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TOGETHER WE MADE IT HAPPEN

SCHOOL BUILDING PROJECT COMPLETION

Phú Sơn Elementary School, Hương Thủy Township, Thừa Thiên Huế Province



In June of this year, one of SAVICE's sponsors in the US, brought to our attention a real need for a school in the farming area of Phu Son, Hue.

Phu Son Elementary serves children of subsistent farming communities in the surrounding areas. The average income of these families is lower than the national average. Most students of this school live in homes built from salvaged or plant materials. Houses generally lack indoor plumbing and modern hygiene facilities. These children and their families primarily

use well water. Access to health services and social services remains limited in this area.

SAVICE's Operation Team in Vietnam began formal assessments of the area and decided to make recommendations for expansion of an existing school. Shortly thereafter, the SAVICE team obtained building plans, project estimates, and construction permits. Less than six months later, the school is ready for use. This project's speedy success is the result of cooperative efforts of SAVICE volunteers on the ground in Vietnam, the head of education and training for the township of Huong Thuy, the school's principal, vice principal, accounting and finance, librarian, and the president of the parents' association.

Thanks to the support of SAVICE sponsors, donors, and benefactors, the amount of \$ 26,050 USD gave students and staff of Phu Son Elementary 2 new school rooms, a new library, and 3 new activity rooms. New facilities will support students' learning and development.



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Thanks to our donors, educational opportunities are no longer as limited to the children of families living in the vicinity of Phu Son Elementary. The teacher Lon Watters famously said: "School is a building which has four walls with tomorrow inside." We agree and hope that this school makes the future a little brighter for its students.





Trinh Nũ và her father receiving her SAVICE scholarship from SAVICE volunteer Ms. Rỹ

“SAVICE gave me hope for the future.”

Nguyễn Thị Trinh Nũ is a grade 12 student at Mỹ Phước School. Trinh Nũ was born to parents who both labour full-time but cannot make ends meet. The family lives in perpetual shortage, with an income that can barely feed and clothe their children.

When Trinh Nũ was in grade 8, her family fell on hard times and did not have enough money to pay her tuition. Trinh Nũ cried her heart out for the loss of a future. In the moment that all hope seemed lost, SAVICE came through for her and rekindled its flames.

“SAVICE helped me rise up.”

A house is more than a shelter from the elements, a house is a refuge, a place of peace and rest after long days of toil. However, for many unfortunate souls, even an adequate shelter is lacking. This was the plight of Nguyễn Thị Thùy Trang, a 9th grade student of Chánh An School, Vinh Long province. Her family possessed no land, no house, and worked as hired labourers making brick stoves.



Thùy Trang stands beside her father and her teacher, a volunteer of SAVICE.

Such difficult circumstances are known to break the will of many people, who end up accepting their fate instead of rising up against all odds. Thùy Trang is the exception to this rule. She kept up with school and was a good student for many consecutive years and became eligible for a SAVICE scholarship. Her motivation to rise up has been given a boost by SAVICE donors.

When Thùy Trang was asked if she ever dreams of anything, she replied: "With the situation we live in, how can I dare to dream?" but she added: "This SAVICE scholarship will give my future dreams the gift of flight..." Her eyes were wet with tears but filled with faith and hope.



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