

FAMILY INTRODUCTION SHEET

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Dear PSBI Sponsor,

On behalf of Pearl S. Buck International and our Country Office in Vietnam, we are very pleased to introduce Nguyen Thi Thuy Linh and her foster family to you. It is called foster family as Linh lives in orphanage that cares for orphans and disadvantaged children. Nguyen Thi Thuy Linh was born on 29th June 2006 in Hanoi. After her father's death, her mother has to work hard to raise 3 children but her income is really low so it is difficult to take care of them. On 12th June 2013, Linh was accepted to come to the orphanage and has been living there since then.

Nguyen Thi Thuy Linh is now 15 years old with a height of 5'01" and a weight of 105 lbs. In general, her health is in good condition. She is more mature than other children of her age. She is careful, does not talk much, gentle and treats her foster siblings well. Linh is in grade 10th at Dong Da High 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 subjects at school are Literature and Math while Physics does not draw her interest. She dreams of becoming a teacher. In her free time, she likes watching TV and sometimes helps housemothers wash the dishes or pick the vegetables.

Established in 1991 on an area of over 1.700m2 at 102 Yen Lang street, Thinh 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 1st 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 2nd floor, the library is on the 3rd floor and the computing room is on the 4th 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, Linh 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



