

## OPENING OF THE SOCIAL CENTER IN DAK NONG







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*Dear Friends of Maison Chance,*

*The year 2019 has just ended, and it has been a memorable year for Maison Chance thanks to the completion of the Maison Chance Social Center in Dak Nong Province.*

*This project grew out of the need to cater for the most disabled and aging beneficiaries who do not manage to reintegrate sociably. In parallel, the new center also takes care of children with multiple disabilities, orphans and poor children of ethnic minorities from the province.*

*The project started in 2012, and 7 years later, a beautiful center emerged, comprising nearly 30 buildings and infrastructures erected on a 27,000 square meters field. Its opening was celebrated on 14th December 2019. The investment cost of construction and equipment of this center is about 2,100,000 USD. During August 2019, we have welcomed 45 new beneficiaries, adding to the 120 children who arrived one year before.*

*For the year 2019, the functioning cost of the 3 centers in Saigon and the center in Dak Nong is more than 800,000 USD. In 2020 we will welcome 20 additional beneficiaries in Dak Nong. Vocational training workshops will also be implemented. The budget for 2020 will increase to more than 900,000 USD. Every year myself and my team work incessantly to try to raise this money and it's work that is never ending. We constantly run low on funds and it's only thanks to the kind generosity of people like yourself that keeps Maison Chance afloat and allows us to bless the underprivileged people of Vietnam.*

*On behalf of all Maison Chance beneficiaries, I would like to express you my most sincere and heartfelt thanks and wish you all the very best for this new year full of joy, health, happiness, chance and success, at all levels.*




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The Maison Chance Social Center in Dak Nong has been officially inaugurated on Saturday, 14th of December 2019 with the participation of many donators and also the authorities of Dak Nong province.



The event, to which organisations and companies like Kind Heart Foundation (Vingroup), Hoa Binh Construction Group, Hoa Sen Group, Phuc Sinh, Bitex, Bonne Etoile, Vietnamese Union of Friendship Organizations in Ho Chi Minh City, Maison Chance Suisse, the General Consulate of Switzerland in Ho Chi Minh City took part, unfolded in a warm and friendly atmosphere.



Furthermore, parents of pupils, beneficiaries and staff members of Maison Chance were present.



The Master of Ceremonies Phan Anh shared how pleased he was to attend the opening as anchor alongside the actor and singer Quy Binh. Having given their faithful support by hosting many events of Maison Chance in the past, the two celebrities did not hide their enthusiasm to take part this time, in the inauguration of the Maison Chance Social Center in Dak Nong.





## REPORT ON DAK NONG

On behalf of Maison Chance, Tim has expressed her sincere gratitude towards the donators for their endless support aimed at disadvantaged children and handicapped people of Dak Nong, one of the poorest regions of Vietnam. With a moving voice, she has also told her encounter with Thanh back in 1993, her first child, who was at the time, frantically fighting against illness. Now, Thanh is in good health and lives in the new Social Center in Dak Nong.

The atmosphere was then animated by the unicorn dance. Portraying an important ritual in the tradition of Asian cultures, the dance is performed on special occasions such as New Year, Mid-Autumn Festival, inaugurations... to bring luck, prosperity and happiness to those who call upon its services.

After the ceremony of opening, the guests visited the rooms of children, the classrooms, the gardens and the medical rooms... They have also taken some time to speak with the children and people with reduced mobility to gain insight on their life at the center.



## REPORT ON DAK NONG



Currently, the Maison Chance Social Center in Dak Nong welcomes 165 beneficiaries, of which the majority are children from ethnic minorities families with disadvantaged backgrounds and children with physical and/or mental handicap. In the future, the new center of Maison Chance, with a capacity to welcome 250 persons, will keep opening its doors for the underprivileged people in order to help them have a brighter future.

Maison Chance would like to express its most warm and sincere gratitude towards all organizations, companies and individual donators that helped us to achieve this milestone.

Maison Chance needs this precious support to ensure a better quality of life to the less fortunate in Vietnam.

We sincerely hope that we will keep benefiting from your full support to reach our targets and goals. From the bottom of our hearts, thank you very much!



# A PANORAMIC VIEW OF THE SOCIAL CENTER





## MAISON CHANCE GALA DINNERS ORGANIZED ABROAD LATE 2019

In 2019, Tim traveled many times in order to raise money to fund our projects in Vietnam. Plenty of events have taken place in Australia, Canada and the United States. Auctions of paintings made by disabled people of Maison Chance have received a warm reception. Hand-crafted products manufactured by our beneficiaries have also been exhibited and successfully sold. At every event, Tim's book called "Lucky House – A future for the Less Lucky" was available in three languages. Tim has signed these books to an enthusiastic public.

Unity makes strength! From donations of 10 or 20 dollars, Maison Chance has raised a sum that can cover the expenses of our four centers for three modest months.



### Seattle

The event in Seattle has taken place with the presence of the master of ceremonies Ky Duyen, as well as the singers Khanh Ha, Luu Bich, Le Thu Nguyen and others local artists. 60 000 USD have been raised during this evening of stars. Thank you to My Linh, Quang, Gary Ly, Thom & Quan, Nhung Le, Hana, Dominic Bao! Thanks to their devoted work, the event was unforgettable.

### Brisbane

The city of Brisbane has hosted two fundraising dinners for Maison Chance, one in the restaurant 7 Palace, the other in the restaurant Lutece.

At the end of these evenings, 39 900 AUD has been successfully raised for Maison Chance. A big thank you to the doctors Philip Lam and Oswaldo Ortiz, Cong Danh, Sara Hui Cheng, Duc Le, the famous chef Lien Yeomans and many other great people.



### Vancouver

The evening turned out to be successful with more than 400 participants and 50 000 CAD raised. Thanks to the support of both artists, Ky Duyen and Le Thu Nguyen, as well as Cindy Cao, Tam Do, Vu Le, Loan Nguyen, Khoi Nguyen and Bateau Hua that this wonderful event could take place.



### Toronto

More than 400 participants have attended the event at the Pearson Convention Center. The organization committee of Maison Chance Toronto has immortalized this evening with Tim. 50 000 CAD have been raised.



### Montreal

Three fundraising evenings have taken place in Montreal. The first and second event in the restaurant Robin Des Bois et and the third in the restaurant Phuong Thao.

These events could be held thanks to the precious support of Pierre Normandeau, Jean Pierre Desrosiers, Hien Minh Nguyen and her family.

The total amount of the three evenings is 120 000 CAD.

Bravo Quebec !







*The nature reserve Dray Sap - Dray Nur - Gia Long, known for its splendid waterfalls*



*Canadian visitors take care of the garden*

# SOLIDARITY TOURISM AT MAISON CHANCE DAK NONG

The Maison Chance Social Center in Dak Nong is the fourth unit of Maison Chance established in favor of disabled people, orphans, and unprivileged children who receive accommodation, medical care, primary education and vocational education freely. Located about 350 km north of Ho Chi Minh City, the center is served by buses and an airport 44 km away from the center. The climate in Dak Nong Province is mild thanks to its average altitude being 600m above the sea level. The province is also well known for its

waterfalls, nature reserves and cultural diversity thanks to the ethnic minorities inhabiting the region. As a matter of fact, the center is next to Dray Sap - Dray Nur - Gia Long, a nature reserve famous for its impressive waterfalls. These assets enable Maison Chance to offer its tourism services. Since its opening in 2018, the Social Center has welcomed visitors who come to experience the life in the center and to visit the beneficiaries. They can be housed in our guesthouses that have a capacity to receive 44 people.



In addition, all infrastructures and equipment are adapted for people with disabilities. The restaurant offers traditional Asian and Western cuisine and the outdoor swimming pool can be enjoyed by our guests and beneficiaries.

During their stay, visitors can interact with the pupils and disabled people of the center. Furthermore, they can take part in our daily life activities such as planting fruit trees and taking care of the organic farm and animals.





Our center is surrounded by the most stunning nature and guests can enjoy several activities nearby. These activities include - visiting the stunning waterfalls, taking a bath with elephants, biking, kayaking or taking a basket boat (traditional Vietnamese boat) on the river. We are sure that your time here will be unforgettable.

Our tours are suitable for both individuals and groups. One of the benefits of being a visitor is that it allows you to have a better understanding of the beneficiaries' life and to be more aware of the volunteering values within the community. Beneficiaries also benefit by having guests here as they get to interact with visitors which helps them with their social intergration.

What is most important is that 100% of the profits made with our tour service, will go back



towards taking care of our beneficiaries. So we encourage you to come holiday with us at Maison Chance Dak Nong and make a big difference to their lives of our beneficiaries.

Please feel free to contact us for any further information or to book a personalised stay.

Visitors can contact us in advance to receive further necessary information or to book a personalised stay at our center.

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