



April 2023 Newsletter

This year GiveBIG is May 2-3 and funds raised will once again support our life changing scholarship program. We hope you will join us again for GiveBIG 2023!



Because of your support last year during GiveBIG, PeaceTrees was able to distribute **316** scholarships to students in Quảng Trị and Quảng Bình Province last year. These scholarships were awarded to students in explosive ordnance accident survivor families, ethnic minority female students, students with disabilities or whose parents have a disability, and students from low-income households.

Although GiveBIG officially starts on May 2nd, you can get a head start by donating today. Thank you for your friendship and commitment to our work!

[Donate here!](#)

Happy Earth Day from PeaceTrees Vietnam

Earth Day gives us here at PeaceTrees the opportunity to reflect on our environment and resilience work. From our goat husbandry project, to landslide assistance, to supporting black pepper and banana agricultural efforts, PeaceTrees is excited to continue growing programs that support climate adaptation. Increasingly our programs aim to address flood risk and support the diversification of livelihoods. Click [HERE](#) to learn more about our environmental projects!



Goat breeding and husbandry project at Huong Son commune - Quảng Trị Province



Baby goats at Xy commune - Quảng Trị Province



Ho Thi Cao tending to dwarf banana trees in September - Quảng Trị Province



PeaceTrees Citizen Diplomats helping plant gardens at a local school

Updates from Vietnam

Explosive Ordnance Risk Education Event (EORE) in Quảng Bình Province

On April 4th, coinciding with International Mine Awareness Day, PeaceTrees hosted an Explosive Ordnance Risk Education event at Thuan Duc Primary and Secondary School in Dong Hoi City. Supported by Rotary International, this important training used interactive demonstrations and “Ring the Golden Bell” quizzes with safety messages to help students know what to do if they encounter a suspected bomb. Though 50 years have passed since the war, Quảng Bình and Quảng Trị still face high levels of EO contamination. These hidden dangers continue to pose a threat to local communities and limit socio-economic development. PeaceTrees is honored to continue our EORE work in both Quảng Bình and Quảng Trị Province.



Students of Thuan Duc primary and secondary school learning what to do if they encounter an EO- Quảng Bình Province



A Thuan Duc student participating in the EORE event- Quảng Bình Province

INTERNATIONAL DAY FOR MINE AWARENESS AND ASSISTANCE IN MINE ACTION

MINE ACTION CANNOT WAIT
#IMAD2023



“ For me a landmine victim only becomes a survivor when they are given the opportunity to rebuild their life ”

- Giles Duley
UN Global Advocate for persons with disabilities in conflict and peacebuilding situations



What International Mine Awareness Day Means to PeaceTrees Vietnam

April 4th marked International Day for Mine Awareness and Assistance in Mine Action. Created in 2005 by the UN General Assembly, International Mine Awareness Day is dedicated to raising awareness of mine action across the globe and rallying support. PeaceTrees deminers and program staff honored the holiday alongside other mine action organizations and gathered to compete in soccer and volleyball games. On April 2nd and 3rd, these hardworking personnel left it all on the field/court, thrilling and bringing joy to athletes and audiences alike! With the athletic festivities concluded, PeaceTrees, NPA, and MAG continue their steadfast work bringing safety and peace to central Vietnam.



The PeaceTrees soccer team shaking hands with opponents after the friendly match- Quảng Tri Province



PeaceTrees deminers and program staff posing after a volleyball game- Quảng Tri Province

Fast Facts:

- PeaceTrees has removed over **147,040** dangerous landmines, cluster bombs, mortar shells and grenades from over **6,970** acres of land in Vietnam.
- PeaceTrees now has over **200** Explosive Ordnance Disposal (EOD) technicians who work every day to educate, clear land, and build safer communities.
- Over **97,069+** individuals have received Explosive Ordnance Risk Education from PeaceTrees Vietnam.

What We're...

Watching:

Whether you've traveled to Vietnam or are still yearning to visit, Netflix's new romantic comedy "A Tourist's Guide to Love" will transport you to the captivating scenes of this beautiful country. Filmed on location in Ho Chi Minh City, Hoi An, Da Nang, Hà Giang & Hanoi, this lighthearted film visits multiple regions that our PeaceTrees' Citizen Diplomats have toured and enjoyed over the years! [Watch the trailer here.](#)



Listening to:

"Echoes of the Vietnam War" podcast released their 50th episode and had PeaceTrees founder Jerilyn Brusseau return to talk about our founding story and what PeaceTrees is working towards. Available to listen wherever you get your podcasts!



Where We're Eating:

The Boat | 1314 S Jackson St, Seattle

Yenvy & Quynh-vy Pham have run their family's restaurant empire right into the arms of a James Beard nomination for "Best Restauranteurs". After shuttering during the pandemic, the Pham's first and most iconic eatery has been reborn as The Boat. They've kept the classic boat-shaped exterior and brought in a short and sweet menu focused on chicken, rice, and dessert waffles.



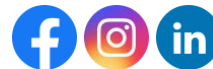
**Donate a Used Vehicle to
PeaceTrees**

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.



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