

Dear friends,

I'm very happy to share with you this new edition, with updates on the activities and projects Maison Chance has carried out in the first half of this year.

One highlight is the completion of our new kindergarten at the Maison Chance Center in the Central Highlands. We plan to welcome 50 disadvantaged children aged 1 to 5 once the required legal procedures are completed.

Alongside our work in Vietnam, I also had the opportunity to travel abroad, twice to Australia, and once to France and Switzerland. We held a wonderful event in Brisbane and another near Sydney. In Europe, I met with the members of Maison Chance France and Switzerland and had conversations in person with our sponsors about the progress of ongoing projects in Vietnam.



We also have some joyful news: Maison Chance Germany has just been founded, with its first event planned for the end of November.

In early July, the Vietnamese government announced an administrative reform aimed at simplifying procedures and reducing the number of provinces from 63 to 34. This change also affects our addresses: Maison Chance Dak Nong is now Maison Chance Lam Dong. Our updated contact details are as follows:

In Ho Chi Minh City

Maison Chance Representative Office Take Wing Center 19A Street No. 1, Quarter 67, Binh Hung Hoa Ward, Ho Chi Minh City

In the Central Highlands

Maison Chance Lam Dong Duc Lap Hamlet, Nam Da Commune, Lam Dong Province

I want to sincerely thank you for your continuous support and encouragement. If you are considering ways to contribute, I warmly invite you to join our sponsorship program. Even the smallest gesture can change the life of a child who is orphaned, living with disabilities, or facing hardship.

With warm regards, Tim





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orn in 2007, Y Luy, a M'Nong boy, lost both his parents at an early age. Since then, he has become a pillar of strength for his four younger siblings, growing up under the care of their elderly grandparents in a tattered house that barely shielded them from wind and rain.

Without access to school, Y Luy's early childhood was marked by hunger and responsibility, not laughter or learning. It was not until he came to Maison Chance that he first stepped into a classroom. Despite starting late, he never let that hold him back. With determination in his eyes, he embraced learning, knowing that education is the key to a better future for himself and his siblings.





And from the depths of hardship, something extraordinary began to bloom: four straight years as a top student. First Prize at the 2023 National Children's Art Exhibition. Gold and silver medals in district and provincial athletics and swimming competitions. These achievements were not born of privilege, but of resilience, determination, and a heart that longed for a different future.



NEW EMBROIDERY COURSE: SHARPENING SKILLS, CREATING OPPORTUNITIES



The Take Wing Center, one of our key vocational training centers, continues to innovate and enhance the quality of its programs, offering practical and empowering courses for people with disabilities. Recently, the center launched an advanced embroidery course designed not only to improve technical skills but also to build confidence and prepare learners for real job opportunities.



The course emphasizes hands-on practice, allowing trainees to refine their patience, attention to detail, and artistic sensibility through every stitch. Many have proudly crafted delicate handmade accessories such as embroidered hair clips and pins - beautiful creations that hold both artistic value and commercial potential.



These handcrafted items not only provide a meaningful source of income but also enrich the diversity of local handicrafts. Thanks to the dedication of our instructors, we remain committed to nurturing the talents of people with disabilities and supporting them on their path to a stable and fulfilling career.

FROM A SMALL DREAM TO A BIG FUTURE



Y Luy's siblings, also raised at Maison Chance, are kind, respectful, and eager to learn. Each of them is a seed growing in love, where dreams are no longer abandoned in the forest, but nurtured with every meal, every book, and every word of gentle guidance.

Today, Y Luy is in 5th grade, cared for at Maison Chance Lam Dong. We have been, and will continue to be, by his side on this journey of overcoming fate. Yet we know this path cannot be walked with one hand alone. To rewrite a destiny takes more than goodwill, it takes a community that listens and acts together.

Join hands with Maison Chance, so that children like Y Luy no longer have to grow up in loss and poverty.

Give children the childhood they deserve, the chance to dream, and the hope of reaching the future that awaits them.

BOCCIA A SPORT THAT LEAVES NO ONE BEHIND

Sports have always been an important part of daily life at Maison Chance. More than just promoting health and bringing joy, sports are a powerful source of motivation, they help build confidence, encourage interaction, and strengthen the bonds within our community. Alongside familiar activities like basketball, table tennis, and pickleball, our members recently discovered a new and inclusive sport: Boccia.



Boccia is a Paralympic sport that originated in Europe, designed specifically for people with severe physical disabilities, such as cerebral palsy or quadriplegia. The game is simple: players take turns throwing soft balls, trying to get them as close as possible to a target ball. It doesn't rely on physical strength but instead requires precision, patience, and strategic thinking.









At Maison Chance, Boccia has quickly captured the hearts of members who previously had few opportunities to take part in other sports. It doesn't require a large court or perfect throws, just a bit of open space and a few soft balls. Each game is filled with laughter and a renewed sense of energy, bringing more joy and positivity into our beneficiaries' daily lives.

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here are lessons that can be even more essential than academic knowledge, lessons that teach us how to survive, protect ourselves, and care for one another. Recognizing this, Maison Chance has introduced a series of risk prevention workshops tailored to our various beneficiary groups.

Workshop 1 Fire Safety for Shelter Residents













ne first workshop was designed for residents of the shelter, including people with disabilities and orphans. Participants learned to recognize early signs of fire, use firefighting equipment, follow safe evacuation procedures, and administer basic first aid.

They were divided into small groups to work on practical case scenarios in a dynamic and interactive setting. The workshop concluded with a full-scale simulation, giving everyone the chance to confidently put their knowledge into practice.



Workshop 2 Injury Prevention Education for Village Chance Students

njury-related accidents remain one of the leading causes of death among children in Vietnam. That's why equipping young learners with essential safety knowledge is more urgent than

In this workshop, students explored common risks, such as falls, burns, choking, and drowning, through interactive activities like games, role-playing, and scenario-based simulations. Thanks to this engaging and hands-on approach, the children quickly absorbed the information, enjoyed the learning process, and felt confident applying what they learned in real-life situations.

The workshop not only taught students how to protect themselves but also sparked a sense of responsibility, encouraging them to stay alert and support their friends in times of need.









Workshop 3 Fire Safety for People with Disabilities and Staff at Village Chance

his advanced workshop brought together adult residents with disabilities and staff members for more in-depth, team-based training. Unlike the first workshop, the focus here was on coordinated emergency response. Participants with disabilities learned how to signal for help and take protective measures, while staff were trained in safe and efficient evacuation techniques. The workshop was a valuable opportunity to strengthen teamwork, sharpen reflexes, and develop a practical emergency support model tailored to the needs of the community.









workshops

shared mission

to raise awareness, equip individuals with life-saving skills, and reinforce our collective commitment to community safety.

With each workshop, Maison Chance takes another step toward building a safe, proactive, and compassionate living environment, where everyone, regardless of age or ability, is empowered to protect themselves and care for others.





"Every child carries a story that deserves to be heard."

In a quiet corner of bustling Saigon, there is a place where pain is not forgotten, but embraced with love and compassion. At Maison Chance, we continue to open our arms to welcome new little souls, children who have already endured more than most in their young lives.



Nguyen Tran Dai Nghia (Born 2018)

The youngest member of the Maison Chance family, Nghia was referred to us by the Department of Labor, Invalids and Social Affairs after his mother was arrested for theft and abandoned him at a pagoda. Despite his tender age, Nghia has quickly adapted to life here. He is about to enter first grade and often joins his older "siblings" in circus training sessions.







Hung was once a healthy, energetic boy with a passion for football. But in 2023, tragedy struck, he suffered a seizure during a game, resulting in a brain hemorrhage and paralysis on his left side. With limited means, his family turned to Maison Chance to ensure he could continue his education. Now preparing for seventh grade, Hung can walk unaided, though his left hand has lost mobility. Despite this, he remains kind, obedient, and always eager to help others in any way he can.





Linh's mother left when she was very young, and she never knew her father. Her beloved uncle, the only family she truly felt close to, passed away from kidney failure. Left alone in a rented room, she survived thanks to the kindness of neighbors until the Supporting Community Development Initiatives (SCDI) connected her with Maison Chance. Now in seventh grade, Linh has found a new rhythm of life and joyfully joins the other children for weekly circus training.



Quynh, too, carries deep emotional scars. Her father was involved in drugs, and both her mother and stepfather were later arrested. With no one left to care for her, the local authorities brought her to Maison Chance. She is currently receiving tutoring at home to prepare for first grade. Though timid and soft-spoken, her bright eyes light up whenever she joins her peers for circus class.





our faces, four painful pasts, but also four rays of hope. We cannot erase the losses they've endured, but we can walk beside them as they begin again, helping them rewrite their stories with gentler, warmer colors.

With the care of a compassionate community and the embrace of open arms, we believe these children will grow up surrounded by love. Step by step, they will heal old wounds and open their hearts to a brighter future.

Every child is a tiny seed, and Maison Chance is the fertile soil, where they are nurtured with kindness, strengthened by trust, and guided by a light of hope that never fades.



estled in the sun-drenched highlands, Lam Dong is known not only for its majestic waterfalls and winding mountain roads, but also for the way it touches the hearts of travelers through the warmth and sincerity of its people. Amidst this peaceful natural setting, Maison Chance Lam Dong stands out as a uniquely special destination. Far from a lavish resort, it is a community-based tourism model with a social purpose - a place where you can set aside life's burdens, slow down, and rediscover joy in life's simplest moments.



Our guestrooms are thoughtfully designed to suit a variety of needs - from private, cozy rooms for individuals or families to a traditional *Nha Dai* (Long House) showcasing the rich Ede culture. With space for about 50 guests, it is open, welcoming, and fully accessible for people with disabilities, creating the warm feeling of a small village ready to embrace you like home.

t the Maison Chance restaurant, guests can savor flavorful dishes inspired by the Central Highlands, prepared with fresh, homegrown ingredients - clean, wholesome, and lovingly cooked by our own beneficiaries. As night falls, the open-air garden comes alive with intimate music nights - a true gift for the soul. No grand stage, no dazzling lights - just raw melodies, heartfelt vocals, and the soft glow of lanterns swaying gently in the breeze. In the stillness of the mountains, music flows like a whisper, inviting you to let go of your worries and allow your heart to rest.



hat makes Maison Chance truly special is its spirit of connection. Here, you're not just a visitor - you become part of something. You don't simply "see" - you live along-side others, share experiences, and contribute planting vegetables, fishing, caring for animals, or simply laughing and playing with the highland children. These daily community activities are the invisible threads that tie everyone together - where smiles speak louder than words and barriers quietly fade.





A journey to Lam Dong - in the area formerly known as Dak Nong - would not be complete without visiting its iconic natural wonders, such as the Dray Nur and Dray Sap waterfalls. Located just a few kilometers from Maison Chance, these majestic falls captivate with their untouched beauty. Cascading white water crashes down ancient rock formations, echoing through the forest like the call of the wild. Nature here hasn't been polished for show - it remains raw, authentic, and deeply enchanting.





Whether you're an adventurer, a weary soul in need of rest, or someone yearning for a meaningful exchange with a community - Maison Chance Lam Dong is always open. Without fanfare or flashy invitations, this place welcomes you with quiet warmth and kindness. And you may just leave with more than you expected: a renewed heart, and a treasured memory to carry with you on your journey through life.

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fter nearly three years of trial cultivation and care under the guidance of French expert Bertrand Côme, the vanilla garden at Maison Chance in Lam Dong is thriving overall. In March, 35 of the initial 413 vines began to bloom, and now the first vanilla pods have appeared.

However, challenges have arisen. Some vines were affected by anthracnose, a disease caused by the fungus *Colletotrichum*, which attacks the leaves, stems, flowers, buds, and fruit, causing them to rot. This was something neither the team nor expert Bertrand had anticipated, partly because vanilla cultivation in Vietnam is still in its early stages, with only limited proven success despite many bold investments.



To address the issue and ensure healthy growth in the next stage, Maison Chance has taken the lead in upgrading the garden with a greenhouse system. This protects the vines from heavy monsoon rains and fungal diseases, helping them grow, flower, and bear fruit.



The enclosed environment of the greenhouse also limits pest and insect intrusion, significantly reducing the need for chemical pesticides compared to common agricultural practices in the region. From late November, during the hot, dry season, the greenhouse side panels will be rolled up to lower the temperature, while the top netting will remain to protect the vines from direct sunlight. This controlled environment allows the vanilla to thrive safely, meeting green, clean, and high-quality agricultural standards.

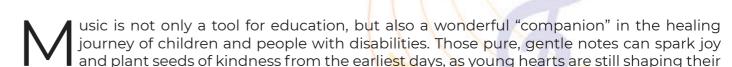
The greenhouse system not only improves yield but also ensures even vine growth and is environmentally friendly.

With the introduction of this model into vanilla cultivation, we hope to achieve promising results in the near future.

We look forward to sharing with you the finished products from Maison Chance's very first vanilla harvest!







With a deep love for music, Ms. Tim has cherished this passion since childhood, inspired by the melodies of her late father, journalist and songwriter Laurent Rebeaud. That is why, from the very first days of Maison Chance, she made music an essential part of the educational programs - helping beneficiaries find joy and offering them moments to truly live within the world of music.

In August 2024, the Music House officially came to life within the grounds of Maison Chance in Lam Dong - a peaceful haven nestled in the Central Highlands. Here, children are introduced to a variety of instruments such as guitar, organ, bass guitar, and drums. The class is guided by four dedicated teachers, each specializing in a different instrument, ensuring students receive both solid technical training and the inspiration to nurture their love for music.



Beyond learning theory and singing, the children also enjoy evening practice sessions to refine their performance skills. The results of their hard work shone brightly during their very first ensemble performance at the 2025 End-of-School-Year Ceremony - where they confidently performed before hundreds of spectators.



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Music is more than just a subject. It is a doorway to a new world - where every child can freely express their passion and shine.

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NEW AGRICULTURAL PROCESSING ROOM AT MAISON CHANCE LAM DONG

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he Agricultural Processing Room at Maison Chance Lam Dong was created with a clear mission: to provide job opportunities and foster skill development for residents, trainees, and people with disabilities under our care. It is an integral part of Maison Chance's compassionate journey - a small but purposeful space dedicated to helping the less fortunate integrate into society through meaningful, dignified work.



Rather than focusing on profit, the Agricultural Processing Room is driven by humanitarian and charitable values. Every item produced here is the result of dedication and care, carrying with it a story of resilience, hope, and the determination to overcome life's challenges.

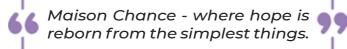
urrently, the room specializes in high-quality, natural, handcrafted products such as roasted cashew nuts, ground and roasted coffee, lemongrass essential oil, and roasted black pepper. Each product is made using professional processes and specialized equipment for its type - from coffee roasters and grinders to cashew shellers, pepper roasters, lemongrass distillers, and electric dryers. To ensure freshness and quality, packaging is completed with vacuum sealers and heat sealers.

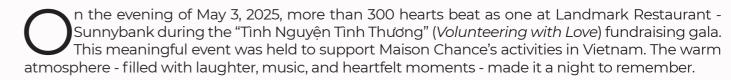






Every product is a testament to honest labor - a vessel of love and sharing. By choosing products from the Agricultural Processing Room, you are not just making a purchase - you are joining this compassionate journey, helping to uplift lives and create brighter, more complete futures for those who need it most.





With careful preparation and a spirit of generosity, the event quickly sold out, raising a remarkable amount in donations - a testament to the power of compassion and community spirit in Brisbane.

A Night of Glamour, Rich in Humanity

Guests arrived in elegant attire, with many proudly wearing áo dài, the traditional Vietnamese dress, in line with the event's suggested dress code. The night featured a dazzling lineup of performers and presenters, including renowned MCs Hoang Tan and Trang Yen, singers Ai Vi, Hoa Trinh, Zen Tran, Thu Thuy, and Hong Hai, as well as special guest Cong Toan. A highlight of the evening was the presence of Tim Aline Rebeaud, the Swiss founder of Maison Chance, whose emotional speech moved the audience and reminded everyone of the mission at the heart of the gala.





The Moonflower Band added to the warm, inclusive atmosphere with heartfelt performances. Alongside the music, the event also featured auctions, raffles, and donation appeals - with all proceeds going directly to support Maison Chance's programs in Vietnam.

Gratitude to Our Generous Supporters

he event was made possible thanks to the generous sponsorship of local businesses including Pho Vietnamese Kitchen, Mai Dang - Ray White Forest Lake, and our main sponsor, Pork Roll Banh Mi, whose contributions played a key role in the gala's success.

Event coordinator Sara Hui shared: "We are overwhelmed by the incredible support tonight. It's beautiful to see our community come together not just for a night of entertainment, but to uplift lives across the globe."



As the final notes of music faded and the last toasts were made, one thing was clear - Brisbane had not just hosted a charity event, but become part of a global movement of love, opportunity, and hope.

