



## Building an Educational Foundation

Hoa's father died when she was very young. Her mother found it difficult to raise and support six small children. As a result, when Hoa was 6, she and her brother were sent to live in Binh Luc Orphanage, one of the Vietnam orphanages supported by Pearl S. Buck International.

With the support of donors and child sponsors, Hoa and many other children in the orphanages are provided with a safe and love-filled environment. Hoa and the other children receive medical care, eat nutritious meals every day, and take classes to teach them important life

skills. The letters Hoa receives from her sponsor family are a reminder that there are people in the world who care. The cash gifts Hoa receives from her sponsor family helped her to save money for the future and also receive tutoring she needed to pass her university entrance exam. Hoa was accepted into the University of Hanoi in August 2018 with a major in business administration.

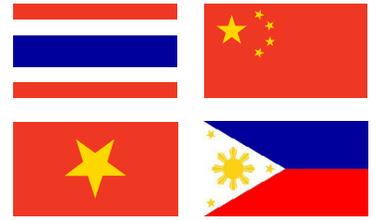
Hoa is extremely grateful that her sponsor family (who always encourages her to never give up and to always try harder) is continuing to support her university education. She looks forward to repaying her

sponsor's kindness and love by immersing herself in university life and gaining as much knowledge and experience as she can. Above all, Hoa looks forward to the letters from her sponsor family, whose love and support continue to motivate her.

Hoa is also immensely grateful for the assistance of Pearl S. Buck International Vietnam. Thanks to Pearl S. Buck International Vietnam and her sponsor, Hoa is now able to lay the foundation for fulfilling her dream and passion of one day becoming a business woman and giving back to society. 🌍



# COMMUNICATING WITH YOUR SPONSORED CHILD



## Corresponding with your sponsored child is one of the most treasured aspects of child sponsorship.

Learning how you are helping your child to grow both physically and emotionally while fostering a loving, nurturing relationship is a rewarding experience. At Pearl S. Buck International, we understand how important this is and we encourage you to write to your child often.

There are a few ways you can communicate with your sponsored child. Email is the most efficient method. You can email your letter and pictures directly to Stephanie Saveriano, the Child Sponsorship Manager at Pearl S. Buck International at [ssaveriano@pearlsbuck.org](mailto:ssaveriano@pearlsbuck.org). Your correspondence will be forwarded to your child's country

office for distribution. You may also write a note to your sponsored child by using the "Write to Your Sponsored Child" portal under the "Help a Child in Need" tab on our website, [www.pearlsbuck.org](http://www.pearlsbuck.org).

Another option is to mail a letter to Pearl S. Buck International. It will be scanned and emailed to your child's country office. If you would like to send a card, please include \$5 for shipping to cover the postage of forwarding the card to your child. When sending a package to your sponsored child, it should be no more than one pound. Postal rates are rising and it is very costly to send gifts overseas. The postage rate to send a one-pound package to Asia is \$25. The cost of sending a three-pound package is now \$60. When sending a package, please include the postage cost. All letters,

cards and packages should be sent to 520 Dublin Rd., Perkasie, PA 18944.

Consider sending a monetary gift, which enables your sponsored child and their family to purchase needed items like clothes, food or medicine as well as gifts for your child. The US dollar is very strong in the countries where we work and a \$25 gift to a child in the Philippines could buy a week's worth of groceries. You can send your child a monetary gift through the website via the "Give your Sponsored Child a Gift" portal under the "Help a Child in Need" tab.

For the safety and privacy of sponsored children, their families, as well as you the sponsor, please refrain from finding and/or communicating with your sponsored child via social media. It is very important that all communications to and from sponsored children go through Pearl S. Buck International to ensure that all parties are interacting in an appropriate manner. If your sponsored child or their family attempts to contact you through social media, please inform the Child Sponsorship Manager so she can remind them of Pearl S. Buck International policy.

Thank you for your commitment to helping children in need. Without your support, many children would not have the educational, health, or psycho-social resources necessary to build better lives for themselves and their families. Your generosity is bridging cultures and changing lives forever. 🌍