



December 24, 2016

Dear ICI Sponsors and Volunteers:

On behalf of the International Community Initiatives (ICI) Board of Directors, we send warm greetings to each and every one of you and your families. Merry Christmas, Happy Holidays, and Happy New Year!

As the year 2016 comes to an end, we would like to express our sincere appreciation for your unwavering commitment, extraordinary efforts, and generous contributions in sharing your time, expertise, and financial donations. We may speak different languages and have different talents, yet we share a common bond – the language of humanity, with our family and friends, as well as those who are less fortunate than us – one community at a time. It has been an honor and privilege to work with all of you throughout the year. We could not have done it without you. Thus, we would like to share our collective efforts as a summary of “**ICI Annual Report 2016**” that reflects and supports the achievement of ICI mission and goals as well as our passion.

### **ICI Activities and Achievements in 2016**

- ✓ **January 30:** Introduced ICI to the Washington DC Metropolitan Vietnamese Community at the 2016 Tet – Lunar New Year Festival.
- ✓ **March 13:** Completed ICI's first water project at the IA Tiem in collaboration with the **Environment Communication and Community Development Association (ECCDA)** to provide fresh water to the Plei Nu ethnic minority community of nearly 7,000 people. This project also provides basic health education for the community in its native dialect.
- ✓ **April 23:** Presented ICI to a Board member's network in Atlanta, Georgia and seek support for **Kinh 7 Charity Clinic** renovation project in Kien Giang, Vietnam.
- ✓ **May 2:** Selected as a non-profit organization to benefit from the 2016 Annual Golf Classic Tournament Charity Event of the **Greater Bethesda-Chevy Chase Chamber of Commerce and Monument Bank** and received about \$2,700 for ICI programs and operations fund. Specifically, \$1,000 was donated to Kinh 7 Clinic to buy wheelchairs and remaining amounts for ICI operational needs.
- ✓ **May 20:** Started ICI's second water project at the Dak Ya in collaboration with **ECCDA** to provide fresh water to the Dak Ya ethnic minority community of nearly 5,000 people. This was also a joint project of ICI with the **Fondation Amour** in Canada.
- ✓ **May 22:** Organized an Inaugural Vietnam Charity Banquet with support from our partner organizations **Viet Aid Fund (Quy Ngheo Nhan Ai)** and **Second Chance Aid (Ngon Nen Tinh Thuong)** and raised \$41,608 for the Kinh 7 Charity Clinic renovation project in Kien Giang, Vietnam.
- ✓ **May 29 – June 5:** ICI president and pharmacy students participated in a **St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church (SFA)**, **Health and Education for Haiti (HeH)**, and **University of Maryland Eastern Shore (UMES) School of Pharmacy and Health Professions** Medical Mission Trip to Haiti.



- ✓ **September 25:** Supported the Annual Benefit Banquet of **Viet Aid Fund (Quy Ngheo Nhan Ai)** to raise funds for its annual charitable projects.
- ✓ **October 8:** Supported the Inaugural Haiti Mission Charity Banquet organized by the **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 \$8,242 for medical missions in Haiti.
- ✓ **November 7-8:** Conducted an initial health needs assessment at Kinh 7 Charity Clinic in Kien Giang, Vietnam to prepare for a health needs assessment and medical mission in 2017 in partnership with the **University of Maryland Eastern Shore (UMES) School of Pharmacy and Health Professions**. Also witnessed **Kinh 7 Charity Clinic** signing contract and ground-breaking for the renovation project.
- ✓ **December 11:** Organized a Holiday Charity Dinner with ICI's network partners in Atlanta, Georgia and raised \$19,500 with an additional \$6,500 in pledge for Kinh 7 Charity Clinic renovation project in Kien Giang, Vietnam.

In 2016, ICI's major endeavor has been the Kinh 7 Charity renovation project in Kien Giang, Vietnam. It is the fast deteriorating conditions and imminent collapse of the clinic's kitchen facility that makes the renovation a time critical and urgent need for the Kinh 7 community. This 23-year-old kitchen facility also includes lodging space for a coalition of five faith-based volunteer groups. Currently, benefits for the Kinh 7 community include:

- Daily: 250-350 poor patients and their caregivers staying at the clinic
- Monthly: charitable works of 10-15 interfaith volunteers serving free meals
- Yearly: 15,000 people in the local and neighboring communities

### **Save the Dates for 2017**

- **January 15:** Present at the Annual Tet – Lunar New Year Festival – as an outreach to Vietnamese Community to promote ICI 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Vietnam Annual Charity Banquet on April 8, 2017
- **March 4 or 11:** Support the **University of Maryland Eastern Shore (UMES) School of Pharmacy – Academy of Student Pharmacists** – Inaugural Haiti Charity Banquet in Salisbury, MD to raise funds for an orphanage in Leon, Haiti that was severely damaged by recent Hurricane Matthew
- **April 8:** Organize the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual ICI Charity Banquet in Washington DC Metropolitan to raise funds for completion of the Kinh 7 Charity Clinic renovation project and medical mission to Kinh 7
- **June & December [2 trips]:** Conduct health needs assessment at Kinh 7 Charity Clinic in Kien Giang, Vietnam to plan for a medical mission in partnership with **University of Maryland Eastern Shore (UMES) School of Pharmacy and Health Professions** in December 2017.



It has been a productive and rewarding 2016 and continues to be the same in 2017. Thank you again for your kind heart and generosity. We value and need your continued support to make a difference in the life of those who are less fortunate than us - one community at a time. To obtain more information and make a tax-deductible donation, please visit [www.icius.org](http://www.icius.org). Please continue to share our ICI efforts and passion with your family and friends.

Sincerely Yours,

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