



October 2020 Newsletter



**PeaceTrees
VietNam**



HEALING LAND BUILDING COMMUNITY PLANTING FUTURES

Thank You for Celebrating with Us!

While we missed being together in person at our annual luncheon, the PeaceTrees Community still came together virtually on October 19th to celebrate our 25th Anniversary. The virtual celebration was a tremendous success, with keynote speakers and guests joining from all over the globe. Even through a screen, your generosity and enthusiasm were palpable. Through this virtual event, the PeaceTrees community generated over **\$300,000** in life-saving dollars. We are incredibly moved by your generosity and support!



Click above to view a recording of our 25th Anniversary Virtual Celebration!
Please note, the presentation begins at 53:40.

Haven't made your donation yet? Click here!

Flooding in Central Vietnam

Like many of you, our hearts have been with Quang Tri residents and our team in Central Vietnam as they cope with the aftermath of extreme storms, which have displaced hundreds of thousands across six provinces. PeaceTrees' Quang Tri team has been hard at work bringing supplies and aid to impacted communities. We know that much more support will be needed and are preparing for the long recovery ahead. **In the next couple of days, we will be sending out more detailed information regarding the floods, and what you can do to help those in need.**



A group of people wade through chest-deep water in Quang Tri province.



Flood waters have risen up the roof tops in some parts of Central Vietnam.

PeaceTrees and Microsoft Get Cooking!

PeaceTrees Vietnam and Microsoft joined forces on October 22nd for a virtual cooking class! This class was sponsored by [Chinoise Sushi Bar and Asian Grill](#) and led by owner and long-time PeaceTrees board Member, Chef Thoa Nguyen. Participants learned how to make Bánh xèo, savory Vietnamese crepes served with lettuce, herbs, and a traditional Nuoc Cham dipping sauce. We would like to give a huge thank you to the Vietnamese at Microsoft Diversity Group who helped lead the event. With the generosity of Microsoft's matching donations, this cooking class generated over \$3,000 dollars to help fund PeaceTrees' work! Thank you, Microsoft!



What We're Excited About:

PeaceTrees Founder, Jerilyn Brusseau, Selected as an AARP Purpose Prize Fellow!

Each year, the AARP invites founders of U.S.-based nonprofit organizations to apply for the AARP Purpose Prize, which "honors extraordinary people ages 50 and older who tap into the power of life experience to build a better future for us all." We are proud to share that Jerilyn has been selected as a Purpose Prize Fellow. Congratulations, Jerilyn! We are so grateful for her vision and dedication over the past 25 years.

[Read the entire AARP article here!](#)



Jerilyn, shovel in hand, preparing to plant trees in Vietnam (January, 2020).



Jerilyn helping plant a tree in Vietnam (1996).

Give if you can.
We accept all types of vehicles.

Donating your car is easy, and your gift qualifies for a tax deduction!

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PeaceTrees is Now Accepting Vehicle Donations!

PeaceTrees Vietnam is now accepting vehicle donations! We have partnered with non-profit organization CARS to facilitate a PeaceTrees vehicle donation program. All vehicles are eligible for donation – even if they are not running. This includes cars, trucks, SUV's, motorcycles, boats, farm equipment, and even airplanes. CARS has extensive experience with all steps of the donation process from pick-up to sale. Find out more about this new donation program at <https://careasy.org/nonprofit/peacetrees-vietnam> or call the PeaceTrees office at 206-441-6136 to learn more.



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