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Village Chance members benefit from benefactor-sponsored necessities.



Tim, disabled beneficiaries and orphans.

TIM ALINE REBEAUD

Founder and Director of Maison Chance

Dear friends of Maison Chance

I hope you're doing well and that the pandemic situation in your region is improving.

Since the global pandemic crisis began, the situation in Vietnam was relatively stable. The situation, however, has quickly deteriorated during the last three months. The outbreak is extremely stressful, particularly in Saigon, where reportedly new infections are rapidly increasing every day, hospitals are overburdened, medical equipment is in short supply. The government has issued a directive prohibiting travel to other localities unless for valid reasons. Those who leave without permission will be fined heavily; everyone must remain at home, and some places are under lockdown.

There is a severe food shortage. Convenience stores and supermarkets are allowed to open, but supplies are few, and some people must eat instant noodles for their meals. Prices have increased tenfold due to insufficient supplies of vegetables, meat, and fish. Taxis are restricted from operating, as are interprovincial passenger coach and bus services, leaving the streets desolate and cold. The only thing that breaks the dreadful silence that has descended upon the city, which is always regarded as the busiest and loudest in the country, is the sight of ambulances constantly driving with their sirens blaring.

Beneficiaries of Maison Chance are likewise suffering greatly. They've been confined to the shelter and are running out of food. Moreover, because of the increasing number of people reported to be infected with Covid-19, some nearby roads and neighborhoods were blocked.

As Vietnam has been closed to foreign travel for more than a year and a half, I am unable to hold fundraising events anywhere, including in Vietnam, due to restrictions forbidding gatherings of more than three people. Maison Chance has yet to welcome a single tourist or visitor, and the fund for activities is quickly depleting. The Delta variant has been reported in Vietnam and over 124 countries throughout the world, with a spread many times greater than other variants, instilling greater fear in the minds of everyone.

As a result, I appeal for your help. We need your help more than ever to get through this increasingly challenging moment.




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COLLECTIVE SPONSORSHIP PROGRAM AFTER ONE YEAR OF IMPLEMENTATION

The Collective Sponsorship Program implemented by Maison Chance in September 2020 has completed its first school year. Stemming from the desire to connect disadvantaged but diligent students with benefactors who want to contribute to the goal of cultivating human values, Maison Chance established this initiative for 10 primary classes at the centers in HCMC and Dak Nong Province.

Nine out of ten classes were sponsored in the first school year, with a total of 266 pupils (out of 313 primary school pupils, equivalent to 85% of the program). Maison Chance achieved a very happy and promising result, reflecting the faith and commitment of both domestic and international benefactors.

This also reveals an increasing level of compassion and kindness for the Maison Chance students. Their lives have been quite trying. Many children in extremely difficult circumstances face the risk of dropping out of school in the middle of their studies to work as hired workers, exposing themselves to a slew of other problems.

However, because of the sponsors' warm-heartedness and generosity, children have been able to continue attending school even amid the most stressful pandemic response circumstances, which has resulted in many of their parents' manual labor jobs being lost.

Even though 85% of the students were sponsored, all of them were well-cared for. Children were neither sad nor upset by the lack of sponsorship.

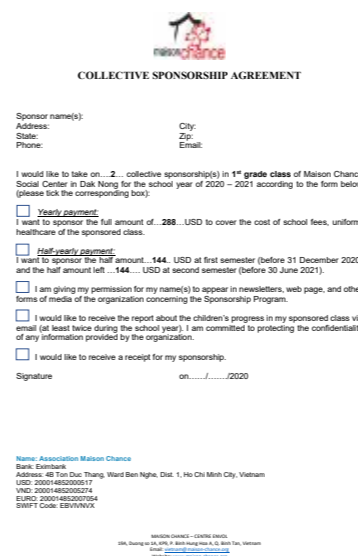


This is an advantage of the Collective Sponsorship Program. Sponsors will also feel more at ease knowing that, despite the fact that their sponsorship capacity is limited, and they can only commit to one or two sponsorships, their love will be shared equally among all students.

As the new school year approaches, Maison Chance expects more sponsors to join the 2nd year of the Collective Sponsorship program. Since the pandemic response continues to have such a severe impact on socio-economic activities, community support is extremely important and needed.

THREE STAGES IN THE COLLECTIVE SPONSORSHIP PROGRAM

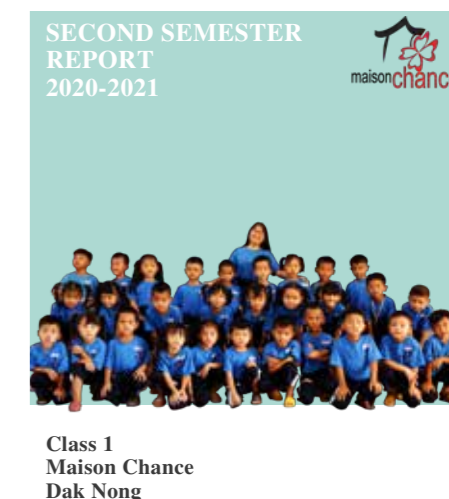
Step 1:
Signing the agreement



Step 2
Overview of the sponsored class



Step 3
One or two semester reports



THE GROUND FLOOR RAISING PROJECT



The ground floor raising project at the Take Wing Center began in early May 2021 in order to fully solve the frequent and substantial flooding that was affecting daily activities at the Center as well as posing considerable mobility challenges for wheelchair users.

In order for the raising to be both effective and convenient for wheelchair users, while not disrupting the existing architecture, Maison Chance with the consulting firm and contractor reviewed the current situation, discussed carefully, and finally agreed that the ground floor of the Center will be raised 42cm compared to the old height, 15cm higher than the yard and approximately 40cm higher than the current road surface.

To obtain the optimum drainage efficiency, renovating the system of manholes and sewage pipes is an essential part of this project. As a result, we installed a new drainage system with large pipes and enhanced the manhole system, allowing rainwater or wastewater to flow easily and efficiently from the shared sewage system.

Hoa Binh Construction Group Joint Stock Company received the contract for this renovation project. Hoa Binh Company is one of Vietnam's leading contractors with a team of qualified and professional workers, and the project will be under the strict supervision of the Company's Chief Supervisor and the Center's Maintenance team, so there's no need to be concerned about the quality of the work. Maison Chance proposed to reduce the price to save cost, and Hoa Binh Company agreed to sign the contract at the lowest available price.



Maison Chance also benefited from the company's assistance in receiving discounts from building material suppliers. Furthermore, Hoa Binh Company assists with waterproofing, anti-leakage, and roof damage restoration.

In addition, we also contacted Y My Company in Tam Phuoc Industrial Park in Bien Hoa City of Dong Nai Province to obtain wall tiles at the company's wholesale price. Furthermore, during the raising of the ground floor, other projects including painting the walls of the ground floor, relocation and installation of special equipment in the rooms, and dental chairs, relocating the kitchen wall-mounted wooden cabinet, modifying the smoke extraction system, and other tasks will be performed by the Maintenance - Repair department staff to save as much cost as possible during this challenging pandemic period.

The raising of the ground floor has now reached the end of its process. Once the project is completed, it will make it easier for the Center's activities as well as those with disabilities to move around.



SURGERY OF THANH



My name is Luu, and I work as a medical assistant at Maison Chance Dak Nong. I've been here for almost three years. My job is to keep track of and care for the health of the disabled members, as well as to assist them with physical therapy. One of those members is Tran Van Thanh. He was the first beneficiary to be fostered by Ms. Tim. As a child with numerous terminal illnesses and approaching death, he was taken care of and brought to the hospital for treatment by Ms. Tim. After treatment lasting more than three months, he miraculously recovered.

Twenty-eight years after being discharged from the hospital, Thanh still needs to take cardiovascular medicines every day to keep his health stable. Unfortunately, recently his health suddenly deteriorated due to attacks of persistent cough, shortness of breath, and severe pain in the chest.

On May 1, 2021, he was transferred to the Heart Institute of Ho Chi Minh City for treatment. Upon medical examination and consultation, the doctors said that he had severe mitral and tricuspid regurgitation, tricuspid stenosis, to the stage where the drug no longer functioned properly, necessitating surgery to repair and replace the heart valve. In addition, he also suffered from heart failure, atrial fibrillation, and pulmonary hypertension due to complications.

To stabilize his health before surgery, the doctors indicated that a relative should stay in the hospital to take care of him. I'm that relative, assisting him with meals, medication, and personal hygiene. After a week, he was able to walk and care for himself, including personal hygiene. He began pacing the room constantly unless he was sleeping. When I told the other patients about his circumstance, they were all sympathetic.

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They started to like him and became more friendly. They called him "baby Thanh" and often offered him a variety of snacks. He was thrilled, and he made an effort to thank everyone.

One day, as usual, the doctor examined him and said that his health had improved and that the family should prepare for his surgery. It was estimated that the surgery would cost more than VND150 million. Ms. Tim and Maison Chance had to seek the aid of both local and international philanthropists to save his life. Fortunately, the funds received were sufficient to support the cost of the surgery after more than a week of appeals.

On the morning of May 28, 2021, Thanh was wheeled into the operation room. The surgery went well. He was then transferred to the intensive care unit to be monitored. Three days later, he was admitted to the Surgery



Department. On the first day, because the incision was so painful, he couldn't talk. He felt better the next day, was able to greet everyone, and began walking back and forth. Thanks to that personality trait, he was able to exercise and heal more quickly. After only four days of treatment at the ward, he was discharged from the hospital, before any other patients who had surgery at the same time. Before we left, the doctor warned us that because he had installed the mechanical valve, he would have to be re-examined and take anticoagulants for the rest of his life to avoid blood clots on the valve which could block the valve. He'll also have to give up smoking.

Currently, his heart has a small amount of pericardial effusion, and the doctor needs to adjust the dose of anticoagulants suitably, so he is temporarily staying at Maison Chance Saigon for the convenience of re-examination. We'll go back to Dak Nong after his health is fully stable and the follow-up period is extended. He always told me "I thank the people who love me, and give me money to help me. And I have always felt guilty with Ms. Tim. I make mistakes and say sorry all the time, I'm so embarrassed." I, like the rest of the Maison Chance family, hope he stays well and improves every day.



To create a place to connect locals and tourists with the Maison Chance center in Dak Nong, allowing people to better understand the meaningful activities taking place here, a Maison Chance restaurant has been opened.

The Maison Chance restaurant offers a considerably more elegant and professional space than other restaurants in the vicinity. The restaurant's design was inspired by the Central Highlands culture, with stilt homes and cool thatched roofs that blend perfectly with the surrounding mountain scenery.

As a result, there's a good chance of attracting a large number of people. After careful preparations, the Maison Chance restaurant was opened on May 14, 2021, welcoming the first visitors to enjoy delectable meals before visiting the center. On the evening of the opening day, there were several reception issues because the number of local customers who came to support the restaurant was greater than the restaurant's service capacity. This was, however, a good sign, as it showed that the locals are really interested. Also, although this was not their area of specialty, the staff was highly united and supportive during peak restaurant hours, which is to be commended.



The restaurant offers an attractive atmosphere and service that follows high standards from drinks to food. The drink menu is extensive, offering a variety of natural fresh fruit juices from the Central Highlands. The menu contains more than 50 tasty and appealing European-Asian meals, including dried fish and bitter eggplant salad, braised Hemibagrus hot pot (a Central Highlands delicacy), and featured Asian dishes, such as Sichuan spicy chicken hot pot. All of these dishes are prepared by Chef Nguyen Hoang Thuong, who was fostered by Maison Chance and sent to KOTO vocational training center to earn an Australian culinary certificate before working at high-end hotels and restaurants in HCMC.

The restaurant is now a destination for locals to socialize, have fun, and relax, thanks to its professionalism and attentiveness, as well as exquisite food and drinks. Moreover, as the situation with the pandemic restrictions improves, Maison Chance aims to welcome more tourists and visitors from near and far to enjoy and learn about the Maison Chance center in Dak Nong.

Currently, due to the complicated circumstances created by the government guidelines concerning the Covid-19 outbreak, travel and gatherings rules have become highly strict, and people have begun to limit their mobility in efforts to combat the virus. As a result, the restaurant now offers a home delivery service for customers in need in the neighborhood, allowing them to enjoy the restaurant's exquisite food while remaining healthy at home.



AGRICULTURE DEPARTMENT



Maison Chance center in Dak Nong Province, a social protection center in a rural area, expects to develop agriculture with the initial goal of offering daily meals with fresh, green, clean, and nutritious vegetables to maintain the health of the Center’s members and staff. The items will be sold to collect funds for other meaningful activities at the Center once the shared kitchen has enough supplies.

The farm also involves a model for raising livestock, including chickens, ducks, rabbits, goats, and, most importantly, horses. Horses are helpful animals that contribute significantly to the Center’s rehabilitation programs for children with physical and intellectual disabilities.

Furthermore, it is impossible to overlook the staff at the Maison Chance Dak Nong who are always dedicated to their work in the agricultural sector to ensure the cultivation and care of agriculture.



Nguyen Thi Hong Loan
Born in 1990
The department head

Married and the mother of a 6-year-old daughter. Terrific sense of humor yet can be serious sometimes. Enthusiastic about the job and expecting to remain at Maison Chance for a long time to help unfortunate people.



Tran Van Ninh
The father of two daughters.

Sociable and joyful with everyone, he loves his job and wants to stay with Maison Chance for a long time



Nguyen Thi Ngoan
Born in 1977
Plant and livestock care

With a straightforward and gentle personality and love for animals, she enjoys her job and wishes to have a long-term relationship with Maison Chance to look after the family.



Ho Ngoc Du
Born in 1990
Horse care specialist

A vegetarian and having a strong affinity for animals, he avoids killing them. He aspires to devote his life to studying Buddhism and believes that marriage is pre-determined.



Ho Thi Hiep
Born in 1979
Vegetable and fruit tree care

Her family has 2 boys and 2 girls. Straightforward, and enjoys a good chat. She hopes for good health to work well and care for loved ones.



Since the beginning of July, the Village Chance and Shelter beneficiaries received a large number of fruits and vegetables thanks to the generosity of sponsors.



In addition, rice, instant noodles, cooking oil, and seasonings are offered. Thanks to the generosity and assistance of the sponsors, everyone is happy and warm.





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