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2021 Donation Target

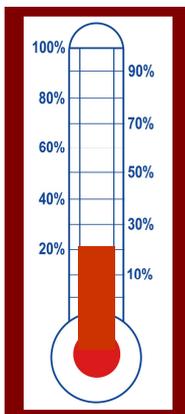
\$150,000

Donations To Date

\$ 31,165

Needed To Reach Target

\$ 118,835



Fundraiser Update

Total donations towards our annual fundraiser are \$31,165 or 20% of our goal. Four months to go and our goal is in sight. One of our main missions is education. It is perhaps the most lasting gift we can give these children. It costs about \$81 per year for uniforms, books and essentials. This year, the Sisters will send 550 students to school in grades 1 through 12. The nuns do a marvelous job of getting the kids ready for school, and many of them earn academic honors. Vinh Son also provides care for over 200 preschool children. Your donations make this all possible. **THANK-YOU!**



On an annual basis, FVSO provides \$7,152 worth of diapers for Vinh Son 1, Vinh Son 2 and Sao Mai orphanages. Funds are sent each quarter along with Basic Needs support. **“Oh Huggie Day!”**

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT: Back-To-School will begin on September 5, 2021
The FVSO October newsletter will highlight the event



“When she smiles, her cheeks are like 2 tomatoes”

Y Nuong Continues to Thrive

Little girl Y Nuong was still a blood-colored baby when she was brought to Vinh Son 2 orphanage but now she is over 9 months old and she weighs 9 kilos, and is 70 centimeters tall and we can look at her as a chubby little girl with her red cheeks. When she smiles, her cheeks are like two tomatoes making everyone want to make some pinches to cuddle with her. She has no teeth yet but when she smiles, her nice mouth opens wide to reveal pink gums and looks so cute. She is very friendly so everyone wants to carry her in their arms and play with her. The daily schedule for her is just used for eating, sucking milk, and sleeping.

Y Nuong is very active and now she can flip, crawl and stand. She loves to be carried and looks around playing and is learning to say her simple words "momma" and "papa" and she looks very lovely in her photo. She can pick up food herself and put it in her mouth to eat. Whatever she sees, she always takes it and puts it in her mouth and if something is far away from her reach, she tries to crawl to get it and she is very interested in everything around her.

Because of the Coronavirus, no one can visit Y Nuong at the orphanage, not even her father. However, that doesn't keep her from speaking the words.

Y Nuong is a joy for all the orphans of Vinh Son 2. Everyone in the orphanage has had so much fun and everyone loves and cherishes her. Every time I visit Vinh Son 2 orphanage, I look for Y Nuong. I like to tease her, cherish her and carry her in my arms and walk around together.

Scrubbing the floor



Preparing food



Eating it



Laughing “Life is Good”



A Young Man Talks to Martha About Coronavirus

He shares some of his fears while living under that deadly cloud

My name is A Doi and I am 18 years old now and I am staying in Vinh Son 1. I would like to give my ideas and my feelings about the situation of the Covid 19 pandemic.

For myself, I know and feel the danger of Covid-19 so I, and all the orphans in our Vinh Son 1 orphanage, have to act together and join hands to prevent Coronavirus. The Sisters have given us the measures to prevent Coronavirus by keeping our 2-meter distance, and we were divided into groups according to our ages and our housework as cleaning our bedrooms, bathrooms, dining rooms, yards, gardens and so on.

Besides, we have a good schedule for studying our lessons, doing our school exercises, watching TV, and the time of our prayers for all the benefactors and donors of FVSO and for our Sisters and for everyone in the world during the period of this pandemic. For the older orphans, they can do their farming in the field or in the vegetable garden of our orphanage or feeding pigs, chicken...and taking care of the hygiene of food and drinks in the kitchen and preparing enough alcoholic antiseptic gels at the gate of our orphanage and always keeping an eye on the temperature measurement.

Like an island in the ocean, the Vinh Son orphanages rely on each other for everything

Coronavirus requires drastic measures

Martha updates the situation

Delta variant Coronavirus broke out violently in Vietnam with hundreds of thousand cases and thousands of deaths which menaces the Vietnamese people's life. Because of its very fast spread of cases every day, the Vietnamese government had to order the social distance according to the strict instruction number 16 and the order of lockdown with the areas where there are many Covid positive cases infected which are unknown sources of spreading and cannot trace in the community.

In Ho Chi Minh City, and in other provinces of the south, after the social distance of 15 days, the situation of the Covid-19 was still very complicated, not reducing but tending to increase and become more and more dangerous, so the government has given the strict instruction as the curfew at night from 6 pm to 6 am and there are administrative fines for anyone who violates and imprisonment for those who do not comply to spread the pandemic.

All the provinces have many Covid controlling and commanding positions and all the authorities and people joined the fight with the slogan: "Fighting against the pandemic" like fighting against the enemy."

In our Kontum province, there are twenty Covid positive cases who came back from Ho Chi Minh City to avoid Coronavirus and they were stopped and tested at the Covid commanding positions. Then, they were taken immediately to the centers of isolation so we don't have any positive Covid cases in our community. However, we don't feel safe because we don't have enough vaccination to prevent effectively now so we are worried if the fast spread of Delta virus comes to us.

Before the 4th wave of the pandemic this time, in order to decrease the sadness and the boredom, the unsafety from the Coronavirus, the Sisters have made a good schedule for all the children who can be more active and busier so that they can decrease their boredom and their fear during the pandemic. At present, all the orphans are staying all day and night in their Vinh Son orphanages and they are trying to keep the regulations that the Sisters have given them.

A Group Effort



GATHERING



EATING



WASHING



GARDENING



Gate Guards at VS-2

GREAT NEWS August 19, 2021

The caregivers and children who are 15 years and older are now registering for their Coronavirus vaccination; after that, they must wait for the actual schedule of the shots. Everyone hopes it will be very soon!

"PLEASE NO VISITING" the sign explains what these four kids (left) from VS- 2 are doing at the entrance gate of their orphanage. They keep outsiders away, and conduct testing for anyone who has a valid reason for entering.

The first words allow me to inquire about the health of you. What is the current situation of the covid-19 epidemic in the US? Are people able to live normally? Vietnam is having a special anti-epidemic day in Ho Chi Minh City. Please pray for the country of Vietnam.

FVSO Scholarship Program

58 students have received scholarship funding to date
 14 students are currently receiving financial help
 21 have already graduated from higher education

Today, perhaps a special day for me, is the day when I want to say thank you for the past 4 years of college. I thank you very much for loving me and creating conditions for me to study at university in the best way. I thank you for always listening to what I confide in, as well as our students. I am always very grateful to FVSO.

I don't know what to say, other than to pray and thank you for everything. I wish you could be in Vietnam so we could meet each other. And at the end of July, I officially graduated from Quy Nhon University with a major in educational psychology and opened a new journey in life. When my certificate of merit or diploma arrives, I will send it to you.

I send my thank you letter to all the benefactors of the FVSO Association, and wish them health. I love you all very much.

A Tuan

A Tuan's expression of thanks can be seen in his smile

FVSO congratulates A Tuan and wishes him well as he continues on his journey.



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Legacy Fund Update

The goal is:

**\$2 million dollars
 by March 2027**

Legacy Fund Balance

\$914,172



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Orphanage Facts

About 775 Montagnard children live in 7 orphanage facilities in the Kontum/Pleiku areas of Vietnam.

\$12 per month provides each child one nutritious meal every day.

Orphanages are run by the Sisters of Miraculous Medal (Vinh Son) and St. Paul Chartres (Sao Mai).

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