



**PeaceTrees™
VietNam**

Healing the Land • Building Community • Planting Futures

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Dear Friends,

On July 11, 1995 the U.S. and Vietnam normalized diplomatic relations and the story of PeaceTrees Vietnam began. For the past 25 years, we have worked alongside Vietnamese counterparts to assist those whose lives and livelihoods continue to be threatened by the explosive remnants of the Vietnam War. PeaceTrees' commitment to landmine removal, mine risk education, survivor assistance, economic and educational development and citizen diplomacy has helped create safe land and successful communities. It has brought former adversaries together in the spirit of peace, friendship, and reconciliation and your dedication and support has made this work possible. *Thank you.*



Tree planting at the Danaan Parry Landmine Education Center, Dong Ha, Quang Tri Province, 1996

Over the past 25 years we have made meaningful progress in addressing the legacy of war in Vietnam. To date, we have:

- Cleared over **1,687 acres** of more than **117,617 unexploded bombs and mines**, and returned land back to individuals and families in Vietnam.
- Assisted **216 individuals** and **62 families** to adjust to life after an UXO accident.
- Educated over **138,000 individuals** on the risks associated with UXO.
- Built **19 kindergartens**, **12 libraries**, **2 community centers** and **100 family homes**, and provided the **3,187 children** who have attended a PeaceTrees kindergarten daily nutritious meals at school.
- Distributed **2,314 scholarships** to children impacted by mine accidents and ethnic minority children with financial need.
- Planted over **44,000 trees** through the volunteer efforts of more than **900 participants** in PeaceTrees' Citizen Diplomacy program.

Together, thanks to your generosity and support and the dedication of our community, we have made meaningful progress toward our vision of a Vietnam completely cleared of dangerous unexploded ordnance and communities fully supported in their goals for safety, resiliency, education and economic success. However, there is still much work to be done. **In our 25th year, we are renewing our commitment to this life-saving vision.** Through our work – and with your help – we will join our Vietnamese partners in

actions of reconciliation, friendship, and renewal. **Will you join us in this effort to continue our work in Vietnam?**



Tree planting at the Khe Sanh Combat Base, Quang Tri Province, 2019

In recognition of our 25th Anniversary we invite you to join us in honoring this important milestone of partnership and friendship between the U.S. and Vietnam, by planting indigenous trees in Quang Tri Province. This living tribute will benefit present and future generations and support reforestation efforts essential to addressing the legacy of war in Vietnam!

With each contribution of \$25 or more, a tree will be planted in your honor and in recognition of your dedication to peace and partnership with

the people of Vietnam. As we look ahead to the next 25 years of work in Vietnam, we hope that you will renew your commitment to this life-saving effort.

With deepest gratitude,

Claire Yunker
Executive Director

Ha Pham
In-Country Director

P.S. - By supporting our efforts to clear land mines and other unexploded ordnance from neighborhoods, roads, schoolyards, fields and streams, you save lives and give Vietnamese families the opportunity to live without fear. Your generosity returns war-torn land to safety and productivity so children can walk to school joyfully, farmers can till their land without the risk of striking a bomb, and communities can continue to flourish for generations to come.

When we receive your donations, we put them to careful use:

\$150 - will clear dangerous unexploded ordnance from up to 275 square meters of land

\$300 - provides scholarships for 3 mine accident affected children in central Vietnam to attend primary school

\$700 - funds a team of 10 Explosive Ordnance Disposal technicians to work for one day

\$1,270 - builds a playground at a PeaceTrees Kindergarten on safe land