



## September 2020 Newsletter



**PeaceTrees Vietnam**



HEALING LAND BUILDING COMMUNITY PLANTING FUTURES



### 25<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

Please join us to honor 25 years of building trust and partnership with communities in Vietnam, sponsoring safe clearance of dangerous bombs and mines, and cultivating a bright future for generations to come.

Together we will celebrate the accomplishments of the last 25 years and commit to a future where explosive weapons no longer threaten families and children are empowered to grow, flourish and move beyond the legacy of war.

To register or volunteer, contact:  
206.441.6136 or  
info@peacetreesvietnam.org

Visit [www.peacetreesvietnam.org](http://www.peacetreesvietnam.org) for more information.

Suggested minimum contribution of \$150

#### October 19, 2020

5:30 - 7:00 pm PDT

Virtual Event

#### HONORED GUEST

**Ha Pham**, In-Country Director, PeaceTrees Vietnam

#### DISTINGUISHED GUEST

#### SPEAKERS INCLUDING

**The Honorable Daniel J. Kritenbrink**, U.S. Ambassador to Vietnam

**The Honorable Hà Kim Ngọc**, Vietnamese Ambassador to the U.S.

**The Honorable Gary Locke**, Former U.S. Ambassador to China, U.S. Secretary of Commerce and Governor of the State of Washington

**The Honorable Nguyễn Phương Nga**, President Vietnam Union of Friendship Organizations, Former Permanent Representative of Viet Nam to the United Nations

**RSVP by October 3rd!**

[Can't join us? Make a gift in honor of our 25th anniversary today!](#)

#### Program Update: Completion of the Prin Thanh Kindergarten



A student at Prin Thanh Kindergarten excitedly receives their gift on the first day of school.



The Prin Thanh Kindergarten class and teachers posing in front of their completed school on September 8th, 2020 in Quang Tri.

We are excited to announce that the construction of the Prin Thanh Kindergarten in Quang Tri Province has been completed in time for the 2020-2021 school year! On the first day of school, September 8th, teachers welcomed 30 students, ages 3-4, to the new classroom. Our team visited the new students and gifted them care packages for the new year including milk, snacks, toys and foam carpets for the children to sit on. Thanks to the support of a matching grant that we received through One Day's Wages and the dedication and generosity of the Hayward family and many other donors, children will have a safe place to learn and play in Prin Thanh Village for years to come.

#### Project Update: New Water Well in Ta Long Village



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### A NEW WATER WELL

Local authorities have certified the water quality of this well!

Earlier this month, local authorities in Quang Tri Province certified the water quality of a new PeaceTrees sponsored well in Ta Long Village! This certification confirms the water is clean and safe for people in the community to use. As a result, 72 community members will have direct access to safe water. A big thank you to the Sasha Huynh Family for funding this project!

#### PeaceTrees Seattle Staff Updates



Carlie, our Community Engagement Manager, has transitioned into a new role as Project Manager which will allow her to work part-time as she attends graduate school at the London School of Economics and Political Science where she will be studying the intersection of conflict affected communities and climate change. She is excited to remain involved with PeaceTrees and is enthusiastic about applying her new knowledge to PeaceTrees Vietnam's life-saving mission!

We are enthusiastic to announce that we have welcomed Natalie Lawrence to the team as our Community Engagement Coordinator. Natalie will be coordinating future events and citizen diplomacy trips. She supports fundraising and program development and coordinates community engagement efforts. Natalie graduated from the University of Washington in 2015, completing her Bachelor of Arts in History with coursework focused on the American Civil War and Reconstruction. Natalie is interested in the relationships between people and the natural world, unpacking the legacies of war, and using the magic of history to engage and reach diverse audiences.



#### What We're Excited About:

##### Costco, Pepper, and PeaceTrees Vietnam



Did you see us in this month's issue of Costco Connection? Costco Connection is Costco's monthly lifestyle magazine that is distributed to over 12 million Costco members. The September cover story centers around the land clearing efforts of PeaceTrees Vietnam, our pepper farmers, and Costco's Kirkland Signature Pepper product. It also speaks to the responsibility that retailers have in helping local farmers secure market access. [Read the full article here.](#)

[You can also read more about our Black Pepper Project here.](#)

#### Give if you can.

We accept all types of vehicles.

Donating your car is easy, and your gift qualifies for a tax deduction!

[Learn More](#)



#### PeaceTrees is now accepting vehicle donations!

PeaceTrees Vietnam is now accepting vehicle donations! We recently partnered with non-profit organization CARS to facilitate a PeaceTrees vehicle donation program. All vehicles are eligible for donation – even if they are not running. This includes cars, trucks, SUV's, motorcycles, boats, farm equipment, and even airplanes. CARS has extensive experience with all steps of the vehicle donation process from pick-up to sale.

Find out more about this new donation program at <https://careasy.org/nonprofit/peacetrees-vietnam> or call the PeaceTrees office at 206-441-6136 to learn more.

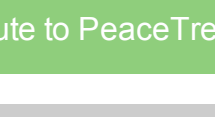


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