



## 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 Thi Phuong Thao and her foster family to you. It is called foster family as Thao lives in an orphanage that cares for orphans and displaced children. Nguyen Thi Phuong Thao was born on 4<sup>th</sup> March 2013 in a family without father. Her mother is serving jail time. Therefore, with support from Hanoi Department of Labor, Invalids and Social Affairs, Nguyen Thi Phuong Thao was turned over to live in the Birla Children's Village Hanoi in 11<sup>th</sup> October 2016 and she has been living in the orphanage ever since then, in the same house with her older brother.

Nguyen Thi Phuong Thao is 9 years old with a height of 4'3'' and a weight of 75 lbs. Thanks to housemothers' caring, she is in good health condition now. She is an agile, well-behaved girl who loves to smile. She is studying in grade 3<sup>rd</sup> at Nguyen Kha Trac Primary School and housemother takes her to school and pick her up 5 days a week. Among school subjects, she likes Vietnamese most. When she has free time, she likes playing dolls, puzzles and playing games with her foster brothers and sisters. Although she is young, she often helps housemothers with simple household chores such as folding clothes and sweeping the room.

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 68 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 1<sup>st</sup> 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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup> 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, Phuong Thao is very happy to share her life at the Birla Children's Village with you. We hope that you will establish an everlasting and meaningful relationship with her and the rest of the children at the village. Thank you for your generosity and kindness.

Yours Sincerely,

Nguyen Thi Hanh  
Country Director



