

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 Vu Minh Khang and his foster family to you. It is called foster family as Minh Khang lives in an orphanage that cares for orphans and displaced children. Vu Minh Khang was born on 17th November, 2014 in a family without father. He is an abandon child. Before entering Birla Village, Minh Khang had lived in Hanoi Centre for Social Work and Child Protection Fund. With support from Hanoi Department of Labor, Invalids and Social Affair, Vu Minh Khang was turned over to live in the Birla Village in 16th May 2022 and he has been living in the orphanage ever since then.

Vu Minh Khang is 8 years old with a height of 4'1" and a weight of 53 lbs. Thanks to housemothers' caring, he has been in good health condition now. He is active, quite playful yet well-behaved. At present, Minh Khang is in grade 3rd at Nguyen Kha Trac Primary School which is 800 meters far from Birla Village. Among class subjects, he likes Science and Art the most. In the future, he would like to become a police officer. He is very interested in playing games and watching TV 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, and cleaning the floor.

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, Vu Minh Khang 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



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