

## 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

- \$250 x 10 Months = \$2,500
- \$350 x 10 Months = \$3,500
- \$450 x 10 months = \$4,500

### Annual Heart Sponsorship

- \$2,500
- \$3,500
- \$4,500

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

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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 VWAM's Medical Director, 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 sponsoring a child's heart procedure, your tax-deductible donation is deposited in its **Medicine & Patient Services Fund**, a designated account, and you will receive a gift acknowledgement receipt. Prior to a medical mission team departing for Vietnam, the funds are transferred to an account at HSBC bank in Ho Chi Minh City, a secure private financial institution.

VWAM's Executive Director approves all fund transfers for payment of any operation once documentation is received that verifies a physician's diagnosis and hospital expenditures.

Prior to a transfer of funds from HSBC to the hospital bank account, VWAM's in-country representative checks all charges for accuracy before the authorized funds are transferred for payment. An expense report is sent by the VWAM Vietnam office to the Vets With A Mission office in the United States for accountability.

## How Is Surgery Done and Why?

Years ago the only choice was to bring the patient to the US, Canada or another country. But now that is not necessary due to medical advances in training and facilities. Heart surgeries take place at Hue Medical College-Hue Central Hospital and Da Nang General Hospital by Vietnamese surgeons. Procedures are far less expensive in Vietnam, about a tenth of what it costs in the US or another country outside of Vietnam.

VWAM has sponsored over sixty heart operations but more children still need them. In fact nearly 1,000 children, teens and young adults are on the hospitals "Waiting list." Money is the major issue for these poor families and one they rarely, if ever, solve. In many cases, their child is facing 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 the giving of my money than to this cause. I will carry the memory of this child in my own heart till the day I die.”*

**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 programs is the **Children’s Heart Surgery Program**.

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

As an IRS approved 501 (c) (3) charitable non-profit organization, your donation as a sponsor 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.**

It’s all part of what we do and who we are. As St. Francis of Assisi said, “Wherever you go preach Christ, and if necessary, use words.”

That’s VWAM!

### How Are Patients Chosen for Heart Surgery?

In the words of Vets With A Mission’s Medical Director, Dr. David Jester, “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 for the poor. Typically a patient is one who does not have health insurance or access to health services. The patient’s vitals and history are taken in triage. The patient is then seen by one of our doctors. A diagnosis is made, treatment recommended, and prescriptions written. 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 pa-

tient 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 a heart surgery sponsorship. Arrangements are made with Hue Medical College-Hue Central Hospital or Da Nang General Hospital to have the procedure.

Vets With A Mission’s in-country liaison participates in this 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” the entire family goes with VWAM’s representative to the hospital. That’s because we want them to understand the role of Vets With A Mission and the generosity of their sponsors. It’s at this point VWAM’s rep shares the humanitarian and ministry reasons of “Why do we do this for them.” If appropriate, and the opportunity presents itself, the “Gospel “ is shared with them.

## How Can You Join Us As A Heart Surgery Sponsor?

First, decide how you will sponsor a heart surgery. Please fill-out all the information.

Second, if you have a question about your donation, please contact Chuck Ward. If you have a question about your heart surgery sponsorship contact Dr. David Jester, VWAM’s Medical Director at [davidjester@fastmail.fm](mailto:davidjester@fastmail.fm).

Third, make your check payable to VWAM and mail it, or go online to make a secure donation by credit card on our web site at [www.vetswithamission.org/donations.html](http://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!**