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Yeu thuong

"Yeu thuong" means "love" in Vietnamese. We often use this word at FFSC wishing that children grow up with abundant love.



Preface

December is back, the heavens and earth deliver the season with the cold breeze. The atmosphere of Christmas has filled the streets.

Students are nearing the end of the first semester of the 2020-2021 school year. Due to the impact of Covid 19 epidemic, the students were also restricted and not focused on crowded places to enjoy Christmas event

However, they were also sent gifts and confectionery by some benefactors, donors and confectionery inside the center. Outside of school, the children also decorated the class, painted Christmas cards to the teachers and benefactors.

In the last month of this year, the center plans to hold the first semester exam for students. After that, they continue to enter the second semester of the school year. In addition, the centers also actively propagate for parents and students to join hands to protect health, prevent and repel epidemics that seriously affect community life.

On behalf of the students, staff, teachers, we would like to thank our benefactors, sponsors, volunteers who have supported us through the difficulties in 2020.

Wish you continue to support and accompany us in educating children to become good children in the family and useful citizens for society.

We wish you a very joy, peace during this Christmas season and throughout the coming year.

Program Vice President

Nguyen Thi Anh Thu

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Let's join hands for children's future

ACCOMPANYING STUDENTS



On the morning of November 8th, 2020, the Friends for Street Children (FFSC) association help a meeting and gave some the first-semester scholarship for those who have had difficult circumstances in the scholarship 2020 -2021 at the Binh Trieu Development Center. Other participants of the meeting were Mr. Phil, and Mrs. Frances Maclaurin - sponsors of the scholarship, Sister Nguyen Thi Anh Thu - FFSC's representative, Ms. Kiều Thơ- education manager; Ms. Thanh Huong- scholarship manager and 52 students who are attending colleges and universities in the city.

Ms. Pham Thi Thanh Huong- FFSC's scholarship manager reported the result on the academic of the students. Last academic year, 15 students graduated universities and colleges, 1 student achieved excellent grades (9.0), 9 students achieved good grades (8.0), 24 students achieved decent grades (7.0), 15 students achieved average grades (6.0) and 1 student withdraw class. The program gave 8 rewards for those who have good learning outcomes.

It is known that this is a scholarship fund founded by Mr. and Mrs. Fran - Phil in 2011. In the first semester of the 2020-2021 academic year, 43 students received scholarships from Fran and Phil. Mr. and Mrs. Fran - Phil hand-handy awarded scholarships to each student. Also, Ms. Nguyen Thi Anh Thu – FFSC's represented to award 8 scholarships sponsored by Leon and 1 sponsored by Ms. Ba Nguyet in the USA.

Mr. Phil shared with the students and wants students to have conditions to study. It is the students who make the success of the program. Mr. Phil suggested that we need to keep in touch with students who have received scholarships that are now out of school, have a stable and successful job in life. They will share with us your own stories and experiences.

To celebrate the 10th anniversary of the scholarship group, the students plan a joint meeting with alumni, scheduled to be held around March 2021.

At the end of the meeting, the students lingered and chatted with Mrs. Fran and Mr. Phil. This is also an opportunity for students to exchange and share learning and connecting friendships. One student said: "I am very happy to receive the scholarship of the program. Although the money is not big, it is enough to cover tuition fees and is a source of motivation to help me try harder in studying."



GRATITUDE TO TEACHERS

Respecting your teacher is a well-preserved tradition of Vietnam. Vietnamese Teachers' Day is a special occasion for the students to show gratitude to their teachers. Vietnamese Teachers' day, FFSC centers also celebrate different activities as a way for students to express respect to their beloved teachers.



In the morning of 19/11/2020, Binh Trieu Development Center celebrated Teachers' day. Presented at the ceremony were Sister Nguyen Thi Anh Thu – Vice Program Director, Ms. Kieu Tho – education manager, Mr. Phil – sponsor, together with the other sisters, teachers parents and all the students. As a part of the ceremony, Sister Nguyen Thi Mai Thanh Xuan- manager of the center, has expressed the dearest congratulations and thanks to the all the sisters, teachers and benefactors who have devoted their best in nurturing the students. Sister has also awarded the students who achieved excellent result in calligraphy, drawing, storytelling and study etiquette competitions. In between were impressive art performances from the students.

Also in that atmosphere, a fifth grader on behalf of the students expressed gratitude to the Sisters, teachers and benefactors. Sister Anh Thu - Vice program Director also encouraged students to try to study well as a way to thank teachers and don't forget to thank your parents, because they are your first teacher.

Mr. Phil – sponor of the center to thank all the Sister, teachers and parents. He encouraged the children to try their best when they had the opportunity to go to school. He wishes parents to continue to collaborate with the school to better care for their children's education. At the end of the ceremony, each children received a small gift cake..



At Binh An Center, although not celebrated, the atmosphere of the ceremony is still exciting. The center was help a painting, decorate the classroom, academic discipline well. The students actively participated and had very beautiful and meaningful works. The children come to the center earlier, decorate the classroom, and prepare a small card and write simple wishes for their teacher. The children's activities are truly a meaningful spiritual gift for the Sisters and the teachers.



Binh Tho Development Center help a activity session on the same afternoon, managed by the Saigon Seminarians. The home-made musical performance created a very joyful spirit. The students expressed gratitude to their beloved sisters and teachers.



We would like to all sister, teacher, benefactor good health, maintain fire of enthusiasm on the growing journey as well as achive much success in the education career. Thank you so much for always accompanying FFSC and being a dedicated mentor to our students





In the last days of December, the air in Saigon began to chill, the Christmas atmosphere was rushing back, people eagerly prepared to decorate the caves, prepare cards and loving words to their relatives, friends. And FFSC's children are just as excited, they also decorate the classroom, make simple card wings to send to the ladies, teachers, and benefactors.

This year, due to the impact of the Covid epidemic, Caritas of the Saigon Diocese did not hold the Christmas party as usual. However, everyone in the Caritas department still does not forget to send gifts to the children to celebrate Christmas.



On Thursday afternoon, December 17, 2020, Seminarians from Saint Joseph Seminary celebrated Christmas with from the Binh Tho Center with interesting games and especially the fun quizzes, the event became more bustling





On December 20, 2020, the group of "Mam Xanh" came to attend the Christmas and gave gifts notebooks, toothpaste, and a Christmas hat for all children at the Binh Trieu Center. Besides, the children also received backpacks, cakes, and soft drinks as gifts from the family of Dr. Christine Vinh and some other benefactors.

On the morning of December 21, 2020, at Development Binh An Center, the Hoa Thuy Tien

group held a drawing activity and gave small gifts to the students that the group is in charge of. They divided the class into 4 groups to color their pictures. They were very excited and excited about the activity.

Also, on the morning of December 24, 2020. Mrs. Oanh and a group of young people from Mau Tam Parish came to the activity and gave 250 gifts for all the children, each gift including milk, candy, and toys. Holding the gifts in hand, the children's eyes shone with happiness.

On the afternoon of December 24, 2020, Ms. Phuong and the Director of ORION FOOD VINA company visited children at Development Binh Trieu Center. Ms. Phuong and some employees in the company made Christmas cards by themselves and wrote wishes for the children. She visited and encouraged the children to try hard to study and be diligent. The company gave children 90 boxes of company products and 100 small backpacks for children.



Christmas is not only an occasion to give each other gifts but to give each other gifts, but to give love and attention to share. FFSC would like to thank benefactors for loving and bringing the joy of Christmas to students in need. We wish you a merry Christmas and a healthy and successful New Year.



On December 30, 2020, Binh Trieu Development Center organized the contest "Ring the Golden Bell" and attracted 100 students from grade 3 to grade 5. The purpose of the contest is to help them consolidate knowledge and prepare for the first semester.



The content of the Ring the Golden Bell Contest is composed of subjects such as Math, Vietnamese, Natural Sciences, History. The competition took place with excitement, the students participated actively.



After 3 rounds with about 26 questions, each class found an excellent and receive the rewards at the first Semester Closing Ceremony



On the morning of October 5, 2020, Mr. Huy and Mrs. Kim Anh's family visited Binh An Development Center. They have exchanged and met the students to know their situation. They encouraged the children to try their best to study and be good, and also gave the children gifts including rice, milk, instant noodles and notebooks. It is known that Mr. Huy and Mrs. Kim Anh's family is preparing to welcome the second child. We wish you "mother round and square", your family is always safe and happy.



On the morning of October 13, 2020, Ms. Thao together with 4 employees of LG and Samsung Kocham visited Binh An Development Center. They visited each class and encourage the children to try their best to study. Ms. Thao and the group gave 260 gifts including rice cakes, toothpaste, shampoo, shower gel, soap. Joy and happiness are clearly expressed on each face of the children when they are visited and care for. Afterward, they visited the family Chau Van Hau and Chau Thi Trang, who were disadvantaged students studying at the center. On this occasion, the group also donated some necessities to the families of the two children and three nearby families.



In the morning of November 2nd, 2020, Kocham and LG Company visited and gave 300 gifts to the children of Binh Trieu Center. After that, the company visited and gave 100 gifts to the children of Binh Tho Center. Each package includes: a schoolbag, toothpaste, laundry detergent, and softener.



On the morning of December 1, 2020, KOCHAM Trade Association presented Binh Trieu Center with 1 Samsung TV, some mini fire extinguishers, and 33 boxes of Choco-pie sponsored by Orion Vina company. Also in the morning of December 1, 2020, KOCHAM Trade Association together with ORION FOOD VINA Company, gave the children of Binh Tho Center 9 boxes of cake and the children of Development Binh An Center had 33 boxes of choco-pie.



On the morning of December 2, 2020, Ms. Phuong and Mrs. Tracey, and Ms. Sulannah, are teachers of BIS school visited the Binh Tho Center and gave 2 bicycles to Le Hoang Thanh Nhung (grade 3) and Le Van Man (grade). These are two children who have difficult circumstances but always try to study. At the same time, the teachers also came to Binh Trieu Center to hand over 3 bicycles to Tran Thi Ngoc Tuyen (grade 5), Vo Ngoc Kim Ngan (grade 5), and Phan Thi Ai Di (grade 4). Although their living conditions are very difficult, they are all diligent and excellent students.



On the afternoon of December 10th, 2020, Binh An Center awarded 12 bicycles to the students as vehicles to go to school. It is known that the support from Mr. Bos- a benefactor who supported the center for many years.



On Sunday morning, November 15th, 2020, 150 children in the Development classes and 27 children from the Warm Shelter of Binh Trieu Center had a health check-up at UK Academy - Binh Thanh District. This is the "Charity Health Day" organized by the Caritas of the Saigon Diocese.

The program had 69 doctors and some volunteers dedicated to medical examination and treatment. Each child was given a general check-up, height and weight measurement, eye exam, and oral care ... Children who had common diseases were given medicine.

After the examination, each child also received a gift including soft drinks, milk, a hat, and slippers.

FFSC would like to thanks Caritas and the team of doctors who have always loved and are dedicated to taking care of the health of children with difficult circumstances. We wish you a lot of health and enthusiasm in providing health care for the community.



PLAN FOR THE FIRST QUARTER –2020

Month	Date	Content	Centers
January	1	New Year break	All Centers
	5-8	First Semester final examination	Binh Tho
	7-8		Binh Trieu
	11-15		Binh An
	28	Seminarians from Saint Joseph Seminary organized activities	Binh Tho
	29	First Semester Closing Ceremony	Binh An
	30	Training for teachers in “ ACCESS TO THE NEW FIRST GRADE PROGRAM “	All Centers
February	3	First Semester Closing Ceremony	Binh Tho
	4		Binh Trieu
	2/4- 2/21	Lunar New Year Holidays	All Centers
	22	Classes resume	

LUNAR NEW YEAR HOLIDAYS



1. OFFICE: 2/9–2/16

2. ALL CENTERS:

- ♦ BÌNH AN: 2/8–2/21
- ♦ BÌNH THỌ: 2/4–2/21
- ♦ BÌNH TRIỆU: 2/5–2/21