in need at the FHF Center. The efforts were conducted in partnership with the generosity of the Chair the Love Foundation.

Despite the unfavourable weather conditions, everyone worked tirelessly to provide 100 wheelchairs to those in need. The initiative has undoubtedly made a tremendous difference in the lives of those in need.

# 100 Wheelchairs





# Long Time Supporters

## Thank you!

For over a decade, E2F Translation has partnered with close to a dozen of our staff members to hire and train them as Virtual Assistants, Bookkeepers and Project Managers. The team members have gained extremely valuable professional skills. E2F Translation has generously donated over \$25,000 annually to the Children's Shelter.

Based out of Chicago, 11:11 Partners has partnered with FHF over 5 years to hire and train virtual assistants specializing in recruiting personnel and donated over \$4000 annually.

Making an annual trip to Vietnam, Thuy Truong and Craig Frances from Metta-4-Life have contributed their time and resources to our Senior program in Hue and nearby villages. The senior program helps the elders in the area with food and necessities.

Alynn Nguyen, Anton Nguyen	Amerasian Heritage Quest	Athena Nguyen	Bich-Lien Nguyen	Binh Pham
Chris Dinh	Cindy Phan	Cindy Vu	Cuong Tran	Dan Do
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