GREETING FROM ACWP

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We focus on children. We help one child at a time. We take on the cases no one else is willing to take. We promote self-sufficiency.

Greetings Friends, Family, and Supporters of ACWP,

The holiday season is upon us and as we prepare for the New Year, ACWP takes this moment to thank everyone that has made 2014 a year to remember.

We have touched the lives of so many less fortunate children with support like yours since our inception 27 years ago (since 1988) and this year was no different.

With more than two decades of implementing our direct grassroots help to the disadvantaged children in South East Asia. Even with international economic challenges that are stiil affecting our local community, ACWP maintains your overwhelming support and participation to sustain existing ACWP programs and build new projects to help the disadvantaged children in need of your help. You are the children's heroes!

Again, let me express my deep appreciation to all that have offered their hearts in support of ACWP's missions and goals. In short, we could have not done all of this without you. With your continued support, we will no doubt continue to improve the lives of these beautiful children...ONE CHILD AT A TIME.

As we are about to celebrate the 2015 Year of the Goat, ACWP wishes to thank you for your support of the past 27 years. Your contributions over the years have provided many opportunities for disadvantaged children and youths in Southeast Asia. ACWP gratefully acknowledges your kindness and generosity.

Your continuing support to help Bloom Catering Service (
www.bloomcatering.org) in USA grow thus help ACWP to carry on our mission, helping more disadvantaged children in VN and Cambodia.

We thank you and the kids in VN thank you.

On behalf of ACWP Board of Directors and the entire volunteer Staff, we would like to wish you and all your loved one a very Happy 2015, filled with joy, comfort and laughter. Also, may the Year of the Goat bring you Health, Wealth and Prosperity!

Happy Holidays!

CHÚC MỪNG NĂM MỚ!!!!

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WE DID IT AGAIN.... IT IS RUNNING...
The BLOOM Saigon Restaurant and ACWPVocational Training Facility in Saigon have been a
dream of ACWP for years. Thanks to three young
ladies Ms. Tho, Ms. Van and Ms. Trang, May
Restaurant owners have made an easy transaction
for ACWP to take over this restaurant without any

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start-up investment cost.

Now the MAY Restaurant in Saigon is officially managed by ACWP (Aid to Children Without Parents). The menu caters Authentic Vietnamese specialties, and more Asian Fusion dishes will be added after our BLOOM Catering (www.bloomcatering.org) Chefs from USA come to Vietnam next month (beginning of March 2015) for the training.

We are rearranging the May Restaurant, and step-by-step, we will soon set up BLOOM vocational training program and a service-oriented English course for staffs and other scholarship students.

If you are planning to come to Vietnam for TET, please visit ACWP's new restaurant to try it out (The restaurant will be closed from Feb 17 to Feb 22 for TET). The restaurant is running with current restaurant staffs and ACWP's General manager and will be Re-grand opening (end of March 2015) with new changes. Thanks for your support.

Check the link for our temporary website: www.bloom-saigon.com and call to reserve your space.

One good new for our kids - A wonderful Christmas gift from **IBM employees** and retirees who have pledged \$18,100 to ACWP during the IBM 2014 Employee Charitable Contribution Campaign. THEY CAME THROUGH FOR THE KIDS AGAIN!!! EVERY YEAR.

BLOOM Catering and Levis' Stadium Volunteers

Through out the whole year, rain or shine we are very grateful that many of volunteers have showed up at many events, some were old friends (ACWP members) some were new faces and many of them were so young as middle schooler. So far all of our catering events have been a success. We got may compliments from guests and many happy notes from the organizers/customers with promise to book more events with BLOOM next year and young volunteers from Levis' Stadium activities has raised more than \$5000 for ACWP. The Mother day event also has raised \$10,000 for our kids.

Last but not least, annually donation from Nguyen Family Foundation and Le Van Tuyen Family Foundation together with WFG foundation matching fund totaled more than \$50,000 will bring hope, strength and joy to the lives of many disadvantaged children in Southeast Asia.

OUR PROGRAMS:

Along with this continuing fight against child prostitution mission since 2005, we have also carried out with enormous success our other well-known programs.

Join us in celebrating all that we have accomplished together over the past 12 months.

Here are some of this year's highlights:

-BLOOM CATERING SERVICE:



Whenever you need a catering for small or big parties (Birthday, Anniversary or Corporate Meeting) or even your big Wedding day, BLOOM Catering will be there to make your day special. We serve Asian-fusion, French dishes with

Signature Salads, Outrageous Sides and Tasty Starches. BLOOM will bring our kitchen truck to your place.

You can help ACWP continue its mission to help children help themselves by supporting our most innovative venture to date - funding vocational programs abroad by catering gourmet cuisines here in the U.S. BLOOM CATERING SERVICE.

Check out BLOOM website: www.bloomcatering.org for more information.

The profits from this catering service has been used to help more kids and have been kept all ACWP programs running. We would not count only on our donors. The more the better.

- Education Programs:



-New School Program (NSP). Built 3 new schools in Quang Nam and Hue in 2014 with more new schools in plan for next year Thank to Kathy and Duc Famlily, Dallas &Cynthia and Kieu Lien & An Group.

One School ACWP has built to honor "BAC NGUYEN DINH HUU" -ACWP founder.

Total we have helped to build and maintenance and continuing to support 20 schools yearly. More to come.

- **Elementary Education Programs:** Provided funding for 14 ACWP's schools to help more than 2000 students each year.
 - Higher Education Scholarship Programs: Provided funding for 300 high school students and more than 200 college students

More than 300 scholarships have been distributed at An Giang, Ben Tre and Ca Mau. Thank to Le Van Tuyen's Fund from Nguyen Family Foundation and Le Van Tuyen Family Foundation.

-Water Filter Tank and New Bridge Building Projec





Thanks to **JIM BURKE's family** donation in **Honor of Loc and Kim Le**. This "Gift of Hope" project has provided "Vocational training" and scholarship for **20** girls who are at-risk for human trafficking since 2013 to date. This project has also given Water Filter Tanks for

200 families in having access to safe, clean water and has helped to build **3** new bridges (cost range from \$2000 to \$4000 each) replacing monkey bridges and helping build an infrastructure for accessible education.









- Vocational & Bloom Programs:



Our BLOOM pastry chef currently establishes his own BLOOM CAKE business while continue to train new pastry students.

Toan - an orphan who was

ACWP-Bloom vocational scholarship recipient attended classes at Hoa Sua as Pastries Making as. The students all could relate to him because of his hardships, as he lamented of the long classes, short breaks, and less time to have fun with elective courses all during his training at Hoa Sua.

He overcame hardships and challenges at a young age, and it was easy to be inspired by Toan as he discusses his dreams and future. The glow in his face shows an unspeakable hope that could only mean future success.

Toan graduated from Hoa Sua Training School in May 2008 and since then has worked at BLOOM Restaurant in Hue, the 1st ACWP training restaurant which ACWP hopes it will represent ACWP signature training program throughout Vietnam.

Now he currently establishes his own BLOOM CAKES business while continue to train new pastry students. Toan's success represents the hope and dreams of future generations, that it is possible to overcome challenges and hardships, and change the course of your life.

Check the link to see his BLOOM Cake in action:

https://www.facebook.com/BloomCakesHueCity?ref=br rs

BLOOM Vocational Training Program



Inspired by the concept that emphasizes empowerment through providing accessible health care, nutrition, education, and hands-on experiences, Aid for Children Without Parents (ACWP- www.acwp.org) first developed BLOOM, a vocational training restaurant in Hue to complete the cycle of empowerment for the disadvantaged children in Vietnam.

Now BLOOM Restaurant in Saigon will be the future of BLOOM vocational training facility. This experience at this restaurant will provide the disadvantaged young adults with practical tools and materials to learn specific skills to which they can market themselves in the real working world and seek out ways to help prevent children from being trafficked.

"We're very excited about BLOOM Restaurant and ACWP Vocational Training Facility in SAIGON and invite the ACWP family and international community to try our new training restaurant when you are in HCM city Vietnam," said Benjamin Lee, ACWP's Chairman. "Bloom Restaurant will make its debut as the second ACWP training restaurant which we hope, will be our signature training program throughout other cities in Vietnam. Our plan for the new training restaurant is to create a supportive, professional, and fast-paced learning environment while providing scholarships for disadvantaged youths or teaching opportunities for graduates. "Benjamin Lee continued, "Upon completion from ACWP's culinary arts program, we hope to place graduates in three or four-stars hospitality-related facilities.

This training restaurant will provide many opportunities for these disadvantaged young adults to break the cycle of poverty, earn marketable skills, and be self-reliant. BLOOM SAIGON and ACWP Vocational Training Facility was a dream that came true for ACWP's constituents - thank you for believing."

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Corrective Surgery Program:



In 2014 -100 children have been helped with surgery. As of today, ACWP has sponsored surgery and rehabilitation for totally over 3000 children in the surrounding areas of Central and South Vietnam

- Mobile Clinic and Vaccination Programs:



Each year more than 10,000 adults and children have been given free medical exam, medication or vaccines to combat health problems such as hepatitis, respiratory failure, skin disease, and nerve system problems. During summer 2014, ACWP expanded our mobile health program to serve poor children and elders in

provinces of South Vietnam such as Vinh Long, Dong Nai, Dong Thap in collaboration with volunteering doctors, dentists, nurses, and pharmacists from Saigon and South Vietnam. These 12 mobile health trips also included

students from US such as VMO (volunteer Medical Outreach) members of UC Berkeley, UC Irvine California.

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- Saving Children in Crisis Program:



Provided funding for 100 at risk children to attend school at ACWP center in Svay Pak, Cambodia. Thank to A Child Unchained foundation has help this project.

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-Man Coi Shelter-



where ACWP help provide dinners for 60-80 street kids in the area around Binh Thanh, outskirt of Saigon. The children are orphans or from poor families who have to work on the streets to support their families. Their ages range from 5 to 15. They earn money by selling lotteries or collecting trash/recyclables. 20 scholarships have been given

to selected kids.

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