



## THE ROAD TO SUCCESS



*Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world.*

NELSON MANDELA

dedicated people at Pearl S. Buck Foundation Philippines that serve sponsored children and their families and emphasize education as the key to a future free from the bonds of poverty.

When asked to give words of advice to young people who may be struggling with school she said, “Making good choices can make your dreams come true and offer a better life. The road to success is indeed difficult but we all have a choice to persevere despite

hardships or we can stop traveling on the road and quit. The road to success is very challenging and we must be courageous enough to face and not to avoid the challenges.” Daisyre is a perfect example of how perseverance in the face of seemingly insurmountable odds pays off in the end. With her family, faith, Pearl S. Buck Foundation Philippines, and caring sponsors of Pearl S. Buck International, Daisyre is blazing her own road to success. 🌍

Daisyre has beaten the odds, going from impoverished child to successful young professional with the help of the many generous sponsors of Pearl S. Buck International. As a recipient of the Robert L. Brickner Scholarship and with love, support and encouragement from her parents, Daisyre was able to earn a Bachelor of Science degree in Information Technology from Gordon College. Today, she is putting her education to work as a web developer for a tourism marketing firm in the Philippines.

Daisyre is grateful for the opportunities presented to her by Pearl S. Buck International and Pearl S. Buck Foundation Philippines. Without their support she may have never realized the importance of an education and may have traveled a different path in life. She is truly thankful for the many



# FUND A PROJECT: Vocational Education and Livelihood in Vietnam



## A Pathway from HIV/AIDS to Hope

Through the support of her family and sponsors, Daisyre was able to realize her dreams of earning a college degree, beginning a fulfilling career and lifting herself and family out of poverty. Unfortunately, there are children who will not be able to achieve such success because they are orphans living with HIV/AIDS in Vietnam, where there is still a stigma associated with the illness. Some people are very reluctant to be in direct contact with individuals living with HIV/AIDS in fear of contracting the virus from casual interaction. This hurdle limits the types of vocations these children are able to pursue in adulthood. Pearl S. Buck

International Vietnam has established a new photocopy shop project to help equip these children with marketable skills that will enable them to have a productive and independent future when they reach adulthood and leave the orphanage.

With the establishment of a photocopy shop, children 16 and older living with HIV/AIDS will be able to receive training and learn valuable business skills to prepare them for an independent life outside of the orphanage.

### Some of the objectives of this project are:

- To supply ample equipment and resources (computer, photocopier, stationary, supplies, rental, and advertising)

- To secure internships so the students can work as trainees, learn the trade, and gain skills for employment
- To provide career orientation for children under the age of 16-years old and living in the orphanage
- To minimize the unemployment rate and dependence of the students after graduation from the orphanage
- To enable HIV-affected children to integrate in society.

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