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Dear Friends, Supporters and Volunteers:

I am delighted to send greetings from the International Community Initiatives (ICI) Board of Directors to you and your families. Despite the cold winter, we feel the warmth and grateful for your generosity and support that have enabled us to carry out our mission and efforts throughout the year to serve those who are less fortunate. We could not have done it without you, so we share our collective efforts as a summary of “**ICI Annual Report 2017**” that reflects and supports the achievement of ICI mission and goals as well as our passion.

### **ICI Activities and Achievements in 2017**

- ✓ **January 15:** Presented at the Annual Tet – Lunar New Year Festival – as an outreach to the Vietnamese community to promote the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Vietnam Humanitarian Mission & Internships Fundraising Banquet
- ✓ **March 4:** Supported the **University of Maryland Eastern Shore (UMES) School of Pharmacy – Academy of Student Pharmacists – Haitian Orphanage Philanthropy Evening** in Salisbury, MD that raised \$3,000 for an orphanage in Leon, Haiti that was severely damaged recently by Hurricane Matthew
- ✓ **April 8:** Organized the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Vietnam Humanitarian Mission & Internships Fundraising Banquet in the Washington DC Metropolitan and raised about \$15,000 for the **Public Health and Medical Mission to Kinh 7 Charity Clinic** in Kien Giang, Vietnam in collaboration with the **University of Maryland Eastern Shore (UMES) School of Pharmacy and Health Professions** in December
- ✓ **August 14:** Completed the **Kinh 7 Charity Clinic Renovation Project** and participated in the **Grand Opening Ceremony of Kitchen Facility and Lodging Areas for Volunteers** in Kien Giang, Vietnam
- ✓ **August 14-16:** Conducted **Health Needs Assessment at Kinh 7 Charity Clinic** in Kien Giang, Vietnam to prepare for the Public Health and Medical Mission in December
- ✓ **September 22:** Supported the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Haiti Medical Missions Charity Banquet in collaboration with **St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church, Health and Education for Haiti, and University of Maryland Eastern Shore (UMES) School of Pharmacy and Health Professions** which raised \$4,851 for Haiti
- ✓ **December 11-15:** Organized and conducted the inaugural **Public Health and Medical Mission to Kinh 7 Charity Clinic** in Kien Giang, Vietnam, in partnership with **University of Maryland Eastern Shore (UMES) School of Pharmacy and Health Professions**.

The team included healthcare professionals and students in medicine, nursing, pharmacy, and public health in both the United States and Vietnam. These volunteers with experiences and passion in global health collaborated during a weeklong period of service to provide primary care, medication, and health education to individuals living within the districts of Kien Giang. They focused on stroke prevention, chronic obstructive pulmonary disease, and smoking cessation, the leading causes of death in Vietnam. This academic-community partnership for global health service program had the mission to raise awareness and provide health education through an interprofessional collaboration to enhance healthcare

access and reduce morbidity and mortality for the Kinh 7 community. Specifically, the goal was to develop, implement, and evaluate a three-pronged approach health program, which included:

- training clinic staff for longevity and sustainability
- educating the community to promote disease prevention
- providing clinical/primary care for patients

The team was able to achieve the goals as listed above with the following results:

- Trained 44 clinic staff, including physicians, nurses, pharmacists, nutritionists and dieticians, herbalist/traditional medicine technicians, physical therapists, healthcare students, and other staff members on stroke prevention, chronic obstructive pulmonary disease, and smoking cessation
- Educated 561 individuals in the community through lectures and hands-on activities to increase awareness and increase the ability to recognize risk factors, signs and symptoms, treatment methodologies, and prevention strategies relating to stroke, chronic obstructive pulmonary disease, and smoking cessation
- Provided primary care appointments and medications for 1320 patients, with an average age of 50 years, and diagnosed with an average of 3 medical conditions.

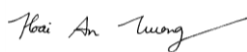
In 2017, ICI's two main focus has been the completion of the Kinh 7 Charity renovation project and inaugural public health and medical mission to Kien Giang, Vietnam as described above. Please visit our website at [www.icius.org](http://www.icius.org) for photos and videos of these efforts and/or to make a tax-deductible donation. Thank you.

#### **Key Events and Save the Dates for 2018**

- **February 3-11:** ICI President participated in the **Haiti Medical Mission** that ICI partnered to fundraise at the charity banquet on September 22, 2017
- **May 20:** Organize the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Vietnam Humanitarian Mission & Internships Fundraising Banquet in Washington DC Metropolitan to raise funds for **Public Health and Medical Mission to Vietnam** (e.g. Kinh 7 Charity Clinic in Kien Giang) in collaboration with the **University of Maryland Eastern Shore (UMES) School of Pharmacy and Health Professions**
- **May 27:** Organize the first ICI Vietnam Humanitarian Mission and Internships Fundraising Banquet in Anaheim, CA to raise funds for **Public Health and Medical Mission to Vietnam** (e.g. Kinh 7 Charity Clinic in Kien Giang) in collaboration with the **UMES School of Pharmacy and Health Professions**
- **June 1:** Organize the first ICI Fundraising Banquet in Gaithersburg, MD to raise funds for **Puerto Rico Post Hurricane Relief and Medical Mission** in collaboration with 3 schools of pharmacy and 2 pharmacy associations in Maryland
- **November 28 to December 8:** Participate in **Vietnam Humanitarian/Medical Mission in collaboration with Second Chance Aid (Ngon Nen Tinh Yeu)** non-profit organization

It has been a productive and rewarding year in 2017, and we expect the same in in 2018. Thank you again for your generosity and support. Please continue to share our ICI efforts and passion with your family and friends.

Sincerely,



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