



ANNUAL REPORT 2023
**TAY NINH
RESIDENTIAL CENTRE
FOR VISUALLY IMPAIRED
CHILDREN VIETNAM**

PROGRAMME OVERVIEW

ESTABLISHED

1999

LOCATION

Tay Ninh Province, Vietnam

BACKGROUND

The use of defoliants such as Agent Orange during the Vietnam–America War, inadequate access to health education and monitoring, and a lack of medical and nutritional care have contributed to a high level of visual impairment which still persists in Tay Ninh Province today. CNCF's Tay Ninh Residential Centre for Visually Impaired Children (TNRC) functions as both a residential and educational centre, providing children with holistic long-term residential care, nutrition support, healthcare, academic education, rehabilitation, personal empowerment, vocational and life skills training, and recreational activities. The Centre can accommodate up to 65 visually impaired children and young adults

BENEFICIARIES

Children and young adults (ages 5-22) with visual impairments and multiple disabilities such as hearing and speech impediments, autism and mild psychological challenges who live in state orphanages or come from underprivileged families living in poverty

LOCAL PARTNERS

Department of Labour, Invalids and Social Affairs (DOLISA) of Tay Ninh province

CNCF ACCOUNTABILITY

CNCF is fully responsible for funding and financial management. CNCF provides management and technical support for childcare development and all project services

MONITORING AND EVALUATION

CNCF's Programme Manager conducts monthly visits to the Tay Ninh Residential Centre (TNRC) for monitoring children's development and safeguarding. Scheduled and unscheduled visits to TNRC are also facilitated by CNCF's Senior Projects Manager throughout the year. Regular meetings with the local partners and Tay Ninh Centre staff are held to provide project updates and to discuss any challenges. CNCF TNRC staff also attend weekly meetings with the Board of Management. Timely support is provided when specific needs arise. Monthly, quarterly, and semi-annual reports are provided to CNCF Board of Management. Annual evaluation is conducted by DOLISA and CNCF to assess project effectiveness. An annual report of the TNRC programme is also made available to all stakeholders

OUR YEAR

Established by CNCF Founder Christina Noble in 1999, the Tay Ninh Residential Centre for Visually Impaired Children (TNRC) responds to the pressing needs of visually impaired children from impoverished backgrounds or orphaned in Tay Ninh province. Situated in the rural Southwest region of Vietnam, Tay Ninh Province, affected by extensive military actions during the Vietnam-American War, faces enduring challenges, including visual impairments due to Agent Orange exposure.

The centre functions as both a residential and educational facility, providing holistic long-term care, education, healthcare, and vocational training for up to 65 visually impaired children and young adults. Services include comprehensive healthcare with personal medical insurance, regular health check-ups, and tailored nutritional plans. Educational opportunities are paramount, with efforts to overcome social stigmas and ensure equal access to education, including Braille conversion of lessons. Vocational training includes computer classes and various vocational skills development programmes. Extra-curricular activities, such as library access, music lessons, and recreational outings, enrich the children's experiences. The TNRC emphasises personal and social skills development through rehabilitation classes, life skills training, and social skill development initiatives. Staff training and workshops ensure the consistent delivery of high-quality care and education, underscoring the TNRC's commitment to empowering visually impaired children to reach their full potential and integrate into society.

In 2023, the Tay Ninh Residential Centre (TNRC) continued to provide specialised shelter, healthcare, mainstream education, special needs education, vocational training, rehabilitation in mobility skills, life skills training, job placements, and recreational activities for children and young adults.

Since inception,

1,476 CHILDREN & YOUNG ADULTS have been assisted by the TNRC, who have gone on to become self-sufficient and lead independent lives

In 2023,

64 CHILDREN (28 Girls and 36 Boys) were provided with holistic care and support

11 CHILDREN transitioned into the TNRC during the year

14 CHILDREN are completely blind

05 RESIDENTIAL CHILDREN were integrated back with their family

22 CHILDREN are partially blind

64 CHILDREN received annual health screenings

28 CHILDREN have additional disabilities

43 CHILDREN enrolled in mainstream education

Academic Education



6 - 10
years old



11 - 14
years old



15 - 17
years old

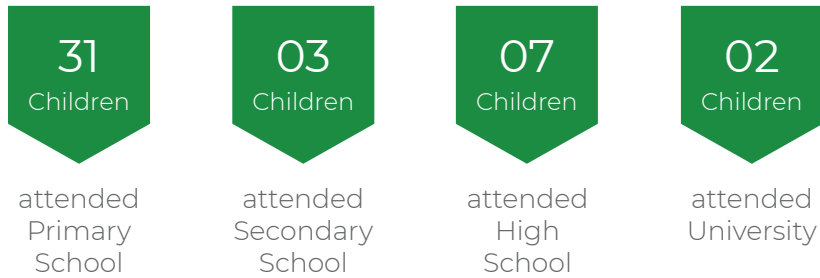


Over 18
years old

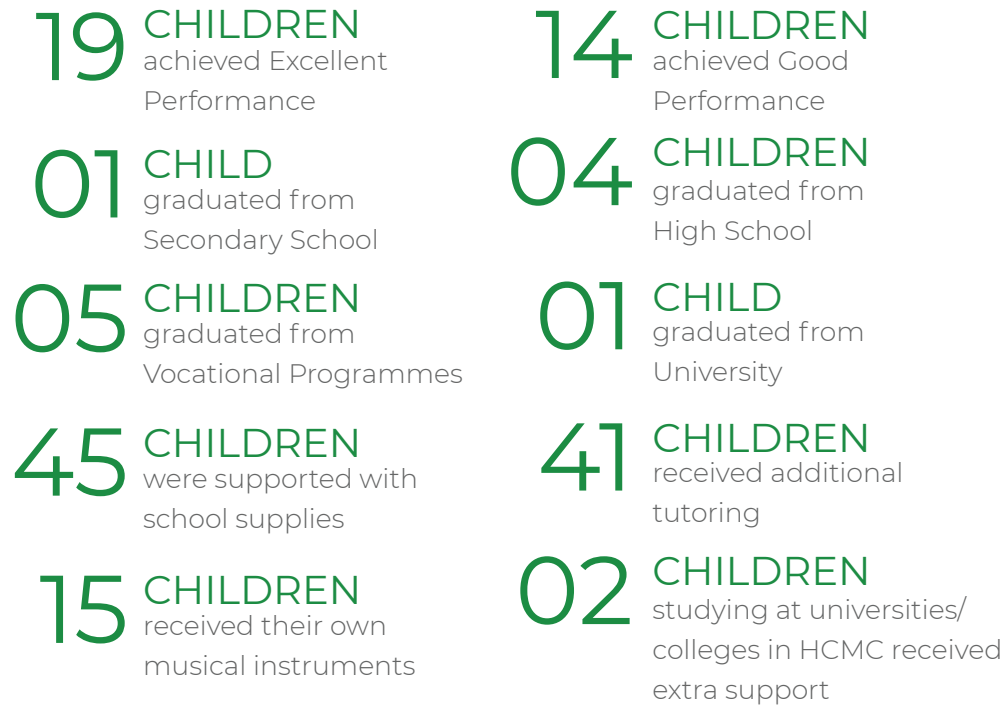
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Academic Education

Education Level



Education Outcomes



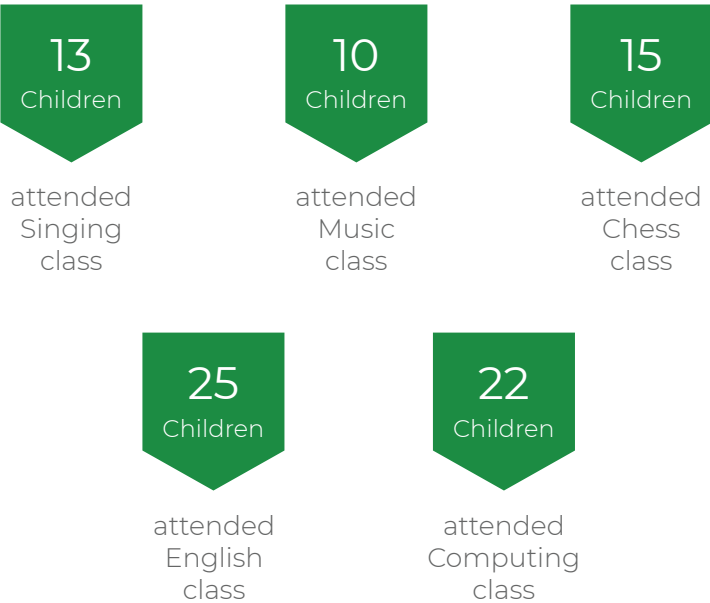
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Vocational Training & Rehabilitation

63 CHILDREN attended vocational classes including in Therapeutic Massage, Handicrafts, Shrimp Salt Production, Farming, and Information Technology

41 CHILDREN attended rehabilitation classes

Extracurricular Classes



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Healthcare

 **64** CHILDREN were provided with mental health care support

 **64** CHILDREN were provided with an annual health screening and personal medical insurance

 **64** CHILDREN received eye check-ups by Hoan My Sai Gon International Eye Hospital

 **64** CHILDREN received dental care check-ups

 **87** MEDICAL TREATMENTS were provided, and **64** turns of children were dewormed

 **09** HEALTH TALKS were organised



OUR YEAR

Social Skills Development



64 CHILDREN participated in 12 life skills training sessions and topic talks



09 SPECIAL EVENT CELEBRATIONS & SPECIAL ACTIVITIES were organised



06 CHILDREN who were in their final year of Secondary School and High School received vocational and career guidance



07 PRIZES/MEDALS were awarded for 19 children who participated in Drawing, Painting and Singing competitions



01 CHILD graduated from the centre, secured a stable job and became self-sufficient

Additional Support



04 CHILDREN received new Hearing Aid equipment



64 CHILDREN received Christmas presents and Lunar New Year gifts

Staff Training



06 TNRC STAFF attended 15 trainings and workshops



OUR STORIES

Minh*: A Tale of Triumph

The story of Minh embodies resilience and the transformative power of CNCF's Tay Ninh Centre. Born into a farming family living in abject poverty in Tay Ninh Province, Khoa's early life was marked by challenges, including his struggle with complete blindness. Minh's parents faced challenges not only in providing meals for the family, but also in affording the specialised care Minh urgently needed. Despite these obstacles, his journey at the centre since his arrival in 2005 has been marked by significant growth and accomplishment, owing to the security, assistance, and opportunities for education, music, and extracurricular activities provided.

Minh's commitment to his education and passion for the arts through the centre have led to notable successes, including academic excellence and multiple awards for his achievements, underscoring his role as a beacon of inspiration within our community. Thanks to CNCF, he could pursue his love for music, honing his skills to the extent that he graduated from the Ho Chi Minh City Conservatory of Music in 2023, all made achievable through his determination and talent and financial support through CNCF's Education Scholarship Programme. Minh now shares his talents as a Music Teacher, impacting the lives of others at the Nhat Hong Centre for the Blind.

Minh's journey from a child facing significant obstacles to an influential and independent educator is a powerful testament to the impact of dedicated support and the indomitable human spirit. His story highlights the incredible possibilities that emerge when we nurture potential and foster resilience at the Tay Ninh Centre.

*Name changed for identity protection



OUR STORIES

A Parent's Gratitude: The Transformative Impact of the Tay Ninh Centre

"I am profoundly grateful for the support. The generosity and care of CNCF has changed our lives, offering my child opportunities beyond our imagination.

Initially, fear and uncertainty clouded our hearts as my child entered the Tay Ninh Centre. We lived in difficulty, and we could not provide her with the care she desperately needed. Yet, with your unwavering support and the comprehensive services provided, hope and courage soon replaced our apprehension. The Centre became more than just a shelter, it became a nurturing environment fostering growth, resilience, and self-confidence.

Your dedication CNCF to providing inclusive education tailored to visually impaired children is extraordinary. Introducing Braille and providing assistive technology has empowered my child to navigate academics with confidence. Beyond tangible resources, it's your genuine belief in her capabilities and tireless encouragement that have truly made a difference.

Thanks to you, she has transformed from a timid individual grappling with impairment into a confident and ambitious young person. The growth, both academic and personal, is astounding and fills my heart with gratitude.

On behalf of all parents and guardians at the Tay Ninh Centre since 1997, I extend heartfelt thanks to the Christina Noble Children's Foundation. Your tireless efforts and commitment to our children's well-being have profoundly impacted our lives. You recognise their immense potential beyond visual impairments, ensuring they have the resources to reach it."

- The parent of a child at TNRC -



FINANCIAL OVERVIEW

The total cost of running the Tay Ninh Residential Centre for Visually Impaired Children in 2023 was:

\$78,213 USD

Heartfelt thanks to our primary donors, **Allied World (HK)** and **Individual Donor (VN)**, who have enabled CNCF to keep this project operating. We also extend our gratitude to the many kind individuals not mentioned here; their additional support helps us keep our costs down. Additionally, we take this opportunity to appreciate our local partner, the **Department of Labour, Invalids and Social Affairs (DOLISA)** of Tay Ninh Province, whose support makes it possible for us to implement this program successfully.

Audit in progress at time of reporting. Our audits can be found at: www.cncf.org/finance-policies/.



TAY NINH RESIDENTIAL CENTRE FOR VISUALLY IMPAIRED CHILDREN EXPENDITURES IN 2023

Expenditure	Amount (USD)
Food (residential nutrition)	38,301
Education & additional Education support	6,542
Enrichment activities for the children	1,833
Healthcare, Medical treatments, Personal toiletries & hygiene	8,158
Clothing, uniform, shoes	1,258
Kitchen utensils & Cooking fuel	1,586
Petrol, Repairs & Maintenance	1,757
Centre Staff allowance (mandatory)	11,917
Travel costs & Others	3,203
CNCF Programme Delivery cost	3,658
TOTAL COST	78,213



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