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2025 DONATION SUMMARY

Status through Oct 1st:

Annual Goal:	**$350,000**
Total Donations:	**$153,658**

Goal Achieved After 9 Months:

44% *3 months left!*

Help us reach our goal!
Donate Today

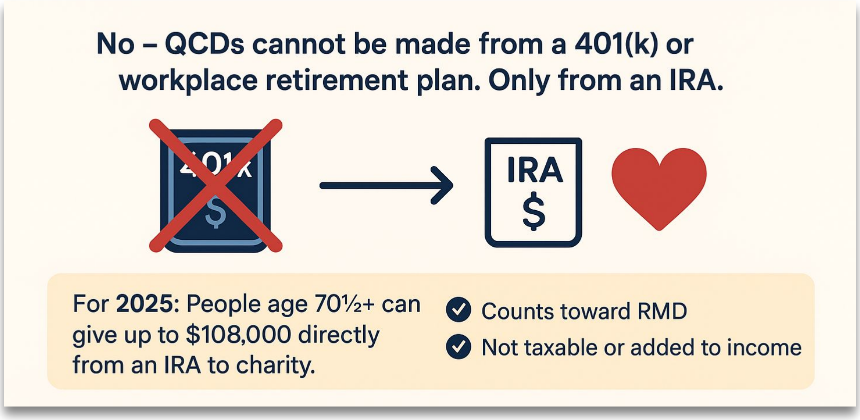
A New School Year Begins

On September 5, the children of the six Vinh Son orphanages joined millions of students across Vietnam in celebrating the first day of the new school year. For the first time, Kon Tum hosted an official opening ceremony that was both grand and festive.

[Read more about the beginning of the school year]

Your Questions About Qualified Charitable Distributions (QCDs)

Q: Where can I make a qualified charitable distribution from? Can I use my 401(k) this year?



A: QCDs cannot be done from a 401(k) or other workplace retirement plan. A QCD can only be done from an IRA.

People age 70 ½ and older can transfer up to $108,000 in 2025 from a traditional IRA directly to a charity. QCDs can count as all or part of your required minimum distribution (RMD), but they are not taxable, and they are not added to your adjusted gross income.

The QCD strategy is a good way to get tax savings from charitable gifts for taxpayers who don't itemize because of higher standard deductions.

Source: Kiplinger Personal Finance magazine, November 2025

The information provided above is for informational purposes only and should not be considered financial advice. We encourage readers to consult with a qualified tax expert or financial advisor before making any financial decisions.

A New Blessing at Vinh Son 2

On September 19, our Vinh Son 2 family welcomed a precious new member — a two week old baby girl named Y Thao My. Sadly, the child's mother passed away from food poisoning, and the baby was brought to the Sisters to be lovingly cared for and raised in their community.

Though this little one's life began with hardship, we believe the baby is fortunate to have found a new home filled with love and compassion from the Sisters and all of our generous benefactors. Each night, the student Sisters take turns caring for the baby — preparing bottles, comforting cries, and watching over with a mother's devotion.

We ask for your continued prayers for the Y Thao My's health and peace, and for the Sisters who nurture this new life with such tenderness and hope.

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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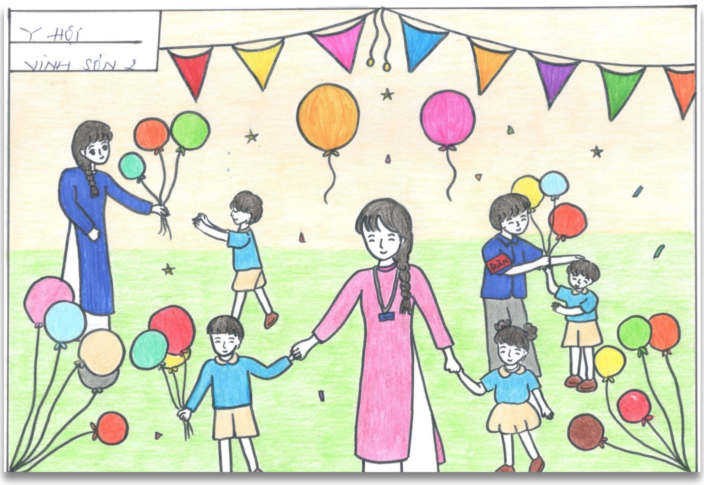

We Have a New Address!

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Same wonderful cause, with the addition of new volunteers supporting operations and carrying on our mission.

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