

June 2020 Newsletter



We hope that this email finds you and yours in continued health. As June draws to a

Dear Friends,

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 Quang Binh Province! Together with <u>Mines Advisory Group</u> and <u>Norwegian People's Aid</u>, we will form

a consortium to deploy high quality survey and clearance operations in Quang Binh

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 Quang Binh, 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

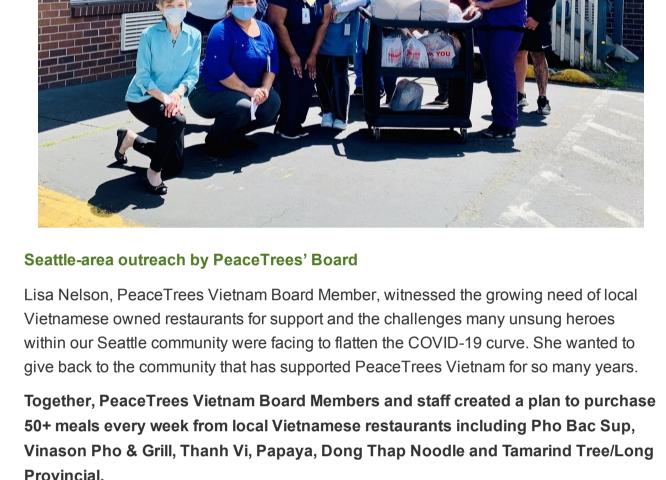
critical to ensure that local residents can cultivate farmland free from unexploded ordnance. We are proud to be a part of this partnership, and are ready to get to work creating safe land and returning it to communities in Quang Binh Province!



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,

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!

notably, the only US organization working to remove unexploded bombs and mines in



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

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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.

We accept all types of vehicles. Donating you car is easy, and your gift qualifies for a tax deduction! Learn More

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

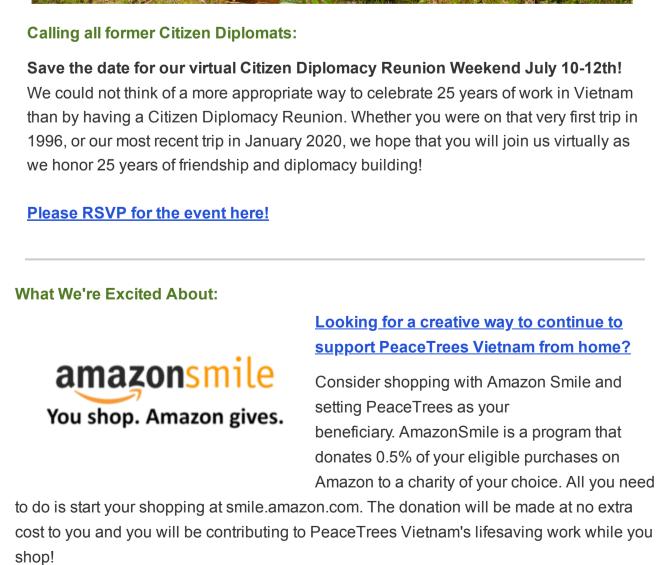
https://careasy.org/nonprofit/peacetrees-vietnam or call the PeaceTrees office at



206-441-6136 to learn more.

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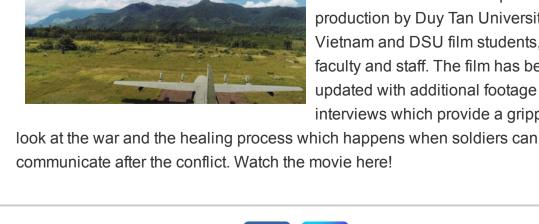
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CHÁC MÔNG VỀ THẾNG VONG THẨM from both sides. It is a unique coproduction by Duy Tan University in

DREAMS OF THE BLACK ECHO

Dreams of the Black Echo - Streaming for free until July 5th!



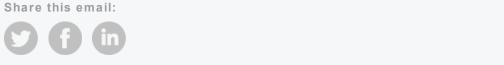
Vietnam and DSU film students, faculty and staff. The film has been updated with additional footage and interviews which provide a gripping

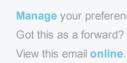
"Dreams of the Black Echo" tells the

story of the Vietnam War by veterans

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