



May 2022 Newsletter

Thank You for Supporting PeaceTrees During GiveBIG!

With the help of our generous community PeaceTrees raised \$10,000 for our educational programs during GiveBIG earlier this month! Thank you to everyone who participated and made this event so successful.

Did you miss GiveBIG? Don't worry! You can always contribute to our lifesaving work by donating online via our website. Consider increasing your impact by becoming part of the [PeaceTrees Friendship Circle with a reoccurring gift.](#)

Make a gift today!

Updates from Vietnam:

Groundbreaking on the Cu Ty Kindergarten

PeaceTrees is excited to announce that construction of the new Cu Ty Kindergarten is underway! PeaceTrees staff, partners, and community members gathered to celebrate the groundbreaking. Construction is expected to be completed by the end of August, just in time to welcome 47 students for the new school year in the fall. PeaceTrees would like to thank project sponsor, The Walter B. and Marie W. Williams International Friendship Fund for making this kindergarten possible!



Construction begins on the Cu Ty Kindergarten- Quảng Trị Province



PeaceTrees staff and partners break ground on the Cu Ty Kindergarten project- Quảng Trị Province

Clearance Updates from Quảng Trị and Quảng Bình Provinces

PeaceTrees' EOD technicians have had a productive spring so far! **In the month of April our teams safely removed 520 explosive remnants of war and cleared 603,205 square meters of land in Quảng Trị Province.**

In Quảng Bình, from January to April of this year, EOD teams have safely removed 3,211 explosive remnants of war and cleared over 1,443,427 square meters of land. PeaceTrees teams have also prioritized delivering explosive ordnance risk education (EORE) to local communities, which helps residents identify explosive bombs and mines and teaches them what to do if they encounter an explosive ordnance (EO). We are so grateful for the dedication and hard work of our demining staff and for the communities we work with.



A Quảng Trị resident pointing out a suspected EO to EOD technicians so that they can safely remove it



A PeaceTrees EOD technician working with a Quảng Trị resident to locate a suspected EO in a nearby stream



A PeaceTrees EOD technician preparing for an on-site demolition of explosives-Quảng Trị Province



A PeaceTrees EOD team preparing a large bomb for a safe demolition in Quảng Bình



A PeaceTrees EOD technician delivering EORE to children-Quảng Trị Province



A PeaceTrees EOD technician delivering EORE to a family- Quảng Trị Province

Members of the U.S. Embassy and Department of State Visit PeaceTrees in Vietnam

This month, PeaceTrees was honored to welcome a delegation from the U.S. Embassy in Hanoi and the U.S. Department of State. The delegation visited our projects in Quảng Trị and Quảng Bình Provinces to spend time in the field with our EOD technicians and program staff, view a controlled detonation of explosives, and plant trees at the Danaan Parry Landmine Education Center. We would like to warmly thank everyone who joined the delegation!

PeaceTrees is incredibly grateful for the continued support of our American and Vietnamese governmental partners. As international travel continues to increase, we look forward to more opportunities to facilitate diplomacy and strengthen relationships between the U.S. and Vietnam.



PeaceTrees staff and partners with members of the delegation near PeaceTrees' office in Quảng Trị Province



PeaceTrees staff planting trees with the delegation in front of the Danaan Parry Landmine Education Center-Quảng Trị Province

Vietnam Takes Gold in the 31st SEA Games

The Southeast Asian Games, also known as the SEA Games, is a biennial multisport event that includes teams from 11 countries all from the Southeast Asia region. This year, the 31st SEA Games were held in Hanoi from May 12-23.

Vietnam led the tournament in gold medal count and total medal count! [A highly anticipated football \(or soccer\) match between Thailand and Vietnam was a tournament highlight](#), and the Vietnamese men's team defeated Thailand 1-0 to win gold! [Click here to see photographs of the celebrations that took place after this historic win!](#)

Worth a Watch, Read, or Listen

To help honor AAPI Heritage Month, PeaceTrees would like to highlight a few noteworthy stories and interviews from the Vietnamese diaspora. We hope you will take some time to watch, read, and listen!

- [Watch this 3-minute PBS news hour clip featuring Pulitzer-winning author, Viet Thanh Nguyen](#), who shares his brief but powerful take on writing and memory.
 - [Read this powerful interview with Vietnamese American poet and author, Ocean Vuong](#), as he discusses how the legacy of war and intergenerational trauma continue to influence his work.
 - The Vietnamese Boat People podcast recently welcomed author and friend of PeaceTrees, Nguyễn Phan Quế Mai to their show! In this episode, Quế Mai discusses her bestselling novel, *The Mountains Sing*. [Listen to the episode here](#), and be sure to subscribe to this podcast to hear more incredible stories from the Vietnamese diaspora.
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Learn More About Our Guiding Values and Organizational Priorities



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Donate a Used Vehicle to PeaceTrees

Make your tax-deductible gift to PeaceTrees by donating your unwanted vehicle! We partner with CARS, a nonprofit organization that facilitates vehicle donations. All vehicles are eligible for donation, even if they are not running! CARS makes it easy and gives your unwanted vehicle a new purpose.



Your monthly reminder to make PeaceTrees your Amazon Smile beneficiary!

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