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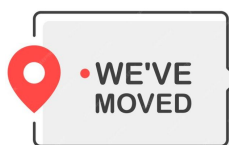
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2025 DONATION SUMMARY

Status through Sept 1st:

Annual Goal: **\$350,000**

Total Donations: **\$141,062**

Goal Achieved After 8 Months:

40%

Just 4 months left!

Help us reach our goal!
Donate Today

Friends of Vinh Son Orphanage (FVSO)

Montagnard Orphanage
Kontum-Pleiku, Vietnam

Funding Update from Jason Dent

As we approach the last quarter of 2025, please find a special message from our VP of Marketing and Fundraising.



Dear FVSO Supporters,

I hope this message finds you well. As the Vice President for Marketing and Fundraising at FVSO I am reaching out to express our deepest gratitude for your unwavering support over the years. Your generosity has been the backbone of our mission to provide a nurturing environment for the children at the Vinh Son Orphanage in Vietnam.

As you may know, our charity was founded during a time when the world was still deeply affected by the Vietnam War. Many of our supporters, like yourself, have personal connections to that era, and your contributions have been instrumental in transforming the lives of countless children. Thanks to you, these children have had access to food, clothes, education, healthcare, and a loving community.

However, as time passes, we face the challenge of a declining donor base. Our historic supporters, primarily Vietnam War era veterans and their families, are fewer in number, and this has significantly impacted our donation revenue. With only a quarter left in the year, we are only at 40% of our donation goal. This leaves us at a critical juncture, making your continued support more important than ever.

Your donations have not only provided immediate relief but have also laid the foundation for a brighter future for these children. With your help, we can continue to offer them the help they need. We are committed to finding new ways to sustain our mission, but we need your help to bridge the gap during this transition.

For those still able to support us, we thank you. For our past donors, please consider renewing your support with a donation today, or spread the word to your family and friends. Your support and contribution, no matter the size, will make a significant difference. Together, we can ensure that the legacy of compassion and care that you have helped build continues to thrive.

Thank you once again for your kindness and generosity. If you have any questions or would like to discuss how you can further support our mission, please feel free to reach out to me at friendsofvso@gmail.com.

With heartfelt gratitude,
Jason Dent - VP Marketing and Fundraising

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jason Dent', located in the bottom right corner of the email.



Summertime at Vinh Son

The Vinh Son orphanages are full of activity in the summertime, and have a lot of parallels to summers in the States. School ends at the end of May or first week of June, and everyone is jumping with joy. Enjoy a brief glimpse into all that is happening!

[Read more about summertime at Vinh Son](#)



Meet Y Hoa

Y Hoa is in her final year at Kon Tum College majoring in Social Work. She is from Vinh Son 2 and started college in the fall of 2023. After graduation she hopes to find work as a social worker, counselor, or HR professional. To achieve this dream, has been attending job fairs to help her get connected to open opportunities after graduation.

“Looking back on my years studying, perhaps the thing that changed me the most was my perception of education. I no longer felt that studying was someone else’s responsibility, but began to see it as a path for me to build my own future. I remembered what the nuns often said: “Study not just to get marks, but to understand, to become a person.” Now, I understand more than ever the value of knowledge, independence and gratitude.”



We Need Your Help!

- Do you receive printed donation receipts in the mail?
- Do you receive a printed copy of our newsletter?

Go paperless to ensure MORE of your generous donations go directly to the kids!

- Send us an email and say hello: friendsofvso@gmail.com
- Subscribe to receive our monthly newsletter via email at friendsofvso.org

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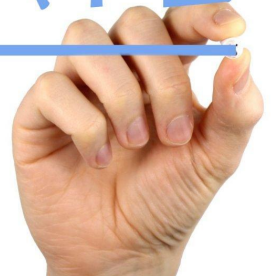
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