

## 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 Bui Truc Quynh and her foster family to you. It is called foster family as Quynh lives in an orphanage that cares for orphans and disadvantaged children. Bui Truc Quynh was born on 8<sup>th</sup> August 2007 in Hanoi. Her mother has been suffering from mental illness for many years and it gets worse every day. Her father left long time ago. She has one little brother and they lived with grandmother who is weak and old. Therefore, her grandmother asked the Hanoi Department of Labor, Invalids and Social Affairs and the orphanage to take the children in so Quynh and her brother, Bui Tri Long could have chances to live and study in a better environment. On 11<sup>th</sup> June 2013, she started to come to the orphanage with her brother and they have been living there since then.

Bui Truc Quynh is now 14 years old with a height of 5'45" and a weight of 100 lbs. In general, her health is in good condition. She is a well-behaved and dynamic girl. Quynh is in grade 9<sup>th</sup> at Thai Think Secondary School, which is 500 meters away from the orphanage. Every day, from Monday to Friday, she often goes to school on foot with other friends in the orphanage. She has good study results and her favorite subject at school is Math and Literature while Physics does not draw her interest. She dreams of becoming a doctor to save people's lives. In her free time, she likes reading books in the library of the orphanage, attend skills class and also helping housemothers wash the dishes or clean the house.

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, Quynh is very happy to share her life at the orphanage with you. We hope that you will establish an everlasting and meaningful relationship with her and the rest of the children of the orphanage. Thank you for your generosity and kindness.

Yours Sincerely,

Nguyen Thi Hanh  
Country Director



