



FAMILY INTRODUCTION SHEET

Code: 18-10-6378
Date: October 2021
Friendship Orphanage

Dear PSBI Sponsor,

On behalf of Pearl S. Buck International and our Country Office in Vietnam, we are very pleased to introduce Nguyen Tra My and her foster family to you. It is called foster family as My lives in an orphanage that cares for orphans and disadvantaged children. Nguyen Tra My was born on 6th June 2007 in a very poor family. Her parents left her a long time ago due to the burdens of life and she lived with her uncle; however, her uncle cannot afford raising her. Hence, her uncle asked the Hanoi Department of Labor, Invalids and Social Affairs and the orphanage to take her in so she could have chances to live and study in a better environment. On 1st August 2011, she started to come to the orphanage and has been living there since then.

Nguyen Tra My is now 14 years old with a height of 4'98'' and a weight of 110 lbs. In general, her health is in good condition. She is a well-behaved and outgoing girl. Tra My is in grade 9th 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 Literature while Math does not draw her interest. She dreams of becoming a doctor in the future in order to save people's lives. In her free time, she likes reading books, attending skills class and sometimes helps housemothers wash the dishes.

Established in 1991 on an area of over 1.700m² 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 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 wardrobes for keeping clothes and lockers for the children's supplies. 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, My 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



