

Children’s Heart Surgery Program Sponsorship Form

Partial Heart Sponsorship - 10 months

- ☐ \$25 x 10 months = \$250
- ☐ \$50 x 10 Months = \$500
- ☐ \$100 x 10 months = \$1,000

Full Heart Sponsorship - 10 Months

- ☐ \$200 x 10 Months = \$2,000 (With insurance)
- ☐ \$300 x 10 Months = \$3,000 (Partial insurance)
- ☐ \$350 x 10 months = \$3,500 (No insurance)

Annual Heart Sponsorship

- ☐ \$2,000 one time gift (Subsidized with insurance)
- ☐ \$3,000 one time gift (Partial Ins.)
- ☐ \$3,500 one time gift (No ins.)

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“ . . .called to the Ministry of Reconciliation...”

II Corinthians 5:18

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Fortunately this young Vietnamese teenager, Vo Thi Nhu Trinh, from Thuy Binh Village near Hue, had her operation sponsored by friends of VWAM and members of a medical team. In the words of Dr. David Jester, “This heart surgery drastically altered a life, giving this 15 year old child a chance at life because without the operation, she would have died!”



How Is Your Heart Surgery Donation Handled?

When you make a gift to Vets With A Mission to sponsor a child’s heart procedure, your tax-deductible donation is deposited in the **Medicine-Equipment-Surgery Fund**, a designated account. Prior to a medical mission departing for Vietnam, funds are transferred from Wells Fargo to HSBC bank in Vietnam, a secure private financial institution. VWAM uses the HSBC branch in Da Nang.

VWAM’s Executive Director approves all transfers for payment of any operation, once documentation is received, verifying a physician’s diagnosis and hospital expenditures.

Prior to transfer of funds or payment to the hospital, VWAM’s in-country representative, **Mr. Tran Xuan Nam** in Hue, checks all charges for accuracy before the authorized funds are transferred or payment made. An expense report is sent to Vets With A Mission for accountability and record-keeping.

How Is Surgery Done and Why?

Years ago the only choice was to bring patients to the US, Canada or another country. This is no longer necessary due to medical advances in training and facilities. Heart surgeries take place at Hue Medical College-Hue Central Hospital by Vietnamese surgeons. Procedures are far less expensive in Vietnam, about a sixth of what it costs in the US or another country.

VWAM has sponsored over 54 heart operations to date, but more children still need them. In fact nearly 400 children, teens and young adults are on the heart “Waiting list.” Money is the major issue and that’s why they’re on such a list. Many poor families cannot afford the procedure, and sometimes, their child faces a premature death - unless there is a miracle.

Think of what is really important to you. One heart surgery sponsor said, “*I have never felt better about giving my money to a cause. I will carry the memory of this child in my own heart until the day I die.*”

**DO YOU WANT TO BE PART OF A
MIRACLE IN SOMEONE’S LIFE?**

“For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also...” Matthew 6:21

Since 1989, Vets With A Mission has implemented numerous humanitarian programs and projects in Vietnam. But one of its most important is the **Children’s Heart Surgery Program**.

The **CHSP** provides major cardiology procedures—often life-saving operations—for children, teenagers or adolescents who otherwise would not receive them. Heart operations are done for “pennies on the dollar” when compared to the cost in the United States, Canada or outside of Vietnam!

As an IRS approved 501 (c) (3) charitable non-profit organization, your donation is fully tax-deductible. VWAM’s in-country administrator assures accountability of both the patient and your gift.



Pham Nu Ai
Trinh 8 years
old, Hue City.

Surgeries are prioritized from youngest to oldest, health condition, family financial need, and upon the recommendation of the team physician.

How Are Patients Chosen for Heart Surgery?

In the words of Vets With A Mission’s Medical Director, “It’s the policy of Vets With A Mission to screen patients and find that special patient. It is a patient who can’t afford it and otherwise wouldn’t get the surgery. It has to be surgery that will drastically alter their life, giving a child, teen, or young adult a chance at life, because without the operation, the individual would die.”

How Are Patients Screened?

Vets With A Mission humanitarian medical teams offer free primary healthcare examinations in rural areas. In Hue, VWAM assists Downs Syndrome and disabled patients at a Center for Special Needs, too. Typically patients are poor or ethnic minorities. Often they do not have health insurance. Patient’s vitals and history are taken in triage, major health issue noted, and then off to the doctor. Diagnosis is made, treatment recommended, and prescriptions are filled from the VWAM Pharmacy, and if the medicine needed is not on hand, VWAM gets it for them “free of charge.”

If an operation is recommended, the patient is sent to the hospital for further tests and confirmation of the diagnosis. VWAM pays for these tests, hospitalization and transportation assistance, if needed. Once financial need is verified, the patient is then notified of the heart surgery sponsorship. Arrangements are made with Hue Medical College-Hue Central Hospital.

Vets With A Mission’s in-country liaison participates in the process from the very



Hoang Ngoc Phat, 11 years
old, proudly showing-off his
surgery scar!

beginning. He verifies costs, follows treatment, serves the patient and their family. When it’s time to “pay the bill” often the entire family goes with him to the hospital to show their appreciation. He makes sure they understand the role VWAM and their sponsors played in making this possible. And then another friend informs them of the “ministry reasons” why we do this. If appropriate, in his opinion and the opportunity presents itself, the “Gospel” is shared by this friend with the patient and family.

How Can You Join Us As A Heart Surgery Sponsor?

Please fill-out all the requested information on the Form and return it.

If you have a question about your donation, please contact **Chuck Ward**. If you have a question about your heart surgery sponsorship, contact **Dr. Michael Bernardo**, Medical Director, at mbernardo777@gmail.com or **803-924-1152**.

Please make your check payable to VWAM, mail it, or go online to make a secure donation by credit card at www.vetswithamission.org/donations.html



VWAM Advisor Pat Cameron and Executive Director Chuck Ward with the families of five children who received “life-saving heart operations” sponsored by VWAM and donors like you!