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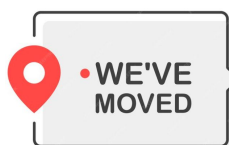
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2025 DONATION SUMMARY

Status through Aug 1st:

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

Total Donations: **\$127,996**

Goal Achieved After 7 Months:

37%

Just 5 months left!

Help us reach our goal!
Donate Today

Friends of Vinh Son Orphanage (FVSO)

Montagnard Orphanage
Kontum-Pleiku, Vietnam

A Letter From Our New President

After 15 years on the FVSO Board, Patrick Leary has passed his duties to David Bolhorst. David was born and raised in Santa Clara, CA and currently resides in Campbell, CA with his wife, Tiffany and three sons.

As a twenty-year Sales Executive in the software industry, he's developed valuable skills in strategic problem solving, communication, team/project management, people management, and vision setting, which will all be utilized in his role with FVSO. David grew up heavily involved in his church with leadership roles in youth groups, music and teaching. He has always been passionate about helping those in need and is very excited to bring new ideas to the team.



Dear FVSO Supporters,

I'd like to begin by expressing my sincere gratitude for all of your involvement in our organization. It's both a great honor and privilege to step into the role of President of FVSO. Although I have only served on the board for a little over a year, having grown up alongside some of the founding board members, I have been privileged to witness the remarkable work of FVSO since its inception and have long admired its unwavering commitment to enhancing the lives of the children at Vinh Son Orphanage. Thanks to the generosity of our donors, FVSO has been able to touch the lives of thousands of children over the years.

I'd like to extend my heartfelt thanks to Patrick Leary for his outstanding service to our organization over the past 15 years. His dedication to the children, the nuns, and our mission has been evident in all he has done. He has been a tremendous support to me over the past 6-9 months as we thoughtfully navigated this transition.

Additionally I am deeply appreciative of Dave Chaix, FVSO's founding president, whose passion for helping children in Vietnam's Central Highlands laid the foundation for our organization. Through his caring leadership and dedication to fundraising, FVSO has grown into what it is today.

Finally, I want to thank Gene Mapa for his many years of service. Although Gene is stepping down from his role as Treasurer, he will remain on the board in some capacity for the time being. His responsibilities have been transferred to our new Treasurer, Andrew Monroe, and our VP of Communications, Chris Keegan. Thank you, Gene, for your tireless work and commitment over the years.

While additional operational changes will undoubtedly come in the future, such as our new mailing address allowing streamlined donation processing, FVSO's core dedication to the children, families, nuns, and community in the Central Highlands will remain constant. Our mission to provide education and basic needs to the children of VSO continues, and we are always seeking ways to increase our impact thanks to your generous donations.

We remain eternally grateful to our donors and supporters for their ongoing encouragement and commitment to FVSO's mission. Thank you for your steadfast support—both now and in the years to come.

Best regards,



David Bolhorst - President, FVSO



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

FVSO Board Members

David Bolhorst - President
Mai-Ly Bui Wilcox - Secretary
Andrew Monroe - Treasurer
Dave Chaix - Founding Past President
Jason Dent - VP Marketing & Funding
Chris Keegan - VP Communications
Clyde Lewandowski - VP Education
Jessica Schroeder - VP Education
Tom Solyst - VP Vietnam Operations
Patrick Keegan - VP Development
Bart Ruud - Project Director
Khac-Quan Nguyen - Board Member
Gene Mapa - Board Member
Pat McKee - Board Member

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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.

Donate Today

While check donations are greatly appreciated, online donations help reduce overall administrative costs.

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We are a humanitarian non-profit organization approved by IRS code 501©(3). Donations are tax deductible and accepted year-round.