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Mai Tam Center

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The HIV/AIDS pandemic has spread quickly through Viet Nam, even among this Southeast Asian country's mothers and children. The stigma attached to these unfortunate individuals is nearly impossible for them to overcome. The mothers cannot find work. The children are not allowed to attend school. Families often abandon loved ones because of the unfounded fear of "catching" the virus.

Established in July 2005, the Mai Tam Center in Ho Chi Minh City is a facility for mothers and children affected by HIV and AIDS. It has served more than 300 mothers and children and reunited more than 60 families.

The center offers a "family-like" atmosphere for more than 25 mothers and over 50 children and provides a primary caregiver—either an older sibling, a foster parent or an adoptive family—to each child who has been orphaned. The center is run by Father John Toai, MI, along with a staff of nurses, case managers, caregivers, teachers and more than 100 volunteers.

As part of its successful "Adopt-A-Village" program, Global Community Service Foundation—a U.S.-based charitable organization—is working with the Mai Tam Center to provide food, shelter, health care and education to mothers and children living with or affected by HIV and AIDS. The ultimate goal is to educate family members and friends about HIV/AIDS, reunite the mothers and children with their families, and help these individuals live productive and dignified lives.

Global Community Service Foundation works to reduce poverty in Viet Nam and other Southeast Asian countries through the development and implementation of sustainable community-based projects. Its "Adopt-A-Village" approach focuses on providing safe water, education, health care and income-generation opportunities to the region's most vulnerable people. The foundation is licensed to conduct humanitarian work in Viet Nam.



Father John Toai of the Mai Tam Center

With your generous support, mothers will receive medical treatment as well as job-training assistance. Meanwhile their children will get health care assistance, educational scholarships and tutoring if they are too sick to attend school. The Mai Tam Center also provides rent subsidies to reunited families.

The Mai Tam Center and Global Community Service Foundation need your assistance so they can provide food, shelter and care to mothers and children living with HIV in Viet Nam.



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