



FAMILY INTRODUCTION SHEET

Code: 18-03-7873
Date: January 2023
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 Tran Van Hieu and his foster family to you. It is called foster family as he lives in an orphanage that cares for orphans and displaced children. Tran Van Hieu was born on 24th March, 2015. He is an illegitimate child and his mother served a prison sentence. His family has 3 children and all of them are currently being raised in Birla Village. With support from Hanoi Department of Labor, Invalids and Social Affairs, Tran Van Hieu was turned over to live in the Birla Village in 21th March 2022.

Tran Van Hieu is 7 years old with a height of 3'8'' and a weight of 46 lbs. Thanks to housemothers' caring, he has been in good health condition. He is smart, quick of learn, active and well-behaved. Because his poor family condition was not allowed him to go to school, so this year, he is in grade 1st at Nguyen Kha Trac Primary School which is 800 meters away from Birla Village. At school, he likes many subjects at school such as Maths, Vietnamese, and Physical Education. In the future, he would like to become a famous singer. He loves eating fried chicken and playing soccer with his beloved foster siblings. Although he is small, he can help housemothers with some simple household chores such as cleaning the table after meals.

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 72 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 1st 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 2nd floor with 3 bedrooms for 2 housemothers and 7 bedrooms for children, in which 3 bedrooms for boys and 4 bedrooms for girls. Each room has 5 beds, 5 studying tables and chairs, 1 wardrobe for keeping clothes. Kitchen and dining room are located on the 1st 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, Tran Van Hieu is very happy to share his life at the Birla Children's Village with you. We hope that you will establish an everlasting and meaningful relationship with him and the rest of the children at the village. Thank you for your generosity and kindness.

Yours Sincerely,

Nguyen Thi Hanh
Country Director



FAMILY INTRODUCTION SHEET



