



FAMILY INTRODUCTION SHEET

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Birla children's Village

Dear PSBI Sponsor,

On behalf of Pearl S. Buck International and our Country Office in Vietnam, we are very pleased to introduce Nguyen Ngoc Lam and his foster family to you. It is called foster family as Lam lives in an orphanage that cares for orphans and displaced children. Nguyen Ngoc Lam was born on 5th February 2010. He was unlucky child with no father and mother. They all passed away when he was little. Fortunately, with support from Hanoi Department of Labor, Invalids and Social Affairs, Nguyen Ngoc Lam was turned over to live in the Birla Children's Village Hanoi in 11th October 2016. He has been living in the orphanage ever since then.

Nguyen Ngoc Lam is 10 years old with a height of 4'6'' and a weight of 66 lbs. He gets health checkup twice per year with housemother's devoted care so he is in a good health condition. Lam is an agile, active, clever and obedient child. He smiles a lot and he is friendly with others. Nguyen Ngoc Lam is in grade 5th at Nguyen Kha Trac Primary School, which is 500 meters away from the orphanage. Housemother takes him to school and pick him up after school. He likes playing with foster siblings, playing carousel and sliding bridge or watching animated films in his spare time. Although he is little, he knows to help housemothers fold clothes and pick vegetables.

Established in 1987 at Mai Dich ward, Cau Giay district, Hanoi city, the Birla Children's Village is a big house for orphans and disadvantaged children. Currently, there are 72 orphans, who are from 3 to 18 years old living in 4 buildings including C1, C2, C3 and C4. There are 6 housemothers, who live there 24 hours per day and take care of the orphans with all their heart and love, and from 24 to 27 children in each building. Each house has 2 floors; the 1st floor with a living room that has sofa and wardrobe and on top of the wardrobe is an altar to worship ancestors and 4 bedrooms; the 2nd floor with 5 bedrooms of which 2 rooms are reserved for 2 housemothers. Each room has 5 beds, 5 studying tables and chairs, 1 wardrobe for keeping clothes. Kitchen and dining room are located on the 1st floor and by the stairs. Each month, the orphanage is provided by the Government with approximately USD 63 per child. This limited amount is not enough to cover nutritional expenses for the children with 3 frugal meals per day. Despite of many difficulties, the village manages to bring the best things for these disadvantaged children. The Birla Children's Village highly appreciates charity and donation from interested organizations and individuals to support the children.

With support from the housemothers, Lam is very happy to share his life at the Birla Children's Village with you. We hope that you will establish an everlasting and meaningful relationship with him and the rest of the children at the village. Thank you for your generosity and kindness.

Yours Sincerely,

Nguyen Thi Hanh
Country Director



