



## FAMILY INTRODUCTION SHEET

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Tay Dang Orphanage

Dear PSBI Sponsor,

On behalf of the Pearl S. Buck International and our Country Office in Vietnam, we are very pleased to introduce Lu Thanh 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. Lam was born on 1<sup>st</sup> January 2008 in a three-generation household. He is an ethnic minority child. His father passed away when he was too young. Because of the difficult family situation, he and his relative begged for living on the streets of Hanoi. Thanks to the support of a Social Staff and with the approval of Hanoi Department of Labor Invalids and Social Affairs, Lam was turned over to the Tay Dang Orphanage on 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2015 and he has been living there ever since then.

Lu Thanh Lam is now 13 years old with a height of 5'3'' and a weight of 99 lbs. Before coming to the orphanage, he was not allowed to go to school so he was analphabetic. However, thanks to the careful teaching of housemothers, his learning at school is quite good now. Although the orphanage got in touch with their family to take him to home, no one came. He is now in grade 7<sup>th</sup> at Tay Dang Secondary school which is 1.3 miles away from the orphanage. His academic performance is really good. In last semester, he got Excellent Student Title at school. Among school subjects, he likes Math most while English does not draw his interest. In his free time, he often reads book, plays sports with his foster siblings and helps housemother with housework such as watering trees, cleaning house and washing dishes.

Established in 1984 on an area of 1.5 hectare in Tay Dang, Ba Vi district, Hanoi which is approximately 45 km away from the downtown of Hanoi, Tay Dang Orphanage is a big house for 43 orphans living in two 2-storey buildings with necessary facilities such as fans, wardrobes and beds. The children can play sports on a very big play ground equipped with sport and recreation facilities in their free time. Monthly support from the Government to children in Tay Dang is currently on average of USD 63.00 per child. This limited amount is not enough to cover nutritional expenses for the children with 3 frugal meals per day. To supplement daily meals, the children plant different kinds of vegetables and fruits on a large garden and raise domestic animals and fowls at the back of the center. Despite of difficulties, the orphanage has been trying its best to seek for external support funding sources and generous sponsors to meet the basic needs and improve living and education conditions for those disadvantaged children. Tay Dang Orphanage highly appreciates charity and donation from interested organizations and individuals to support the children.

With support from the Tay Dang Orphanage, Lam 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 at the village through your sponsorship commitment. Thank you for your generosity and kindness.

Yours sincerely,

Nguyen Thi Hanh



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Country Director



