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**30 YEARS  
OF COMPASSION JOURNEY**

**TAKE WING AWARD  
RISING ABOVE ADVERSITY**





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Founder and director of Maison Chance

Dear Friends,

As we welcome the New Year 2025, I wish you abundant health, happiness, good fortune, and success in all your endeavors.

I am delighted to share with you the latest Maison Chance Newsletter, featuring updates on our new projects, ongoing programs, and heartwarming stories from the second half of 2024.

This year, we achieved significant milestones at Maison Chance Dak Nong, completing three major projects: a music room, an agricultural processing facility, an IT room, and a multisensory room for members with intellectual disabilities. We also began constructing a new kindergarten.

In the music room, children are excitedly exploring a variety of instruments. After familiarizing themselves with guitars, bass guitars, keyboards, and drums, they can choose an instrument to focus on and attend music theory lessons three times a week.

The agricultural processing facility has started producing coffee, pepper, cashews, peanuts, dried fruits, and lemongrass essential oil. Members with intellectual disabilities actively participate in these production processes, gaining a sense of purpose and self-worth through their contributions. Adjacent to the facility is the new computer room, which replaces the previous one in the library. Outdated equipment has been upgraded with a new set of computers, allowing students from our special education classes to access tailored educational programs designed for individuals with intellectual disabilities. This innovative approach aims to further develop the skills of children with autism, developmental delays, and other cognitive challenges.

The construction of the kindergarten began on November 12, 2024, and is expected to be completed by March 2025. Once finished, it will provide care and education for approximately 50 children aged six months to five years, including orphans living at the center and children from local families.

From late 2023 to the end of 2024, we organized eight gala nights across six countries to celebrate Maison Chance's 30th anniversary. These events began in Ontario and Montreal, Canada, continued in Washington, D.C., USA, and concluded in Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam, as well as across Europe in France, Switzerland, Belgium, and finally, Hanoi, Vietnam. I want to take this opportunity to extend my heartfelt thanks to the organizing committees and all our friends for their enthusiastic support and companionship.

As you may know, Maison Chance has associations abroad, and maintaining their activities, especially with support solely from volunteers, presents an ongoing challenge.

While some volunteers remain long-term, others eventually move on, leaving us with the task of finding new representatives in those countries. This is no easy task, as it requires individuals who are dynamic, compassionate, and committed to helping others on a voluntary basis.

I am deeply grateful for the unwavering support of so many kind-hearted individuals. As we look ahead to 2025, I am hopeful that we will collaborate with even more people who share our passion for making a difference. Together, we can continue to elevate Maison Chance and bring hope to more lives in need.

From the bottom of my heart, thank you sincerely.  
Tim



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"I'm afraid I won't be able to go to school anymore," Uyen said softly, her words carrying a weight far beyond her seven tender years.

**C**hu Nha Uyen, born in 2017 and part of the Nung ethnic group, is the youngest of three sisters. Her family, trapped in poverty, owns no farmland to sustain themselves. Uyen's parents were forced to leave their hometown to find work, leaving the three young sisters behind in a crumbling wooden house under the care of their grandparents, both over 70 years old. From a young age, the sisters learned to fend for themselves, preparing their own meals and looking after one another.

In 2022, tragedy struck when Uyen's father took his own life, leaving behind emotional scars and financial burdens. To cover the funeral costs, Uyen's mother borrowed heavily and returned to a distant job, leaving her children with their aging grandparents.

For Uyen's family, poverty is a relentless cycle with no apparent escape. Each meal is a struggle, and even simple necessities like notebooks and pens have become unaffordable luxuries. Her education hangs by a thread, with her mother unable to continue supporting her schooling. Uyen's quiet fear of losing her chance to learn reflects the unspoken cry of countless underprivileged children whose dreams are eclipsed by the weight of poverty.

In response to these challenges, Maison Chance welcomed Uyen to its Dak Nong center. Here, she has found a nurturing environment where her needs are met, her pain eased, and her dreams given a chance to thrive.

At Maison Chance, we strive to be a beacon of hope for children like Uyen. No child should have their aspirations crushed by poverty or endure such hardship in their formative years. Together, with the compassion and support of our community, we can give children like Uyen the opportunity to not only continue their education but also reclaim the joy of childhood and build a brighter future.

**M**aison Chance's lemongrass essential oil is 100% organic, made from natural ingredients without any chemicals. This unique product stems from Tim's vision of crafting an organic, health-focused item. Her goal was not only to provide relaxation and wellness for consumers but also to create a sustainable source of income to improve the lives of disadvantaged individuals in the community. Additionally, this product serves as a bridge of compassion, offering meaningful jobs to people with disabilities at Maison Chance.

For just **250,000 VND per 10ml**, this versatile essential oil offers a wide range of benefits:




- **Relieve Stress and Relax:** Its soothing aroma helps alleviate fatigue, restoring energy and balance after a busy day.
- **Antibacterial and Air-Purifying:** Cleanses your living space, eliminates unpleasant odors, and promotes a fresh, safe environment to prevent respiratory issues.
- **Boost Focus and Alertness:** Enhances positive energy, helping you stay sharp and focused on work or study.
- **Improve Sleep Quality:** Promotes deep, restful sleep, so you wake up refreshed and ready to take on the day.
- **Repel Insects:** Keeps mosquitoes and other harmful insects at bay, protecting your loved ones naturally.

This essential oil is more than just a wellness product—it represents the resilience and dedication of the people with disabilities at Maison Chance. Despite the challenges they face, they work tirelessly to transform nature's gifts into something meaningful and valuable.

By purchasing a bottle of lemongrass essential oil, you're doing more than caring for your health. You're providing hope, opportunity, and a sense of purpose to individuals striving to overcome adversity.



**One product, two values: your health, their opportunity!**





## WHERE WILLPOWER SHINES

From December 3rd to 5th, the 2024 National Wheelchair Tennis and Pickleball Club Championship became a stage of dreams for 70 disabled athletes from across the country. Their emotional stories of perseverance and sportsmanship were on full display, inspiring everyone who witnessed the event.

The Maison Chance Sports Club delivered remarkable performances. Strong teamwork and unwavering determination propelled My Ngoc and Le Quyen to victory in the Pickleball championship and secured a second-place finish in the women's doubles tennis event. Other team members also showcased their dedication, earning a third-place finish in both the men's doubles and Pickleball mixed doubles categories. These achievements stand as a testament to months of rigorous training, hard work, and unbreakable unity.

This championship was more than just a competition—it was a journey of resilience, where athletes didn't merely strive to win but to overcome adversity, surpass their limitations, and break barriers. Their memorable feats go beyond medals, embodying a spirit that inspires all of us.

Though the tournament has concluded, the values, determination, and inspiration it fostered will continue to resonate like an enduring flame. Congratulations to all the athletes—true warriors on the path to realizing their dreams.



## SAIGON



This year, we are honored to introduce the inaugural Take Wing Award – a heartfelt initiative envisioned and sponsored by a dedicated benefactor. This award recognizes and celebrates the remarkable resilience and achievements of our members with disabilities. It will be presented twice a year, aligning with Vietnam's National Day for People with Disabilities (April 18) and the International Day of Persons with Disabilities (December 3). In its first year, we proudly celebrated two exceptional individuals from Dak Nong and Saigon.

**Tran Quang Tuan** contracted polio at the age of four, facing countless obstacles throughout his life. These challenges shaped an indomitable spirit and unwavering strength within him. When Tuan arrived at Maison Chance with only a second-grade education, he committed himself to learning English and embraced every opportunity for growth. Not only does he work diligently in the stone crafting workshop, but he has also become a reliable brother figure and friend, always ready to help and encourage those around him.

## DAK NONG

**Ha Thi Vuong**, despite suffering from multifocal motor neuropathy, faces daily struggles as her limbs gradually weaken. Yet, she has never allowed her condition to dampen her passion for sewing. At Maison Chance Dak Nong, even though she struggles with mobility and experiences frequent falls, giving up is simply not an option. Each careful step she takes and every stitch she sews testifies to her unyielding perseverance. Her work reflects meticulous craftsmanship and unwavering responsibility, complemented by a gentle and compassionate spirit that touches everyone around her.

The Take Wing Award is a testament to the extraordinary resilience of these two inspiring individuals, who have conquered not only physical pain but also their own limitations.

Their stories are not just a source of pride for Maison Chance, but serve as an inspiration, reminding us that while limitations may exist in the body, the strength of the human spirit is boundless. With determination and perseverance, we can all rise above challenges, reach new heights, and achieve the extraordinary.





## EVENT IN SAIGON

On September 21, 2024, Maison Chance organized a celebration at the Gem Center Convention Center in District 1 to commemorate 30 years of dedication to assisting in challenging situations. Despite the persistent afternoon rain, the event's atmosphere was bustling and warm, thanks to the presence of benefactors and volunteers. While some guests could not attend, they still sent their sincere congratulations to the organization.



Starting off the event were colorful musical, dance, and circus performances by our very own beneficiaries. Interspersed throughout the event were also quiet moments to introduce the stories of two characters who have been supported by Maison Chance. These individuals have overcome their difficulties and are now living fulfilling lives. The authentic images, shared stories, and messages of gratitude sent to Mama Tim from one of the characters moved many people to tears.



One of the most memorable moments of the evening was when Ms. Tim's painting, *Take Wings*, was unveiled on stage. The painting was created in 1989, before she embarked on her journey to Vietnam. The title of the painting symbolizes the strong bond between her and this country, where she has spent over 30 years dedicating herself to giving wings to many people to overcome their difficult lives, and to fly high.



The atmosphere of the program was heightened with suspense and excitement through lucky draw activities, bringing unexpected joy to many guests. As the event came to a close, each guest was presented with a charming gift bag adorned with Maison Chance's 30-year logo, as well as unique handmade products made by the beneficiaries.



Throughout the past three decades, Maison Chance has received support from friends, benefactors, and volunteers. These moments will be forever etched in our memory, inspiring Maison Chance to continue on the path of kindness in the coming years.

## EVENT IN HA NOI



In order to aid everyone in comprehending Maison Chance's actions, Mr. Thomas Gass brought all the paintings he bought from our disabled artists to sell as souvenirs to guests to help the organization's general fund.



To honor the dedication of Ms. Tim Aline Rebeaud, Swiss Ambassador Thomas Gass and his wife Nathalie Gass-Lussi hosted a meaningful meeting filled with heartfelt speeches and touching tributes, celebrating the 30th anniversary of the establishment of the non-profit organization Maison Chance on November 22nd in the capital city of Hanoi.

The intimate celebration also included special guests who were ambassadors of several countries, representatives of organizations, businessmen, and journalists interested in Maison Chance's activities. In a cosy and intimate setting, the Ambassador introduced Ms. Tim and Maison Chance to everyone. The space was lit up by the special performance of Mr. Do Xuan Nguyen and his 8-year-old daughter, Do Hoang Kim Ngan, members of Village Chance. Their love and extraordinary strength left everyone deeply touched.





**M**y name is Nguyen Hoang Thuong, and I am a member of Maison Chance. I was adopted by Mama Tim when I was only 8 years old. Last October, I had the incredible opportunity to work in Europe to celebrate Maison Chance's 30th anniversary. The celebration took place in France, Switzerland, and Belgium, making it a truly exciting trip.

*I am thrilled and honoured to have been selected by Mama Tim for this trip, as it was a wonderful experience that I will never forget. Coming from a poor area, I have now been given the opportunity to visit Europe, particularly Paris, which is the city I have always desired to visit. Upon my arrival, I had the opportunity to try out new things like riding the Metro subway, visiting the Eiffel Tower, and many other famous landmarks.*

*This trip provided me with the unique opportunity to share my story on stage with distinguished guests and benefactors, both before and after returning home. I was initially quite nervous, as it was my first time speaking on such a large stage about my story. However, I was able to overcome my insecurities and was delighted to receive a warm reception and empathy from everyone.*



### EVENTS IN FRANCE

**O**n October 3 2024, we departed from Vietnam to France, carrying 16 large and quite heavy paintings, as well as numerous handmade products from Maison Chance. The event was held at the Salle des Fêtes de La Mairie du XVI Paris on October 6. From early morning, members of Maison Chance France were busy making final preparations.

At precisely 2:00 p.m., the event officially commenced with the attendance of numerous benefactors, volunteers, and friends who have been supporting Maison Chance for the past three decades. Among them were also new individuals who expressed their desire to join hands in this journey of love. Mama Tim delivered an emotional speech about the organization's growth, accompanied by vivid footage that depicted the journey of overcoming challenges, and aspirations for the future, and also featured special performances.

The guests had a good time eating Parisian speciality cakes, conversing with Mama Tim, and admiring the handmade products made by disabled members at Maison Chance. The end of a meaningful day concluded with the successful auction of two paintings and made the joy even more complete.



### EVENTS IN SWITZERLAND

**O**n October 7, 2024, upon our arrival in Lausanne, we promptly contacted members of the organizing committee to continue our discussions and preparations for the event. On October 12, the team relocated from Lausanne City to Salle de spectacles de Chisaz Crissier to finalize our preparations. Throughout this process, the enthusiastic and dedicated support of association members and volunteers has made us feel the warmth and love that everyone has for the organization.



Before the event, guests were treated to a cosy dinner prepared with great care by the Maison Chance team. The dishes were bursting with traditional Vietnamese flavours. During the event, Ms. Tim shared her heartfelt reflections on Maison Chance's 30-year journey. She spoke about the challenges the organization has faced, but also her love and determination. She also discussed the organization's accomplishments and future plans, which she continues to nurture with love.



### EVENTS IN BELGIUM

On October 17, 2024, we departed from Switzerland for Brussels, Belgium with a mix of excitement and emotion. This marked the final event in our journey celebrating the 30th anniversary. Upon our arrival, we wasted no time and began preparations at Salle Simone de Beauvoir early in the morning. Despite encountering some challenges during the preparation process, Mama Tim and the organizing committee collaborated effectively to overcome all obstacles and ensure a seamless event.

At 5:00 p.m., the first guests arrived. We kindly guided them to the painting and product display area. After that, everyone gathered for dinner, which was meticulously prepared by the Maison Chance team, with an atmosphere of warmth and joy.

The program's attraction was enhanced by the presence of a singer and magician from Vietnam who made the journey to join us in Belgium. In addition, child singers from the music conservatory in Belgium participated with the performance 'Hello Vietnam'. At the end of the program, everyone stayed to meet Mama Tim, chat, and learn more about the organization. The night was filled with meaning and emotion, as we concluded the series of events to celebrate our 30-year history with many cherished memories to take home with us.

I would like to express my deepest and most sincere gratitude to the benefactors who have consistently supported and assisted Maison Chance and Mama Tim during this time.





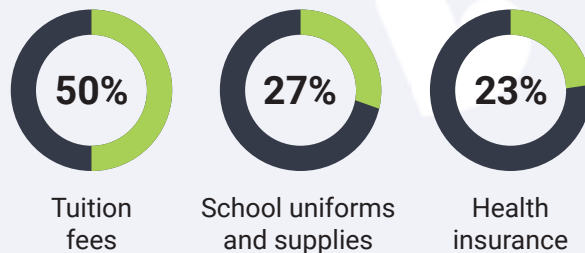
Every child deserves the chance to dream of a brighter future. Yet for many children at Village Chance - Saigon and Maison Chance - Dak Nong, financial barriers and difficult circumstances make achieving those dreams a challenge.

Through our *Collective Sponsorship Program*, you can make a meaningful difference by sponsoring an entire class, giving these children the opportunity to learn, grow, and reach for their dreams.

### Collective Sponsorship Program

*Sharing love, building futures.*

Your contributions will directly support an entire class, covering essential expenses such as:



This program ensures all students receive equal support, progress together, and no one is left behind.

### Sponsorship cost

\$14 per month or \$144 per school year.

*You can choose a sponsorship level that suits your financial situation.*

Together, we can ensure these children focus on learning without the burden of financial worries or the fear of an uncertain future. Your contributions are not just a material gift; they are a gesture of love and compassion that inspires children to overcome challenges and pursue their dreams.

Join us in empowering them to build a brighter tomorrow!



### Steps to Become a Sponsor

- Contact us:** Send an email to [vietnam@maison-chance.org](mailto:vietnam@maison-chance.org)
- Sign up:** Complete the Sponsor Agreement form.
- Welcome kit:** Receive a class profile and a certificate of appreciation.
- Updates:** Get student learning assessment reports 1-2 times per school year.



The journey of people with disabilities is often filled with challenges, from social integration to maintaining physical health. Recognizing these struggles, the Disabled Sponsorship Program was established to provide a solid foundation for improving their quality of life, with a focus on healthcare and nutrition.

Through the generosity of sponsors, this program pools resources into a common fund, ensuring that every person with a disability receives equal support—leaving no one behind.

Each sponsorship package provides:

- Nutritious lunches
- Physical therapy sessions

### How to Get Involved

- Contact Us:** Send an email to [vietnam@maison-chance.org](mailto:vietnam@maison-chance.org) with the subject line "Disabled Sponsorship Program."
- Choose Your Support Level:** Contribute \$144 USD (3,500,000 VND) annually, equivalent to supporting one individual, or adjust your contribution according to your capacity.
- Sign the Agreement:** Once we receive your information, Maison Chance will send a sponsorship agreement for signing and completion of the committed transfer.



### Benefits for Sponsors

As a sponsor, you will receive:

- A personalized letter of appreciation from Maison Chance.
- Information and photos of the individuals you are supporting.
- Annual reports detailing the progress and well-being of the beneficiaries, showcasing the impact of your contributions.



### Join Us

Together, we can turn compassion into action. By joining the *Disabled Sponsorship Program*, you are not just providing material support, you are offering hope and encouragement to help people with disabilities rediscover their sense of purpose and build a brighter future. Your contribution can transform lives and empower individuals to overcome adversity and pursue their dreams.





**H**elp underprivileged students in the ten elementary classes at Village Chance-Saigon and Maison Chance-Dak Nong thrive in their studies by providing them with nutritious meals. We invite you to join us as class sponsors by contributing to the general fund, which covers the cost of these vital meals.

The cost to sponsor meals for one student is **USD 19 per month or USD 190 for a 10-month period**

#### How to Become a Sponsor

- 1 Contact us:** Send an email to Maison Chance at [vietnam@maison-chance.org](mailto:vietnam@maison-chance.org)
- 2 Sign up:** Complete the agreement form for the program.
- 3 Welcome kit:** Receive information and photos of the supported class, as well as a thank-you certificate.
- 4 Progress report:** Get the class menu and meal photos at least twice a year.

*We are looking for support from the community to assist students in achieving a brighter future. Every contribution is a valuable source of encouragement, providing students with the strength to persevere on their journey to school.*

#### INDOOR ROCK CLIMBING: A NEW PLAYGROUND AT VILLAGE CHANCE

**T**hanks to a generous sponsor, Village Chance has introduced an exciting new addition: an indoor climbing room for students. This vibrant and colorful space isn't just a playroom—it's a magical realm full of opportunities for exploration and growth.

Reaching the top of the climbing wall is more than a fun challenge; it's a journey of self-discovery that helps children build physical strength, stay active, and develop essential life skills. Climbing enhances confidence, patience, and problem-solving abilities, while teaching children how to overcome obstacles, both on and off the wall.

The facility is thoughtfully equipped with safety mats and specialized climbing shoes, ensuring a secure and enjoyable experience. This incredible gift fosters a healthy, active, and joy-filled childhood, making it an invaluable addition to the lives of Village Chance students.



#### ANCHOR OF LOVE A NEW KINDERGARTEN AT MAISON CHANCE DAK NONG



**O**n November 12th, the groundbreaking ceremony for the new kindergarten building at Maison Chance Dak Nong was held, filling Tim and her colleagues with joy and emotion as they took a big step toward supporting the region's underprivileged children.

Spanning 246 square meters, the new kindergarten will be a beacon of hope for orphans and children from disadvantaged families in the area. It will feature two classrooms, each accommodating up to 50 children between the ages of six months and five years.

We aim to have a dedicated team of passionate and experienced teachers who share a deep love for children. This team will consist of one manager, four teachers, and a kitchen staff member, all committed to nurturing every aspect of the children's growth. The staff will strive to provide attentive care during meals, rest, and lessons.

To provide the best possible environment, Maison Chance is also investing in high-quality infrastructure, educational materials, and safe playgrounds that meet industry standards. These resources aim to help children grow both physically and intellectually, play, and thrive in a loving environment.

While it will serve the children living at the center, it will also welcome kids from disadvantaged families in the surrounding area, giving them a chance to learn, play, and thrive in a loving environment.

#### SNOEZELN THERAPY LEARNING AND APPLYING

**S**noezelen therapy is a sensory-based therapeutic approach designed to create a calming environment that integrates light, sound, scent, and touch. This method helps reduce stress and enhance interaction, particularly benefiting individuals with autism, hyperactivity, multiple disabilities, or psychological challenges.

Recently, three medical staff members and two specialized teachers from Maison Chance Dak Nong completed a comprehensive training course on Snoezelen therapy at Yersin Hospital in Nha Trang. The course was conducted by experts from France, providing participants with in-depth knowledge, specialized materials, and hands-on practice under expert guidance. The training program extends to the Children's Hospital and 1A Hospital in Ho Chi Minh City, where the team is gaining additional skills and practical experience to further enhance their therapeutic capabilities.

Maison Chance has already completed the construction of a Snoezelen room at its Dak Nong center. With the training now complete, the staffs are well-prepared to put their new knowledge into action. This initiative is expected to significantly improve the health and overall quality of care for the center's members, marking a meaningful step forward in their treatment journey.





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