



ANNUAL REPORT 2017
**SUNSHINE ARTS & MUSIC
PROGRAMME VIETNAM**

"Once you feed a child's stomach you must feed their spirit. Let the children laugh sing dance and play. Childhood is the very foundations of life and that is why I call this a foundation as opposed to a charity."

Christina Noble OBE



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ABBREVIATIONS

BIS	British International School
CNCF	Christina Noble Children’s Foundation
DOLISA	Department of Labour, Invalids and Social Affairs
HCMC	Ho Chi Minh City
MOLISA	Ministry of Labour, Invalids and Social Affairs
SSMC	Sunshine Social & Medical Centre

OUR VISION, MISSION, VALUES

Vision: A united world where children are free from suffering, poverty, exploitation, fear, and oppression. Where children are aware of their fundamental human rights.

Mission: The Christina Noble Children's Foundation is dedicated to serving the emotional, physical, medical and educational needs of vulnerable children. We believe that every child deserves love, respect and freedom from all forms of exploitation. We establish long-term relationships with the children we support and empower them to live happy, emotionally rich, and independent lives.

Values: Our values represent our beliefs and guide how we behave. They are: Love, Compassion, Respect, Honesty, and Integrity.

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CHILDHOOD IS THE FOUNDATION OF LIFE
Mama Tina



EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

In 2017, the Sunshine Arts & Music Programme continued to provide disadvantaged children from impoverished backgrounds access to creative activities including visual art, music, dance, and photography. Through these activities, children built self-esteem, confidence, and social skills that will help them develop into happy, fulfilled, and expressive young adults.

This year, more than 200 children participated in the Arts & Music Programme from our Sunshine School, Sunshine Homes and Child Sponsorship Programme. Classes offered included General Art & Music, Extracurricular Art, Dance, Aerobic Dance, Photography, Choir, Guitar, and Piano.

In addition to lessons, children participated in excursions, received visits from artists and musicians, and performed at CNCF and community events.

In 2018, we plan to increase the number of students involved in the extracurricular classes and continue to organise workshops with professional artists and musicians. We will also aim to provide more excursions that inspire the students' creativity.

2017 Operating Costs: USD \$27,364,38

Since inception in 1997

6,065

children have had access to the Sunshine Arts & Music Programme



PROGRAMME OVERVIEW

ESTABLISHED

1997

LOCATION

Ho Chi Minh City (HCMC)

OBJECTIVES

To use the transformative power of the arts to enable disadvantaged children to build their self-esteem, self-confidence, and social skills and develop into happy, fulfilled, and expressive young adults by allowing them to explore their imagination and creativity in a safe, supportive, and loving environment

PROGRAMME COMPONENTS

Classes and workshops in music (instruments and choir), dance, visual arts, and photography

BENEFICIARIES

Children from the Sunshine School, SSMC, Boys' and Girls' Sunshine Homes, Child Sponsorship Programme, and other disadvantaged and/or street children in HCMC

LOCAL PARTNERS

MOLISA (through the SSMC) and DOLISA (through the Sunshine Homes)

CNCF INVOLVEMENT

Fully responsible for funding, programme management, monitoring, and evaluation

CNCF MANAGEMENT

Helenita Noble, CEO; Son Thu Trinh, Director of Operations; David Tran, Programme Manager

PROGRAMME OVERVIEW

CNCF STAFF

Art Teachers: Nguyen Lan Phuong, Hang Thi Ngoc Hien, Le Thi Thien Huong
Music/Organ/Choir: Ho Thi Phuong Anh
Guitar/Piano: Pham Phu Gia Cat
Dance: Do Thi Xuyen Nhu

MONITORING AND EVALUATION

CNCF is directly responsible for funding and programme management, monitoring and evaluation activities are carried out regularly. The Program Manager conducts monitoring visits during programme activities. Weekly internal meetings are organised for CNCF staff to discuss programme-related issues and updates and an annual report are sent to all stakeholders. Most importantly, the progress the children are making is on display at various events such as talent shows and celebrations that are held at least once per quarter

2017 ACTUAL COST

USD \$27,364.38

PRIMARY DONOR

The Sovereign Art Foundation

FUTURE PLANS

In 2018, in addition to maintaining our current arts and music curriculum, we plan to increase the number of students involved in the extracurricular classes and continue to organise workshops with professional artists and musicians. We will also aim to provide more excursions that inspire the students' creativity

REPORTING PERIOD

January - December 2017



The Arts and Music program has been a safe haven for the children to learn and create. With a supportive and nurturing environment, the children are exposed to a world where creation and expression are at the forefront. With activities and performances, and by working with guest artists, the children discover new talents, learn to appreciate beauty, have role-models, and have the freedom to explore their deep imaginations. It is this process of creating joyful, inspiring moments that heal from past experiences, and provides that basic fundamental, for a happy life.

- David Tran, Arts & Music Programme Manager





PROGRAMME BACKGROUND

The Sunshine Arts & Music programme was established in 1997.

Our Founder Christina Noble strongly believes in the transformative power of the arts. Exercising creativity helps disadvantaged children build self-esteem and develop into happy, fulfilled, and expressive young adults. We believe that an education without exposure to the arts is not a complete education.

Art and music play a crucial role in the social, intellectual, cognitive, and emotional growth and development of all children. Art and music can help children control their emotions, which is a critical skill for all children and is particularly vital for the children our Foundation serves who are raised in poverty and experience daily emotional stress. Through creativity, children can express themselves more freely and effectively and develop self-confidence and self-awareness.

Education in the arts can also enhance critical thinking and creativity. During a child's school years, there is a tremendous opportunity to counteract the negative impacts of poverty. For example, music lessons can improve neural function and academic performance in children.

Our Arts & Music Programme offers classes suitable for all our children, whether they are new to studying art and music and just learning the basics, or they have a particular talent and want to deepen their studies and hone their skills. We provide the children with a diverse range of creative activities, allowing them space to explore their active imaginations in a structured and

supportive environment. The aim of our programme is to nurture the children's innate creativity by introducing them to various avenues of artistic expression, and in doing so, facilitate the manifestation of their imaginative landscapes, helping them effectively communicate their thoughts, feelings, and emotions.

Programme activities foster individuality and self-reflection, but also encourage group work, community, and togetherness. This dual focus is achieved by offering a range of activities, some of which are more introspective, where the children are encouraged to work independently, and others that emphasise group coordination, sharing of ideas and working together to complete tasks.

By providing our children an arts education, we introduce them to an alternative way of learning, one which is often more suitable to their individual needs.

The Arts & Music Programme currently offers a general arts and music class and more specialised classes in dance, choir, guitar, piano, and photography.

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OUR YEAR

The Arts & Music Programme operates across four of our Foundation's Projects: the Sunshine School, the SSMC Day Care, the Sunshine Homes for Boys and Girls, and the Child Sponsorship Programme. Underprivileged community children are also allowed to join if classes are below full capacity. 2017 was an exciting year for the Sunshine Arts & Music Programme. In addition to the regular activities, the children also participated in a variety of extra events and workshops. Students from the Sunshine School interacted with professional artists and musicians and showcased their talents at various events.

201 children participated in programme activities during 2017. Students from our Sunshine School (143) took part in a compulsory Visual Arts, Crafts, Music and extracurricular courses in choir, musical instruments, dance, aerobic dance, craft, and photography. In addition, girls and boys from our Sunshine Homes participated in dance and art classes.

A programme highlight in 2017 was refurbishment of the Foundation's front wall with a new mural featuring new pictures and theme. Employees from company KPMG volunteered to help CNCF staff and students paint the mural under the direction of our head art teacher.

201 CHILDREN

in total participated in Arts & Music

143 CHILDREN

in General Art & Music Class

20 CHILDREN

in Extracurricular Art Class

14 CHILDREN

in Boys' Home Art Class

14 CHILDREN

in Girl's Home Art Class

27 CHILDREN

in Choir

6 CHILDREN

in Guitar/Piano Class

13 CHILDREN

in Dance Class

12 CHILDREN

in Aerobic Dance Class

14 CHILDREN

in Girls' Home Dance Class

Programme included lessons:



Visual Arts



Crafts



Music



Musical Instruments



Choir



Dance



Aerobic Dance



Photography

2017 HIGHLIGHTS

Baptist Coehlo, winner of the 2016 Sovereign Art Prize, spent three days with our fifth grade students in Arts Classes.

- Irelands top TV channel RTE film videoed the General Music class for the Francis Brennan Show
- Sunshine Choir performed at Caravelle Hotel, Starbucks, British International School, and the Saigon Trade Centre
- A brother and sister duo from the guitar class performed guitar pieces at a Universal English Centre fundraising event
- Choir and Dance team performed at Graduation Day, International Children's Day, Sunshine School's Opening Day, the Mid-Autumn Festival, Teacher's Day, and for Noble Challenge guests
- Fifty KPMG Vietnam employees helped paint a new mural on the Foundations front parameter wall
- Children's Art work presented to the British Consulate HCM City and British Business Group Vietnam
- Sony Photography Competition 'Life through a Child's Lens

Photo: Volunteer Baptist Coehlo:
Winner of The Sovereign Art prize 2016
with Sunshine Students





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PROGRAMME ACTIVITIES

General Art & Music is a required class for all Sunshine School students. Other classes are elective and students choose to participate based on their individual interests. All students are welcome to join the extracurricular classes and there are no age limits.

ART

Our art classes are designed to be a fun exploration of and an introduction to art styles and techniques. Our children express their creativity through visual arts such as crafts, drawing, and painting. Our children love creating art; they produce vibrant colours and imaginative imagery with ease, transforming blank canvases into exciting and captivating pieces of work.

The extracurricular art class focuses on mixing colours, design and drawing, craftwork, and improving technique. Students take the ideas and techniques they learn and apply them to various projects throughout the year. Students from this class produced acrylic paintings on canvas and acrylic paintings on canvas bags. Their works have been given as gifts to VIP guests and sold at various events - with proceeds going to the artist.

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Choir, Dance, Guitar, Piano, and Aerobic Dance classes practice songs and routines in preparation for performances throughout the year. Students from these classes perform at CNCF events. The Choir and Sunshine School Dance team perform at various business centres during the Christmas season. In total, students performed at fourteen events in 2017. The Choir and Dance team performed at the Caravelle Hotel, Starbucks, British International School, and the Saigon Trade Centre.

The Choir and Dance team performed at:

CARAVELLE
HOTEL

STARBUCKS

BRITISH
INTERNATIONAL
SCHOOL

SAIGON
TRADE CENTRE





PROGRAMME ACTIVITIES

MUSIC

Music can inspire, relieve anxiety, and create memories that we carry with us throughout our lives. Christina Noble personally recognises the magical and reviving capabilities of music; she has described many lonely and desperate times as a street child in Dublin in the 1950s when music and singing were her only forms of escape and connection to a world beyond her own daily reality.

Our extracurricular music lessons cover both philosophy and practice of guitar, piano, rhythm and vocals.

Choir

Our Choir provides the children a chance to express themselves through song. The sweet sound of our children's voices coming together in harmony is now a regular feature at both CNCF and community events. Children learn a variety of popular and traditional songs in both English and Vietnamese.

Guitar and Piano Lessons

Guitar and piano lessons are offered to older students who show interest. Our aim is to work with students to develop technique and an understanding of musical score reading. We schedule recitals to build the children's performance skills and showcase their talents.

Photo: David Tran, Arts & Music Programme Manager







PROGRAMME ACTIVITIES

DANCE

CNCF strongly believes in the power of dance and the wide-reaching benefits it can have for children. Dance affords children the opportunity to explore and communicate emotions, increase self-confidence, and enhance social skills. It is also highly physical and provides a fun and effective way for our children to improve their overall health and fitness.

Our dance classes are a fun way for our children to express themselves through body movement and to learn how to listen and work as a team. This is a very popular class and the programme was designed to attract both girls and boys. Our dance troupe performs throughout the year.

In addition to the dance classes and the classes for the girls at our Sunshine Home, we also have an aerobic dance class for our younger day care children. This class helps the children develop motor skills and includes lots of fun stretching, dancing, and learning of small routines to musical tracks.





OTHER ACTIVITIES AND HIGHLIGHTS

PHOTOGRAPHY

Our photography classes were introduced in 2014. Cameras are not typically accessible for children in our programmes, and thus, this class opens a whole new world for them. In 2017 children participated in the Sony Photography completion 'Life Through A Child's Lens'.

British International School Collaboration

This year, we completed our second full-year collaboration with the British International School (BIS). For five months, two groups of eleven first graders joined BIS students at their campus to participate in various computer activities, games, and crafts as part of a club activity organised by BIS.

Volunteer Contributions

Thank you very much to our very special guests who volunteered in 2017.

Baptist Coehlo, winner of the 2016 Sovereign Art Prize, spent three days with the fifth graders, helping them complete a multi-themed project.

Charlie Pannell, an aspiring art student from London, taught various arts and crafts to the students for one month.

Students from the Seoul National Academy, South Korea among other taught students how to make eco-friendly bags and Korean masks.





Photo: Volunteer students from Seoul National Academy, South Korea





OUR STORIES

Guitar Boosts Confidence

Dung* is a 17-year-old boy who lives with ten family members in a very small dilapidated house in HCMC. All are unskilled, and finding work is very difficult for all of them. His father passed away several years ago and his mother has been unemployed for over a year. To help the family make ends meet, Dung works weekends as a motorbike attendant, earning \$6 USD per weekend.

Dung's sister is a member of our Child Sponsorship Programme, which is how Dung became involved with CNCF activities. Guitar class is Dung's favourite class at CNCF. Each week he takes two 90-minute guitar lessons. CNCF provides him with a guitar so he can practise at home. Dung likes to practice several hours per day and his commitment shows in his rapidly improving skill. He is one of the best guitar students in the class. He always comes to class prepared and sometimes brings songs that he wants to learn.

Dung was typically a shy student. He is tall, but often walked with slumped shoulders as he lacked confidence. However, as his guitar playing has improved, he has started to show more confidence as his self belief grows. He is far more socially engaged than he used to be and now even helps other students in the class. Dung believes that learning guitar has helped him improve his focus and relax his mind. Thus, his performance in academic subjects at school have also improved considerably.

Dung's guitar repertoire consists of both English and Vietnamese songs. He recently performed at a Foundation fundraiser for over one hundred people in attendance.



Dung says....

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I could of never imagined that I would ever have the opportunity to learn guitar, let alone perform in front of so many people. The first time I performed I was very nervous at first but after hearing everyone clapping at the end of my performance, I couldn't believe it. CNCF has shown me I have a good talent for music, and because of this it seems everything has changed for me, it has even improved my academic results as my confidence has really grown. I really am very thankful to everyone at CNCF.

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*Names changed for child protection

An Aspiring and Very Talented Artist

Thanh* entered CNCF's Sunshine Home for Girls when she was six years old. She previously lived with her grandfather and, when she first arrived, she was inconsolable for a long time because she missed him so much. Unfortunately her grandfather could no longer look after her as he was in his 70's and very sick, and he was her only living family member.

Had CNCF not come across the families situation, then Thanh could have been left very vulnerable and at high risk of exploitation.

Thanh is now fourteen and has made tremendous progress. She actively participates in extracurricular activities; art and dance are her favourites.

Thanh has become a most talented and accomplished artist as she has grown up. She spends a lot of her spare time drawing as this brings her great joy.

Thanh has produced many fantastic paintings on canvas in 2017. Thanh's paintings are interesting and delightful and all of them have been selected to go on display in the Foundation and some have been given as gifts on behalf of the Foundation to supporters. One of her pieces from 2017 now hangs in the British Consulate in HCM City.

Thanh says...

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For me, after-school art class is really enjoyable and I feel very excited when I know I am going to my art class. I love being creative and learning to mix and work with colours. Learning art has helped to decide that I definitely want to be an artist when I grow up, and CNCF is helping me to achieve my dreams. Thank you so much Mama Tina, and the art teachers at CNCF for helping me to realise my talent. I am excited for my future.

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*Names changed for child protection



ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

OUR DONORS AND SUPPORTERS

It is with great thanks and deep appreciation to The Sovereign Art Foundation for their generous sponsorship of the Sunshine Arts and Music Programme since 2011. Their support has allowed us to make our founder's dream of providing the children in our care an emotionally rich, happy, and fulfilled childhood a reality. By providing opportunities for our young people to exercise their creativity and learn the power of self-expression and self-exploration, we help them build a strong platform upon which they can grow and flourish. It is only through this generous and consistent support have we been able to continue offering the Arts & Music programme to children who would otherwise have no access whatsoever to the Arts.

We also thank the following groups and individuals for their valued and heartfelt contributions to our children's artistic development during 2017.

Primary Donors

The Sovereign Art Foundation



GIFT AND TIME IN KIND

Baptist Coehlo
British International School
Caravelle Hotel
Charlie Pannell
Goethe-Institute
KPMG Vietnam
Saigon Trade Centre
Seoul National Academy
Starbucks Vietnam



FINANCIAL OVERVIEW


Items	FY2017 in USD
Music & Art Supplies	683.55
Children's excursions and events	319.83
Programme Teachers salaries	6,250.54
Project Manager's salary and contributions	14,100.00
Management Fee	5,936.02
<u>TOTAL COST</u>	<u>27,364.38</u>


Thank you to all those who donated gifts and time in-kind throughout the year enabling us to keep our annual operating costs to a minimum.

***2017 Audit available upon request or online www.cncf.org**



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