



## October 2022 Newsletter

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### Honoring 27 Years of Lifesaving Work in Vietnam

[CLICK HERE for a recording of our 27<sup>th</sup> Anniversary](#)

On Monday we gathered virtually to honor and celebrate PeaceTrees Vietnam's 27th Anniversary! We enjoyed the opportunity to gather with friends and supporters from all around the world. In-Country Director, Ha Pham, and Executive Director, Claire Yunker gave updates on our work, Giles Duley delivered an inspiring keynote address, and we got to hear from friends and bestselling authors, Nguyễn Phan Quế Mai and Karl Marlantes. If you missed joining live, you can watch a recording of the event (above), and don't forget to make your gift to PeaceTrees to help us reach our goal of raising \$250,000!

***Make a gift to honor 27 years!***

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### Updates from Vietnam

#### Two Large Bombs Removed from Rubber Farm in Cam Lo District

On October 3rd, PeaceTrees EOD technicians discovered a large bomb on a farmer's rubber farm in Nam Hieu Village. The bomb was identified as an M117 bomb and weighed 750 lbs. The next day at the same clearance site, EOD technicians discovered a second M117 bomb. After these bombs were deemed safe to move, they were safely loaded on to a truck and brought to a secure storage site where they will be destroyed at a later date.



Eight EOD technicians using bamboo poles to carry the 750lb. bomb- Quảng Trị Province

A pair of EOD technicians safely loading the large bombs into the truck for transportation-Quảng Trị Province

## Soccer and EORE at Tam Lam Secondary School

On October 3rd students at Tam Lam Secondary School in Quảng Bình got to join PeaceTrees Vietnam for an Explosive Ordnance Risk Education event and soccer match! Students learned the risks associated with explosive ordnance and played games to help reinforce their learning and build teamwork. The event wrapped with a friendly soccer match to celebrate everything that was learned that day. As some of you might know, our expansion to Quảng Bình only started in 2020. We are so grateful to see EORE and other programs growing in this province!



PeaceTrees' staff working with students at Tam Lam Secondary School- Quảng Bình Province



Students working together to balance a soccer ball between their heads as part of an EORE activity-Quảng Bình Province

## University of Washington Students Visit Vietnam

In September, PeaceTrees welcomed students from the University of Washington (UW) as the first Citizen Diplomacy trip in nearly three years! Associate Professor and friend of PeaceTrees, Christoph Giebel led a group of twenty-one students through Vietnam on a three week study abroad trip. Students visited PeaceTrees project sites in Quảng Bình and Quảng Trị, spent time with in-country staff, visited kindergartens, and helped paint murals and build goat barns! We look forward to welcoming more citizen diplomats back to Vietnam in 2023!





UW students line up to shake hands with PeaceTrees EOD technicians after a friendly soccer match-Quảng Trị Province



UW students with PeaceTrees' in-country staff after a mural painting at Grace Kindergarten-Quảng Trị Province



UW students seeing PeaceTrees' goat husbandry program-Quảng Bình Province

UW Students helping build a goat shelter- Quảng Bình Province

## Seattle Office Staff Visits Vietnam and Reunites with In-Country Staff

Late this September, PeaceTrees' office staff from Seattle visited Vietnam for the first time in three years! It was a joyful reunion and productive trip spent visiting key partners and longtime friends of PeaceTrees such as the Quảng Trị Province Women's Union, Quảng Trị Department of Foreign Affairs, the U.S. Embassy in Hanoi, Vietnam Mine Action Center, Vietnamese Union of Friendship Organizations, and Norwegian People's Aid. The U.S. staff also got to visit the Huong Son resettlement village, and see the Quảng Bình EOD teams in the field.



PeaceTrees staff with co-founder, Jerilyn Brusseau, and board member, Lisa Nelson, planting a tree at Khe Sanh-Quảng Trị Province



PeaceTrees staff from Seattle receiving a safety briefing before observing clearance operations- Quảng Bình Province

## 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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