November 2022 Newsletter

Get Ready, #GivingTuesday is Coming Up on November 29th

Mark your calendars, the global day of giving known as #GivingTuesday is next Tuesday, November 29th! We hope that you will help PeaceTrees reach our goal of raising $10,000 to support our scholarship program.

Join PeaceTrees for #GivingTuesday!

End of Year Giving with PeaceTrees Vietnam

Did you know PeaceTrees accepts gifts of stock, car donations, and even charitable contributions from an IRA? These gifts are often tax-friendly ways to give. As we enter this season of giving, we hope that you will think of PeaceTrees and make a gift to support our lifesaving work! Click here to learn more about the different ways you can give.

Updates from Vietnam

A New PeaceTrees Kindergarten Set to Open in Cup Village
The 22nd PeaceTrees sponsored kindergarten is almost complete and we look forward to welcoming students of Cup Village to school in December! In 2023, more than 600 students will continue studying at a PeaceTrees kindergarten! Fundraising for this project was supported by members of the USC Aviation Safety program. To learn more about how this fundraising effort took shape, we invite you to read this article on USC's School of Engineering website.

An inside look of the construction progress at the Cup Kindergarten- Quảng Trị Province

The back of the Cup Kindergarten- Quảng Trị Province

Cup Village with the Cup Kindergarten (green roof) in the background- Quảng Trị Province

The beautiful Cup Village- Quảng Trị Province

**Students at Bac Dinh Secondary School Participate in EORE Contest**

On October 31st, PeaceTrees staff visited Bac Dinh Secondary school in Quảng Bình Province to give awards to 10 students who participated in a writing and painting contest titled, "For a World Without Explosive Ordnance Accidents." This contest was launched in September and is the third Explosive Ordnance Risk Education (EORE) activity PeaceTrees has sponsored in the province this school year. Nam Tam Anh, a thirteen-year-old student who won first prize shared, "I am aware of some risks of explosive ordnances through my grandmother's stories but I had not known any safe actions that I should take to protect myself when I encounter unexploded ordnances when I am on the way to school or help my parents to do farming works on the field until I attended the PeaceTrees Vietnam-held EORE event at my school." Anh also shared that he hopes to help educate his friends and community on the risks of explosive ordnance.
500 lb. Bomb Discovered and Safely Removed

On November 4th, construction workers were leveling land after heavy rains caused a landslide along the 15D national highway that runs through Vietnam. While working, they discovered a suspected bomb and called the Quảng Trị Mine Action Center (QTMAC). Shortly after receiving word from QTMAC, PeaceTrees Explosive Ordnance Disposal Team 1 arrived to assess the situation. The bomb was identified as an MK-82 and weighed over 500lbs. After concluding that the bomb was safe to move, the team loaded it on a truck to be transferred to a secure storage facility.
A member of the PeaceTrees EOD team measuring the bomb after concluding it was safe to move - Quảng Trị Province

PeaceTrees EOD technicians using bamboo poles to safely remove the heavy bomb - Quảng Trị Province

Donate a Used Vehicle to PeaceTrees

Make your tax-deductible gift to PeaceTrees by donating your unwanted vehicle! We partner with CARS, a nonprofit organization that facilitates vehicle donations. All vehicles are eligible for donation, even if they are not running! CARS makes it easy and gives your unwanted vehicle a new purpose.

Your monthly reminder to make PeaceTrees your Amazon Smile beneficiary!

Amazon Smile is a program that donates 0.5% of your eligible purchases on Amazon to a charity of your choice. All you need to do is designate PeaceTrees and start your shopping!

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