



# NEWSLETTER

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**Your happiness is ours**

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## **1. Loving gifts to disadvantaged people on the Lunar New Year Days. (worth about 49 million VNDs = 3000 AUDs)**

Right before the Traditional Vietnamese Tet Holidays (on 14/02/2018), Lunar New Years Gifts were given by TỪ HÒA members and volunteers to the homeless in Saigon; to very low-income households in Ta Lai commune, Tan Phu district, Dong Nai province; and to three poverty-stricken patients with fatal-diseases.

Delivery of 110 loving gifts [each including a square glutinous rice cake (called Bánh Chung, 1 kilogram heavy), 8 small boxes of Vina milk and a large biscuit box worth 120,000 VNDs (7 AUDs/each)], had not been completed until over 02:00 am of the next day. Twenty young volunteers and members of TỪ HÒA-CICG said goodbye to one another, and returned home ready for a new day, whereas those who are homeless and familyless, have still been sleeping in temporary and rough shelters under the city bridges or beneath the eaves of houses along streets etc on the cold night of Sai Gon right before the Tet Holidays. (All gifts cost over 13 million VNDs)



*Lunar New Year gift handed in to a scavenger by a TỪ HÒA-CICG member*

Our loving gifts were also brought with us to 50 households in need residing at Ta Lai, an isolated island from Central Dong Nai, where so many poor ethnic people are in great difficulty that they are sometimes lacking food for their survival. Each gift with its value of 440,000 VNDs (27 AUDs) includes a 10 kilogram bag of rice, a box of instant noodle, a cooking oil bottle, a fishsauce bottle, a soyasauce bottle, a one kilogram bag of sugar, and an envelope of 200,000 VNDs. (all gifts cost 22 million VNDs).



On the other hand, about 12,400,000 VNDs (700 AUDs) were divided into three gifts – 5,000,000 VNDs, 4,000,000 VNDs and 3,400,000 VNDs, which were respectively handed in by TỪ HÒA members to the father of Quy, grade 8 student



from Hoi An infected with blood cancer, the mother of a one-year –old baby named Phuong from Phu Yen with eye cancer, and the dad of a 23 year-old man named Hung from Hoa Vang, Danang in traumatisme crânien caused by a traffic accident. They were all assessed to be in very financial need because they were certified as poverty-stricken in their communities.

Hopefully, our loving gifts could have kept them warmer and more cheerful for the Traditional Vietnamese Tet Holidays.

## **2. Loving class, a life-long learning center for 100 uneducated migrant children and a group of ten illiterate adults in Saigon**



*Non-formal education night class is on for illiterate adults  
and children at our Loving Class*

As many previous years, 2500 AUDs drawn from the TỪ HÒA-CICG'S fund were given to the founder of Hoa Hao Loving class in January this year. The other 2500 AUDs will not be granted until early July, 2018. Such a sum is used to support the maintenance of non-formal primary education activities for more or less 100 uneducated children and ten illiterate adults in Saigon. Specifically, before class, a nutritious meal (particularly fresh vegetables from natural farming) has still remained served free of charge for all.

### **3. Take-Wings Program**

2300 AUDs sponsored by Mr. Phu Pham, an Editor-in-chief of the SS TuanBao cum a manager of the VietPage for the Vietnamese Community in Brisbane, have been handed over to Mr. Hung, who is overseeing this project. We would like to take this chance to say "thank you" so much to Mr. Phu for his generosity from which not only have our 13 children been selected to pursue the Professional Hairdressing Training courses organized by the L'Oéal, but our charity place will also be used as a training point of the L'Oréal Saigon by the end of May, 2018. Thus, many more children and disadvantaged adults nearby will have an opportunity to be apprenticed to be professional hairdressers, helping them to change their lives with a brighter future.



*Graduation Ceremony held by the L'Oréal Vietnam for new graduates*

#### **4. First Happy Birthday to TỪ HÒA-CICG**

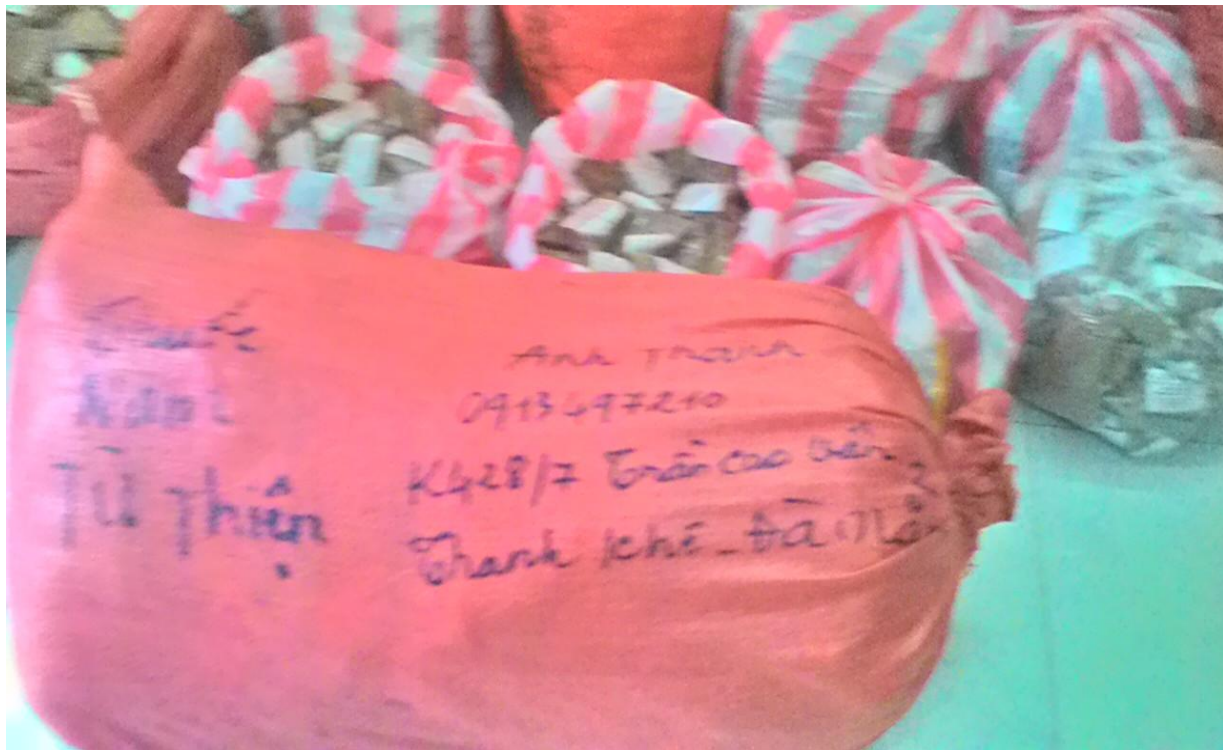
On the 24th of March, 2018, a group of TỪ HÒA-CICG young members and volunteers held a small one-year-old birthday party (fruit juice and cake) in happiness and mutual love. Hopefully, TỪ HÒA-CICG will go up in value of charity activities, develop sustainably, and withstand time after time, bringing happiness to many human-beings in need.



#### **5. Vietnamese herbal medicines supplied for free**



Thanks to TỪ HÒA-CICG's connection with herbal pharmacists, herbal-gatherers and herbal suppliers, ten large bags of medicinal herbs (made up as tablets and capsules of various kinds) were transported to Da Nang City in February, 2018 from which they have been scattered for free right before and after the Lunar New Year Days by Mr. Thanh, an enthusiastic member of TỪ HÒA-CICG, to oriental medicine centres throughout Vietnam's central coastal region, namely, Da Nang, Quang Nam, Quang Tri, Quang Binh and so forth. This is a piece of good news for many poverty-stricken families in the disadvantaged areas of Central Vietnam, reducing their suffering from illness.



*Ten bags of herbal medicines scattered to oriental clinics throughout Central Vietnam*

In order to encourage them to continue to have herbal medicines distributed free of charge to patients of all kinds (particularly low-income folks), about 900 AUDS withdrawn from TỪ HÒA-CICG's fund were handed in to herbal suppliers and herbal

pharmacists. My observations and personal contacts with them have convinced me that annual 30-50 million VNDs (2000-3000 AUDs) should be spent in supporting them for maintaining their herbal-manufacturing activities in a long run.

No achievements are possible without your generosity or engagement. No words from my language store could describe my gratefulness for your support. Thus, we are very thirsty for your on-going donation for or for your engagement in TỪ HÒA-CICG'S charity projects, making a big difference for many poor souls.

Countless thanks

Happiness, Peace with kindest regards,

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Founder of TỪ HÒA-CICG

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