

LOVING CLASS IN SAIGON



Tens of thousands of schooling age children have migrated to Sai Gon with their families from other places, particularly Western Provinces of South Vietnam to settle down, but they do not have access to formal school due to their poverty, unregistered residency, no hokhau, no birth certificates or whether they have to earn their own living by tramping busy streets as lottery-ticker sellers, scavengers, street vendors and so forth. Migrant out-of-school children can be found all over the city, but the majority of them concentrate on newly-established districts such as Binh Tan, Tan Phu, District 7...; or industrial zones such as Tan Tao Industrial Zones, Thu Duc Industrial Zones...; or even in wealthy districts like District 1. Therefore, the establishment and survival of loving classes or schools in such places like HH Loving Class in Tan Phu is a very humane work because it is meeting such an urgent social need. At this loving class, all hundred migrant illiterate children are taught how to read and write, how to do basic operations free of charge for five days a week. To ensure that they are all in good mood before class, they are served a free nutritious dinner. Additionally, they have a chance to play childish games managed by volunteers, or to participate in a big Birthday Party for all, or to go on an excursion etc. Since the mid-2012, TỪ HÒA-CICG has annually sponsored 3600 – 4400 AUDs to assist the founders in maintaining their significant and humane work.



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OVERVIEW OF PROJECT





1. JUSTIFICATION

Tens of thousands of schooling age children annually migrate to Sai Gon with their families from all other places of Vietnam to settle down, but they do not have access to formal school due to their poverty, unregistered residency, no hokhau, no birth certificates or whether they have to earn their own living by tramping busy streets as lottery-ticker sellers, scavengers, street vendors and so forth.

Migrant out-of-school children are present all over the city, but they frequently gather in newly-formed districts including Thu Duc, Binh Tan, District 9...; industrial zones such as Tan Tao Industrial Zone, Binh Chanh Industrial Zone etc; and even in wealthy districts like District I.

The survival of HH Loving Class located in Tan Phu, established in late 2010 by a nice couple, Mr. Hoa and Mrs. Hao, is a humane work, because it has been meeting the urgent need of the current setting in Sai Gon. Their class is recognized as a life-long learning model, as it offers a second chance for hundreds of illiterate children to learn. Not only are they taught how to read and write, and how to do basic operations without paying anything at all, but also they are offered a nutritious meal, they are cared for, loved and educated to be good children by kind-hearted volunteers and the founders, who have been dedicated to these poor little souls.

At first, LOVING CLASS welcomed any of poor children of various grades including formal schooling ones who are so low-gifted that they could not catch up with their formal curricula. However the fact is that so many

illiterate children come to us that there is no enough room. Then, our priority is given to the latter, who have no access to formal school. In this circumstance, our loving class always reaches 100 or more or so.

Additionally, a nutritious meal is always offered to such a number of out-of-school children to make sure that they are all in good mood before class.

Nearly 9,000,000 VNDs (Nine million VNDs), excluding the cost for free everyday meals, is a monthly rent for a house, used as a loving classroom. Such a very huge amount really needs your assistance and generosity which helps to maintain and develop our loving class with time.



2. PROJECT'S AIMS

The major purpose of this project is to offer a chance for hundreds of migrant illiterate children to be educated, to have good time, to be cared for and to be loved as they have the rights to these like other children.

We also aim to give a good opportunity for any of those, particularly university students, who have an interest in getting engaged in teaching

the loving class children and/or holding joyful games and moral, spiritual events for them.



Not only is our Loving Class an ideal place for illiterate poor children to be educated, but also it is a place on which they and their families, or other very poor families depend, especially in very difficult circumstances that need help in time.

On the other hand, this place is considered as a gathering-point of good people of all kinds, who could make their contributions to reducing the poor souls' sufferings, as a rule, by donating essential items such as rice, milk, vegetables, soft drinks, drinking water, stationery, books etc., which are shared or given to these little children and other disadvantaged people in the neighbourhood.

Last but not least, such a place is also used as a mini-entrepôt from which medicinal herbs are distributed to some herbal therapy clinics within Saigon.

3. BENEFICIARIES

Direct beneficiaries are hundreds of migrant illiterate children even thousands of them (with time), who have come with their poor family adult members (e.g., their parents) to Sai Gon from many places of Vietnam. A majority of them are always roughing it in the slums near the Four-Commune Intersection of Tan Phu District in Sai Gon.

Tens even hundreds of poor individuals and families are also offered/provided with essential items ranging from rice, food, clothes, sandals, bicycles, to a specific amount of money, particularly for those who are in need in urgent circumstances.

For those who are in extreme difficulty, they are frequently given rice, instant noodle, etc by Mr. Hoa and Mrs. Hao. For example, a case of an eleven-year-boy named Tai, who lives with his mother and his 80-year-old grandmother in a very narrow rented room in the slums near Tan Phu Loving Class. During the day, they are all on the tramp as scavengers while during the night, they have a rest in their tiny room occupied with pots and pans and many other things. As a rule, their earnings are not sufficient enough for the three to survive. So, a prompt assistance made to such a circumstance is really a crucial action, contributing to reducing their sufferings and bringing smile and happiness for the time being, though.

Many low-income patients residing in Saigon are also included as beneficiaries from our multi-purpose charity centre.

Project performance





1. PROCESS OF PROJECT PERFORMANCE

Tan Phu Loving Class is open from 6 pm to 8 pm from Monday to Friday every week in which on Friday night, Tan Phu Loving Class children are educated to be good persons in a family and in society.

Since the mid-2012, TỪ HÒA-CICG has annually sponsored 3600 – 4400 AUDs. Each year, TU HOA-CICG's members (Mr. Hoa and Mrs. Hao, also TU HOA members) volunteer to approach this premises to conduct a many-day sincere investigation into how this model has been working and how it has been managed to search for its strengths and weaknesses from which we will reinforce our charity work in the long run.

All of these account for the fact that the information updated from diverse data shows its validity and reliability, indicating that this multi-purpose model has been working effectively and sustainably.

In order to make the most of our time and space of the rented house, TU HOA-CICG in cooperation with the founders are planning to open a free library named PURE & RIGHT DOINGS LIBRARY with foci on moral themes related to being happy, being peaceful, being mindful and being compassionate, and being healthy. The PURE & RIGHT DOINGS LIBRARY is intended to be open free of charge for people of all kinds in August, 2017. If any more details about this special library, please, access yourselves to our website.



2. FUNDRAISING AND DONATIONS

TỪ HÒA-CICG hereby deliver a sincere charity appeal to any of you, who would wish to make donations or support to this meaningful and significant work – the work which contributes to bringing smiles and happiness to many disadvantaged people, particularly poor children.

Any donation, please contact...

3. CONTACT INFORMATION

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