

Sample VCF Donor Letter

From: Chau Chau

Sent: Thursday, March 04, 2010 4:05 PM

Subject: The story of the 1355th kid, Huong Hoa

To the special person who has been loved and helped a lot of Heartbeat Vietnam Kids.

You are so busy but I know you really love the heart kids, I send Huong Hoa's story to you because I know that you will read it whenever you have free time.

Hoa is the 1355th kid saved by Heartbeat Vietnam. Her story and her happy smile will make you happy, i believe!

A lot of love,

Bich Chau

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From: Chau Chau

Date: Tue, Mar 2, 2010 at 10:32 PM

Subject: Big thanks to Maydee for saving a Vietnamese little 7 year old girl, Huong Hoa

To: [DONOR NAMES & EMAILS REMOVED]

Dear [DONOR NAME REMOVED],

On behalf of Hoa, her dady, her grandparents and Heartbeat Vietnam, I would like to express my deep thanks to you for your great donation to save Hoa's life. We were all touched when Tim and Ronnie brought money to the office and told us about your gift and tonight I want to share with you Hoa's story after seeing her this morning:

Hoa was born in 2003 in Tra Vinh province, a remote poor province in Mekong Delta of the South of Vietnam, 250 km from HCMC. She was diagnosed with congenital heart disease called Ventricular Septal Defect. The doctor explained that "there is a hole in her heart and she needs a open heart surgery to fix it, if not she will die". The cost for her surgery is about 3000 USD, a really big amount that her parents never can afford. Her mum left Hoa and her dad when Hoa was 8 months. Her dad went to Binh Duong province (5- 6 hours by bus from home) alone to work as a construction worker to try to find money for his daughter's surgery. He only can see her one time per year. Hoa has been living with her grandparents since that day. With a weak heart, Hoa could not play, dance or even breath like the other normal children. Her dad earns about 4 usd per day which is not enough to cover the daily life for the whole family and the granparents are old farmers so eventhough they all loved her and wanted to save her but they could not do anything.

Maydee, you know, Your Christmas gift became a biggest gift to Hoa's life when you brought her a new healthy heart. With your help to pay part of surgery cost, Hoa was operated successfully last week. I just came to visit her this morning in the hospital, she recovered very well. She is a very cute girl. She was so shy whenever I asked her something but she said "I am in grade 1 now and want to be a teacher in the future". Like most of the heart kids who had to fight everyday to breathe, Hoa is a very brave and strong kid. She told me about her scare before the surgery and her pain after the surgery. But she said with a lovely smile: "no more pain now". Her dad was shy too and did not say much. He just smiled all the times and said "I am very happy to see my daughter saved, thank you"

You have not met and known about her but you are the person who help us to write the happy ending for her story: " Hoa received the life saving surgery and her new life started! She can play, dance and enjoy her childhood for the first time now..."

You know, her name "Huong Hoa" in Vietnamese means "Perfumes and flowers" I hope her life will be colourful and beautiful like flowers from today...

Her picture after surgery taken this morning is attached. You will find the cute face of a child you saved.

I send you the link to Heartbeat Vietnam TVC

<http://www.youtube.com/user/HeartbeatVN#p/u/2/9qbKXCwj9uo>

Again, thank you very much.

Best regards,

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