

Hands for Hope Inc.  
Góp Một Bàn Tay



*“Giving a Chance, Making a Difference”*

# Annual Report 2007

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## **ABOUT HANDS FOR HOPE INC.**

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Hands for Hope (H4H) is a non-profit charity organisation in Australia aiming to provide direct support to disadvantaged children in remote areas of Vietnam. Key areas of assistance are in education, school construction and repair, infrastructure and social welfare. Hands for Hope has projects throughout many remote regions of Vietnam and annual events are organised throughout the year to raise funds for these projects.

### **Our Mission**

Strive to help disadvantaged children in Vietnam so that they may become self sufficient to lead a healthy and productive life within their community

### **Our Organisation**

The Association is a charity and voluntary, non-profit, non-political and non religious organisation established by a group of young Vietnamese Australian with a collective aim of fundraising and carry out projects, programs and relief work to assist the poor, needy and disadvantaged people, in particular children in Vietnam. The association was inaugurated in August 2000 and was formally and legally registered on the 23rd of March 2001 as Hands for Hope Inc. ( Gop Mot Ban Tay ) under the Association Act 1981.

### **Our Brief History**

In 1999, the coordination of urgent relief for flood victims in central Vietnam brought together numerous organisations within the Vietnamese community in Australia. These organisations included the Vietnamese Professional Society, Hoa Nien Youth group, Vietnamese Student Association, VoViNam, and the Vietnamese Women's Association.

The participating organisations intended the group to continue so that in the future relief operations could be mobilised quickly and effectively. From this effort, Hands for Hope was established.

Today, Hands for Hope has expanded into other areas including Education (sponsorship and scholarship), Medical and Infrastructure projects.

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#### **H4H Management Committee 2007**

Thu Ha	<i>President</i>
Hoang Nguyen	<i>Vice-President</i>
Kim Huynh	<i>Secretary</i>
Lien Huynh	<i>Treasurer</i>
Cuong Tran	<i>Project Director</i>
Tai Phan	<i>Fundraising Coordinator</i>
Ethyn Tang	<i>Volunteer Coordinator</i>

## PRESIDENT'S REPORT

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It is with great pleasure that we report on the year 2007. It has been a year of record project spending made possible by excellent fundraising results. The year has also allowed Hands for Hope (H4H) members to make good progress in reviewing our strategic direction and formulating plans to ensure the effectiveness of H4H work is sustained and strengthened.

Overall, our total income at \$111,142, is an increase by 26% from the previous year, thanks to the amazing success of our annual fundraising dinner and walk-a-thon. In addition, these events were very effective in raising greater awareness and understanding of our education sponsorship and corrective surgery programs, resulting in further significant increases in donations specifically for these programs. The success of our fundraising efforts would not be possible without great initiatives from our members, and as well as the generous support from our sponsors.

Our project spending this year was an unprecedented amount, nearly double the previous year at \$82,345. This is largely attributed to the generous donations made to our corrective surgery program, as the direct result of the "Walk for the Children Who Can't" Walk-a-thon. With every dollar donated put towards the cost of surgeries, a total of 177 children were able to receive life changing operations. This is indeed a highlight achievement for the year.

A significant portion of our project spending continues to be devoted to sponsoring disadvantaged students to go to school. Our education sponsorship program has now run for seven consecutive years. With these experiences, we are now looking beyond simply encouraging school attendance and providing the basic level of education. Moving forward, we will commence to earnestly tackle the challenge of retaining students in their senior school years and to actively provide opportunities for students to complete their studies as far as their potentials and their dreams will take them.

In keeping with previous years, our administration cost continues to be under 3%. This was achieved despite an unexpected large bad debt written off due to a pledged donation which subsequently was not fulfilled. This year, the rise of project management cost reflects the significant increase in project activities for the corrective surgery program. As usual, all expenses incurred by our members for their travels to Vietnam for project management were covered out of their own pocket.

Internally, marking the end of a management term, H4H members held a series of workshops to reflect on our progress and to re-examine our strategy and priorities moving forward. A new and more simplified team structure was established, giving clear functional accountabilities to each member of the management committee. This is intended to better distribute the work load and to empower members to take ownership and lead major activities. With the support from members, the newly elected management team has not missed a beat in keeping up the pace of activities, and continues building on the experiences and achievements of H4H. In the upcoming year, our strong financial position will lessen the pressure on fundraising. This will enable us to better focus on our project activities, ensuring they deliver measurable results and that they make long lasting difference to the lives of the disadvantaged children we assist.

On behalf of the management team and the children in Vietnam, I would like to thank our sponsors, members and friends for their continued trust and support. We wish you a safe and festive celebration and look forward to continue to work together, to make a difference.

Best Regards,



Thu Ha  
President

## PROJECT REPORTS

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In 2007, Hands for Hope (H4H) members continue to run projects to benefit poor, disabled and disadvantaged children in Vietnam as per its charter. Hands for Hope have projects in three main categories: education, medical and infrastructure and continues to bring hope and happiness to children all over Vietnam.

### Education Program

The education sponsorship program began after H4H identified the need to help children at risk of dropping out of school because their families could not afford the school fees. The idea was simple: help the children get access to education and through education; they themselves can break their way out of poverty to a better future.

Education sponsorship remains the biggest and an ongoing program Hands for Hope has committed to funding over the last seven years. In the Vietnam's schooling year of 2006-2007, H4H continues to support this program in more than 15 provinces throughout VN with around 800 students. H4H provides financial assistance to the student's family to cover the cost of school fees, books, stationeries and school uniforms. Over the years, many students from poor and disadvantaged background who participated in this program have completed school and have gone on to further education such as university and colleges, job training or was able to find a job after they left school with the education they received through H4H's assistance.

With a large number of students under H4H sponsorship and over many years, we have discovered that many of these students are bright and gifted individuals, who have achieved excellent results consistently year after year and have a strong desire to learn and improve themselves. This has prompted us to renew and re-enforce the scholarship program for the up-and-coming schooling year of 2007-2008, with the aim to encourage more gifted students to complete their schooling and assist those who want to go further with their studies such as a university degree or trade training through an apprenticeship program. Under this program, our focus will be:

- To encourage high achieving students to achieve their dreams and potentials by providing access to tools and resources which would otherwise be inaccessible due to their poverty, so they can achieve high quality qualifications or trade.
- Work closely with students who achieve quality qualifications through our program to contribute back to the program by mentoring those coming after from similar background as them selves.

### Infrastructure Project

Hands for Hope once again partnered with OzQuest, a project of The Duke of Edinburgh's Award in Victoria, to setup worthwhile community building projects for OzQuest expedition participant to engage during their trip in Vietnam. This partnership has resulted in a number of run-down schools being renovated or rebuilt. There were to be two infrastructure projects carried out between Hands for Hope and OzQuest in 2006-2007.

The first of the two projects was carried out in November 2006, in which students from Laver Hills went on the OzQuest's expedition to a remote country village Duc Ba, in Phung Hiep, Can Tho province, to repair a decaying run-down local school. The effort from participants on this expedition resulted in a brand new classroom built, and the students from Laver Hills High School have remained in contact and continued to support the students in the Duc Ba School. The full report of this expedition is available in the 2007 first edition of our newsletter.

The second project was in January 2007 with 17 OzQuest participants traveling to Cong Hai, Ninh Thuan province, to build new classroom for a school run by the local Buddhist nuns, providing free education to the local children. However, this project met with difficulties when we tried to get the right level of approval from authorities in the limited amount of time we had to setup this project. As a result, the project was abandoned for this year. With no H4H projects to carry out, OzQuest relied on our organization's contacts to find an alternative project for their

expedition participants to partake. With our help, the project participants were able to carry out a project of rebuilding houses for very poor families in the same area. This year, H4H and OzQuest will make an attempt to carry out the same classroom building project with a new group of expedition participants.

### **Medical – Corrective Surgery Program**

Hands for Hope medical program which commenced in 2003, has concentrated on the needs of children with physical disabilities. We found many children suffering disabilities from illnesses such as polio and cerebral palsy.

A good example is the case of twin brothers Pham Huu Tinh and Pham Huu Thuong. They come from a poor farming family in the Binh Duong province, both suffered polio soon after their birth, both have never been able to walk by themselves and has only known how to crawl on the dirt floor of their house. They made miraculous recovery after H4H provided surgery for the two boys and was seen playing soccer with each other 1 year later.

Since 2003 until last year, 121 case of surgery was sponsored by H4H, the improvements to the lives of these children were nothing short of spectacular, and the program was a resounding success. During this year, H4H made further commitment to this program with a campaign during the recent walk-a-thon in April to raise money especially for this program. As a result of the generosity of our sponsors, \$23,020 was raised. A total of 177 surgery cases were able to be funded for 2006-2007, one of the most significant achievement for this type of project by Hands for Hope. H4H are committed to this program and will continue helping more children in need through our medical program.

Going forward to 2008, H4H will continue to assist students from poor and disadvantaged families to meet basic education needs, taking off some burden for the families of these children and allow them to obtain a sufficient level of schooling. H4H will also renew and place more emphasis on high achieving students by offering scholarships to highly gifted students, and see them through achieving their full potential. H4H will also continue to support the rebuilding of infrastructure where it is most needed and maintain our medical program which brings so much joy to the children suffering from various disabilities. We look forward to your continued support in 2008.

Best Regards,



Cuong Tran  
Project Director

## FINANCIAL REPORTS

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### HANDS FOR HOPE INC. STATEMENT BY THE COMMITTEE

The Committee has determined that Hands for Hope Inc. is not a reporting entity and therefore there is no requirement to apply Accounting Standards and other mandatory professional reporting requirements (Urgent Issues Group Consensus Views) in the preparation of these financial statements. The Committee has determined this special purpose financial report should be prepared in accordance with the accounting policies outlined in Note 3 to the accounts.

In the opinion of the Committee:

- 1 The accompanying Profit and Loss Statement gives a true and fair view of the profit or loss of the incorporation for the financial year ended 30<sup>th</sup> June 2007 and
- 2 The accompanying Balance Sheet gives a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the incorporation as at the end of the financial year
- 3 At the date of this statement, there are reasonable grounds to believe that the incorporation will be able to pay its debts as and when they fall due.

This Statement is made in accordance with a resolution of the Committee and is signed by:



Thu Ha

President

7<sup>th</sup> December 2007



Lien Huynh

Treasurer

7<sup>th</sup> December 2007

**HANDS FOR HOPE INC.****PROFIT & LOSS STATEMENT  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2007**

	2007			2006		
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
<b>INCOME</b>						
General donations		8,208			16,812	
Fundraising Activities		65,879			58,398	
Interest - CBA		3,709			2,244	
Membership subscriptions		44			40	
Infrastructure project		1,863			1,400	
Medical program		10,400			2,200	
Education Sponsorship program		20,918			6,690	
Sundry		120			432	
<b>Total Income</b>			111,142			88,217
<b>EXPENDITURE</b>						
<b>Administration</b>						
Bad debt written off	1,530			368		
Bank charges	197			314		
Depreciation	114			49		
Internet cost -web hosting	-			34		
Postage & Stationery	310			470		
Printing Cost	1,450			40		
Sundry	(300)			200		
<b>Total administration expenses</b>		3,300			1,524	
<b>Other expenses</b>						
Cost of painting		-			200	
Paintings write off (Note 2)		1,000			-	
Cost of Fundraising Activities		11,588			17,160	
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>			15,888			18,884
<b>FUNDS AVAILABLE FOR PROJECTS</b>			95,254			69,333
<b>Projects running costs</b>						
<b>Project management</b>		2,140				
<b>Education Project</b>						
Education sponsorships		36,992			37,584	
<b>Infrastructure Project</b>						
Infrastructure		1,500			2,180	
<b>Medical Project</b>						
Corrective surgeries		33,993			4,000	
<b>Other Projects</b>						
Special Relief Funds	1,820			2,400		
Teachers' salaries	5,900			825		
		7,720			3,225	
<b>Total project running costs</b>			82,345			46,989
<b>SURPLUS (DEFICIT)</b>			<b>12,909</b>			<b>22,344</b>

**HANDS FOR HOPE INC.****BALANCE SHEET  
AS AT 30 JUNE 2007**

	NOTES	2007		2006	
		\$	\$	\$	\$
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>					
Cash at bank		7,726		10,871	
Term Deposit - Online Saver		125,967		108,638	
Sundry debtors	(Note 1)	864		1,024	
<b>TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS</b>			134,557		120,534
<b>NON-CURRENT ASSETS</b>					
Digital Camera		400		400	
Less accumulated depreciation		(400)	-	(286)	114
Paintings	(Note 2)		500		1,500
<b>TOTAL NON-CURRENT ASSETS</b>			500		1,614
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>			135,057		122,148
<b>CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>			-		-
<b>NET ASSETS (DEFICIENCY)</b>			135,057		122,148
<b>FUNDS AVAILABLE</b>					
General Reserves			50,000		-
Retained earnings			72,148		99,803
Current year surplus			12,909		22,344
<b>TOTAL FUNDS AVAILABLE</b>			135,057		122,148

**HANDS FOR HOPE INC.****SUPPORTING SCHEDULE TO THE BALANCE SHEET  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30TH JUNE 2007**

	\$
<b>NOTE 1</b>	
<b>Debtors</b>	
ATO tax withheld	664
Walk - A- Thon Collectables	200
	<b>864</b>
<b>NOTE 2</b>	
<b>Paintings</b>	
Phung Thuy Loan "Woman behind the window" at valuation	<b>500</b>

**NOTE 3 - STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

These financial statements are a special purpose financial report prepared for use by members of the incorporation. The Management Committee have determined that Hands for Hope is not a reporting entity and therefore there is no requirements to apply Accounting Standards and other mandatory professional reporting requirements ( Urgent Issues Group Consensus Views) in preparation and presentation of these statements.

The statements have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the following Accounting Standards and other mandatory professional reporting requirements:

- AASB 1002: Events Occurring After Balance Date
- AASB 1018: Profit and Loss Accounts
- AASB 1021: Depreciation of Non-Current Assets
- AASB 1025: Application of the Reporting Entity Concept and Other Amendments
- AASB 1031: Materiality

No other Accounting Standards or other mandatory professional reporting requirements have been applied.

The Statements are also prepared on an accruals basis. They are based on historic costs and do not take into account changing money values or, except where specifically stated, current valuations of non-current assets.

The following specific accounting policies, which are consistent with the previous unless otherwise stated, have been adopted in the preparation of these statements:

**Property, Plant and Equipment**

Property, Plant and equipment are included at cost or at valuation.

All assets, excluding freehold land and buildings are depreciated over their useful lives to the incorporation.