



December 21, 2018

Dear Friends, Supporters and Volunteers:

Season's Greetings to all of you on behalf of the International Community Initiatives (ICI) Board of Directors. We wish you a Merry Christmas, Happy Holidays, and Happy New Year with health, happiness, and prosperity. Please visit this link for a brief message: https://youtu.be/57j2A_5udlk.

As we wrap up the year 2018, it is rewarding to reflect on our mission and programs, yet more importantly on your generosity and kind support through sharing your time, expertise, and financial contributions to make our service and progress possible. 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. It has been an honor and privilege to work with you throughout the year. We would like to share our collective efforts as a summary of “**ICI Annual Report 2018**” to reflect the achievements of our ICI mission and team.

ICI Activities & Achievements in 2018

- ✓ **February 3-11:** ICI team participated in the **2nd Haiti Medical Mission**, in which ICI collaborated 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**, and raised about \$4850 at the 2nd Haiti Medical Mission Charity Banquet on September 22, 2017.
- ✓ **May 20:** Organized the **3rd Vietnam Humanitarian Mission & Internships Fundraising Banquet in the Washington DC Metropolitan** and raised about \$8,700 for the **2nd Public Health & Medical Mission** to the Kinh 7 Charity Clinic in Kien Giang, Vietnam from April 20 to 29, 2019 in collaboration with the **UMES School of Pharmacy and Health Professions**.
- ✓ **May 27:** Organized the **1st Vietnam Humanitarian Mission & Internships Fundraising Banquet in Anaheim, CA**, with special thanks to Vietnamese Professional Singer Ms. Thien-Kim Tran, and raised about \$20,000 for **Vietnam Humanitarian Mission & Internships** in collaboration with the **UMES School of Pharmacy and Health Professions**.
- ✓ **June 2:** Organized a **Puerto Rico Post-Hurricane Relief & Medical Mission Fundraising Banquet** in Gaithersburg, MD and raised about \$4,700 for a mission to Utuado, Puerto Rico in Spring 2019 in collaboration with the **Maryland Pharmaceutical Society (MPhS), Maryland Pharmacists Association (MPhA), and UMES School of Pharmacy and Health Professions**.
- ✓ **October 25:** ICI team surveyed and received project completion report from a partnership with the **Environment Communication Community Development Association (ECCDA)** on a **Clean Water Project** in which 4,000 liter-per-day filtration system installation provides purified water for drinking and improving standards of living for up to 10,000 people who mostly are Ede, Muong, and Kinh ethnic minority among others in a rural community in the Buon Trap region of Dak Lak Province, Vietnam.
- ✓ **October 26-29:** ICI team participated in a **Vietnam Humanitarian & Medical Mission** in collaboration with **Second Chance Aid (Ngon Nen Tinh Yeu)** organization to provide primary care and medications for about 1000 patients in two rural and underserved communities in Kontum and Nam Dinh, Vietnam.

- ✓ **October 30:** ICI team provided training on diabetes with a focus on insulin therapy and blood glucose monitoring for over 40 clinic staff at the Kinh 7 Charity Clinic in Kien Giang, Vietnam. In addition, ICI team worked with Kinh 7 Charity Clinic leaders to complete a needs assessment and plan for the ICI 2019 Public Health & Medical Mission in collaboration with UMES School of Pharmacy & Health Professions.
- ✓ **October 31:** ICI team visited and discussed with “Mai Am Tinh Me” – an orphanage with 25 children – to assess their needs and support with daily living and education. As a result of a previous request for support and this needs assessment, ICI will ask supporters for \$1 to \$2 per day which is \$365 to \$730 per year per child going forward in 2019 and beyond. Please contact us if you have questions and would like to help.


In 2018, ICI’s three main priorities have been on fundraising, planning and preparing for Vietnam Humanitarian Mission & Internships in 2019 and Puerto Rico Post-Hurricane Relief & Medical Mission in 2019, as well as participation in Haiti Medical Mission in 2018 as described above. In addition, ICI’s website was redesigned and launched thanks to our webmaster and special outreach coordinator. Please visit our website at www.icius.org for photos and videos of our collective efforts and consider making a tax-deductible donation if possible. Thank you.

Key Events and Save the Dates for 2019

- **February:** Community **Cancer Awareness & Education Outreach Event** in collaboration with UMES, Maryland Department of Health, and other partners.
- **March:** Youth **Leadership & Service Conference** in collaboration with UMCP and other partners.
- **May 24:** Organize the **2nd ICI Vietnam Humanitarian Mission & Internships Fundraising Banquet in Anaheim, CA**, with special thanks to Vietnamese Professional Singer Ms. Thien-Kim Tran, for ongoing Vietnam Humanitarian Mission & Internships in collaboration with UMES School of Pharmacy and Health Professions.
- **June 2:** Organize the **4th Annual Vietnam Humanitarian Mission & Internships Fundraising Banquet in Washington DC Metropolitan** to raise funds for **Vietnam Public Health & Medical Mission** (e.g. Kinh 7 Charity Clinic in Kien Giang) in ongoing collaboration with UMES School of Pharmacy and Health Professions.

As always, it has been a productive and rewarding year in 2018, and we anticipate the same in in 2019. Thank you again for your kind support. Please continue to share our ICI mission and passion with your family and friends.

Sincerely Yours,



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