



## FAMILY INTRODUCTION SHEET

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Friendship Orphanage

Dear PSBI Sponsor,

On behalf of Pearl S. Buck International and our Country Office in Vietnam, we are very pleased to introduce Mai The Hieu and his foster family to you. It is called foster family as Hieu lives in an orphanage that cares for orphans and disadvantaged children. Mai The Hieu was born out of wedlock on 6<sup>th</sup> March, 2011, and now his mother has been in prison. At present, Hieu is living with his grandmother but she is too weak and old to raise him. Fortunately, with the great support of Hanoi Department of Labor, Invalids and Social Affairs, Mai The Hieu was turned out to the orphanage on 17<sup>th</sup> August, 2020 and he has been living there since then.

Mai The Hieu is now 9 years old with a height of 4'42'' and a weight of 77 lbs. In general, his health is in good condition. He is playful, active and is curious to variety of things. He is also outgoing and likes to communicate with others. Hieu is in grade 4<sup>th</sup> at Thai Thinh Primary school which is 300 meters far from the orphanage. Therefore, he often goes to school by foot. Although he is small, he often helps housemother with household chores such as cleaning house and folding clothes. In his free time, he likes watch cartoons, playing toys with foster siblings.

Established in 1991 on an area of over 1.700m<sup>2</sup> at 102 Yen Lang street, Think Quang ward, Dong Da District of Hanoi city, the Dong Da Friendship House of foster children, as known as the Friendship Orphanage is a social center which provides shelters, care and administration for disadvantaged children and poor orphans. Currently, there are 60 orphans, who are from 5 to 18 years old living in a 4 storey- building in the orphanage. There are 12 staffs being in charge of taking care of the children with all their heart and dedication. In the 1<sup>st</sup> floor of the building in the orphanage, there are a kitchen and a dining room with administration offices. In front of the building, there is a playground and a large front yard with many trees and flowers. The children sleep in bunk beds divided into 2 bedrooms: one for the boys and one for the girls. Each room has lockers for the children's supplies and clothes. A study room is located on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor, the library is on the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor and the computing room is on the 4<sup>th</sup> floor of the building. Each month, the orphanage is provided by the Government with approximately USD 49 per child. This limited amount is not enough to cover nutritional expenses for the children with 3 frugal meals per day and other daily expenses. Despite of many difficulties, the orphanage manages to provide the best things and chances of integral development for these disadvantaged children. The Friendship Orphanage highly appreciates charity and donation from interested organizations and individuals to support the children.

With support from the caregivers and housemothers, Hieu is very happy to share his life at the orphanage with you. We hope that you will establish an everlasting and meaningful relationship with him and the rest of the children of the orphanage. Thank you for your generosity and kindness.

Yours Sincerely,

Nguyen Thi Hanh  
Country Director



