ORGANIZATION NAME
Smile Group – Friends of Hung

MISSION
To support children affected by HIV/AIDS to have an equal chance at obtaining an education, healthcare, social services, and opportunities for future development.

PROJECT DURATION
November 2014 – November 2016

NEED FOR THE PROJECT
Smile Group’s children always face risks of dropping out of school, underage employment, loss of loved ones, and poverty arresting their future development. This project aims to offer them a better life, better health and well being by promoting their access to education via scholarships, tutoring and providing a space for activities, study, and entertainment. Through the project we will also provide consultations with the families of our children in order to ensure continued support for their education. These activities are intended to help these children avoid illegal activities, ensure continued focus on their healthcare, provide opportunities to improve their lives and the lives of their families, and overcome poverty, illness and other difficulties.

BENEFICIARIES
40 children (and their families) who live in poverty in Ho Chi Minh City and are affected by HIV/AIDS. In order to qualify for this program, the children must be willing to learn and regularly participate with the group.

Indirectly, this project would also raise awareness in the community and help reduce existing levels of discrimination towards people affected with HIV/AIDS.

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MAIN ACTIVITIES

- Access to education: Grant scholarships, provide tutoring, offer a favorable academic atmosphere to study and complete homework.
- Healthcare and nutrition: Closely monitor healthcare treatments, provide the children with two nutritious meals each week.
- Extracurricular activities: organize outdoor classes, such as painting, yoga, life-skills training, entertainment activities, swimming, picnics, visiting families every month and providing timely support during crises.

PROJECT COST

Total cost: 900,000,000 VND

EXPECTED IMPACT

The utmost priority of this project is to keep the children healthy, to ensure that they are attending school regularly, to help keep the children safe - avoid child labor, illegal activities, etc... We will also work to change the awareness of their family and neighbors so everyone can work together to help these children.

This project hopes to create a positive impact on the lives of these children and their families by helping them to meet their basic needs in healthcare and promoting mental and physical stability.

The project aims to help the children overcome poverty and illness by improving access to education, creating positive effects on teachers and classmates, offering career guidance and building character so they can have a better future.

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