



December 2022 Newsletter

End of Year Giving with PeaceTrees Vietnam

Whether you gave at our 27th Anniversary Celebration, on #GivingTuesday, or have already made your end of year gift, we are so grateful for your continued support! **Keep an eye on your inbox next week to learn about our clearance work in Nam Trach Commune, and meet Ho Thi Hoa Mi, a six-year-old scholarship recipient who attended the David Warner Kindergarten.** These coming stories are all made possible by your ongoing dedication and friendship.

[Learn all the ways you can support PeaceTrees Vietnam!](#)

PeaceTrees Hiring a Community Engagement Assistant for Our Seattle Office

PeaceTrees Vietnam seeks a full time Community Engagement Assistant to join our small Seattle team. The ideal candidate will have at least two to three years of professional experience, past exposure to nonprofit fundraising and event planning, be friendly and diplomatic with volunteers, supporters, and board members, a strong writer, and great with details. In addition to coordinating local events and providing administrative and program support for our Seattle office, this person will have the opportunity to travel to see our work on-site in Quang Tri Province, Vietnam.

[Learn more and apply here!](#)

Updates from Vietnam

140 Items of Explosive Ordnance Safely Removed from Eucalyptus Plantation

In late November, the official Database and Coordination Unit of Quảng Bình Province reported more than 100 items of explosive ordnance (EO) discovered in a bomb crater on a farmer's eucalyptus plantation in Bai Dinh Village in Minh Hoa District. After receiving this information, PeaceTrees Explosive Ordnance Disposal teams arrived quickly to begin clearance work. The bomb crater contained 140 items of explosive ordnance, including many dangerous projectiles. Often when people discover a suspected EO, they will move the object and find a bomb crater to

store it in so that they can continue farming which increases the risk of an EO accident. This story is another example of the continued need for clearance work and Explosive Ordnance Risk Education (EORE) in central Vietnam.



A local farmer pointing out the bomb crater where EO items have been unsafely stored-
Quảng Bình Province



A PeaceTrees EOD technician measuring some of the bombs after they were safely removed from the crater-Quảng Bình Province

Scholarships Awarded in Quảng Bình and Quảng Trị Province

Earlier this month, PeaceTrees staff held scholarship award ceremonies for students in Quảng Trị and Quảng Bình Province. 270 primary to high school aged students received scholarships during these two award ceremonies and an additional 46 students studying at college and university were sent their scholarships. Access to education is a proven poverty reduction measure as it allows children to develop skills, hone their critical thinking abilities, and gain exposure to new ideas and opportunities. PeaceTrees' scholarship program aims to ease the financial burden of sending a child to school, therefore increasing the likelihood that a child will receive the education required to gain financial stability. **Thanks to the generous support of PeaceTrees donors, over 3,565 scholarships have been awarded to date!** We hope that you enjoy the photos below of students receiving their scholarships at the award ceremonies.





Large Bomb Safely Removed from Van Ri Village

On December 13th, Mr. Ho Van Thanh discovered a large bomb while he was farming in Van Ri Village in Quảng Trị Province. Upon discovering this bomb, Mr. Ho Van Thanh called the Quảng Trị Provincial Mine Action Center to report it. After receiving this information, PeaceTrees' Explosive Ordnance Disposal (EOD) team went to the site to begin clearance work. The bomb was identified as an MK81, weighed 250 lbs. and was close to 6-feet long. After concluding that the bomb was safe to move, the team used bamboo poles to remove the bomb and it was moved to a secure storage facility to be destroyed.



PeaceTrees EOD Team 1 using bamboo poles to remove the heavy bomb from the ground- Quảng Trị Province

Members of PeaceTrees EOD 1 team measuring the bomb after concluding it was safe to move- Quảng Trị Province

PeaceTrees Gets Support from Earth Economics

Earth Economics, a nonprofit organization based in Tacoma, uses natural capital valuation to help decision makers and local stakeholders understand the value of natural capital assets. Earth Economics is supporting PeaceTrees during their end of year fundraising efforts to help provide us technical assistance for a first-of-its-kind working map resource for the mine action sector. [Click here to learn more about our work in environment and resilience.](#)

Nguyễn Phan Quế Mai's Preparing to Release Her Next Novel, "Dust Child"

[International best-selling author, peace advocate, and friend of PeaceTrees, Nguyễn Phan Quế Mai, is releasing her new novel "Dust Child" on March 14th.](#) This highly anticipated novel is about "family secrets, hidden trauma, and the overriding power of forgiveness, set during the war and in present-day Việt Nam." We are so excited to read Quế Mai's newest book and look forward to welcoming her back to Seattle in 2023. On March 15th, PeaceTrees will partner with the Seattle Public Library to host an event featuring Quế Mai, we hope you can save the date! More details will be available in the new year.



Donate a Used Vehicle to PeaceTrees

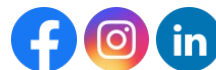
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