



Dear Friends,

We hope that this email finds you and yours in continued health. As June draws to a close, we continue to feel grateful for the strong response that the Vietnamese government has taken in preventing the spread of COVID-19. This has allowed our humanitarian demining work to not only continue, but to expand. This month we are proud to announce that **PeaceTrees Vietnam is expanding our demining operations into Quảng Bình Province!**

Together with [Mines Advisory Group](#) and [Norwegian People's Aid](#), we will form a consortium to deploy high quality survey and clearance operations in Quảng Bình and will support provincial authorities in establishing effective mine action coordination and information management systems. This project is supported by The Office of Weapons Removal and Abatement in the U.S. State Department's Bureau of Political-Military Affairs.

This project aims to support mine action coordination in Quảng Bình, determine the level of cluster munition contamination in the province, and clear high priority areas to improve community safety and support economic development.

Together, we aim to clear and release 3,240 acres of safe and productive land back to Quảng Bình residents. It is estimated that the consortium will respond to 3,042 Explosive Ordnance Disposal spot tasks reported through a hotline number, which will benefit over 8,160 people. We will also deliver Risk Education sessions to 8,095 people!

Quảng Bình Province, directly to the north of Quảng Trị, was one of the fiercest battlefields in the country during the war. On average, every square meter of land in the province was exposed to 65 pounds of explosives. 80% of the 887,600 people who reside Quảng Bình Province live in rural areas, and more than 45% of the province's economy is based on agriculture. These figures underscore why it is so critical to ensure that local residents can cultivate farmland free from unexploded ordnance.

We are proud to be a part of this partnership, and are ready to get to work creating safe land and returning it to communities in Quảng Bình Province!



### July 11, 2020 - 25 years of peacebuilding between the US and Vietnam

This July 11th marks the 25th Anniversary of U.S.- Vietnam diplomatic normalization, as well as PeaceTrees Vietnam's 25th Anniversary. On this important anniversary we hope you will take a moment to reflect on and celebrate the accomplishments of the last 25 years and all that has been done to make sure that the next generation of children in Vietnam can live in safety. PeaceTrees Vietnam is still, notably, the only US organization working to remove unexploded bombs and mines in Vietnam. Your belief in our mission to build bridges of partnership and trust with Vietnamese citizens has helped to ensure that that the US and Vietnam are no longer adversaries, but are friends. As we look ahead to the next phase of our work, we know there is still much to be done to truly overcome the legacy of war. We are committed to addressing the continued threat of UXO and providing safety and opportunity in partnership with local residents of central Vietnam.

**Thank you for helping to make this work possible! Here's to the next 25 years!**



### Seattle-area outreach by PeaceTrees' Board

Lisa Nelson, PeaceTrees Vietnam Board Member, witnessed the growing need of local Vietnamese owned restaurants for support and the challenges many unsung heroes within our Seattle community were facing to flatten the COVID-19 curve. She wanted to give back to the community that has supported PeaceTrees Vietnam for so many years.

**Together, PeaceTrees Vietnam Board Members and staff created a plan to purchase 50+ meals every week from local Vietnamese restaurants including Pho Bac Sup, Vinason Pho & Grill, Thanh Vi, Papaya, Dong Thap Noodle and Tamarind Tree/Long Provincial.**


Using COVID-19 safety protocols, Board Members picked up and delivered these meals to organizations whose staff have been working non-stop in the midst of the pandemic to ensure Seattle community members receive the care and assistance they need.

**Over the past five weeks, staff members of community organizations including Interim CDA, ICHS Shoreline & Holly Park, Harborview Medical Examiner, Kent Isolation and Quarantine Site, ICHS Legacy House and Kin On Assisted Living have received our support and thanks in the form of nourishing lunches.**

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

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

[Learn More](#)



### PeaceTrees is now accepting vehicle donations!

PeaceTrees Vietnam is now accepting vehicle donations! We recently 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 vehicle 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.



### Calling all former Citizen Diplomats:

**Save the date for our virtual Citizen Diplomacy Reunion Weekend July 10-12th!**

We could not think of a more appropriate way to celebrate 25 years of work in Vietnam than by having a Citizen Diplomacy Reunion. Whether you were on that very first trip in 1996, or our most recent trip in January 2020, we hope that you will join us virtually as we honor 25 years of friendship and diplomacy building!

[Please RSVP for the event here!](#)

### What We're Excited About:



#### [Looking for a creative way to continue to support PeaceTrees Vietnam from home?](#)

Consider shopping with Amazon Smile and setting PeaceTrees as your beneficiary. AmazonSmile is a program that donates 0.5% of your eligible purchases on Amazon to a charity of your choice. All you need

to do is start your shopping at smile.amazon.com. The donation will be made at no extra cost to you and you will be contributing to PeaceTrees Vietnam's lifesaving work while you shop!

### [Dreams of the Black Echo - Streaming for free until July 5th!](#)



"Dreams of the Black Echo" tells the story of the Vietnam War by veterans from both sides. It is a unique co-production by Duy Tan University in Vietnam and DSU film students, faculty and staff. The film has been updated with additional footage and interviews which provide a gripping

look at the war and the healing process which happens when soldiers can communicate after the conflict. Watch the movie here!



Contribute to PeaceTrees' work!

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