

## News from Foundation Child Surgery Vietnam

In our newsletter you can read what Foundation Child Surgery Vietnam is currently working on. We would like to inform you (and keep you informed) about our recent projects and the actions we take to raise funds, to find sponsors and to bring our foundation under attention.

### Story contest

Wild Geese and Partin (the interest group for private initiatives) launched a story contest for small charities. Of course we participated in this contest. Our story concerned seeking children with a disability, focusing on involving the local government.

The two best stories will win €3500,-. Unfortunately we did not make it to the finals, but we would like to thank everyone who voted for us. We love sharing our story! If you want to read it, go to: [bit.ly/spying-eyes](http://bit.ly/spying-eyes).

Though the contest is over, you can still beat the drum for us. Spread this message within your own network so we can reach more people and tell them what we do.



Hartelijk dank voor uw stem!



(9 stem(men))



### Act of Merit

In the newsletter of February we mentioned an expected award for our partner Dong An in Hanoi. Meanwhile four awards were issued during the operation week.

Prof. Son (plastic surgeon), emeritus Prof. Hung (plastic surgeon), Dr. Dong Van An (our organizing partner) and, last but not least, we (!) received an award. The award has the title "Great appreciation for the structural capacity enlargement of the surgeons in Ha Giang during the period 2009-2014". Our award was received by the managing director of the Ha Giang hospital, Dr. Viet.



During the same week, Mrs. Kim Tien (Minister of Health) visited Ha Giang. She received a tour through the hospital and got comprehensively informed by our Prof. Hung about the operation program which we execute there for years. She was very interested.



## Plans and projects

A lot has happened after the last newsletter was published. About a hundred surgeries on shoulder muscles were performed in the rehabilitation center of Vinh. The results are significantly good; it is a successful part of the program. Especially children recover well, as they are still growing.

As a result of a large field screening, 132 children with divergent disabilities were helped in Dien Bien. About the same amount of children resulted after a field screening in Ha Giang in August.

The treatment of a large group of children in Son La is being prepared. There are about 180 children on the list, of which some will decay after further consultation. Experts proceed very carefully and will not operate if the expectations are too low.

During fall, the remaining part of Quang Ninh will be tackled. The preparations are now being made. If it works, a small group of travelers from Motortrails will be present at the field screening. The work we do is something we want to share with everyone.

Since the beginning of this year, Healthcare employees of lower posts are being trained during the field screenings. With the help of a photo book of they can easily recognize and diagnose children with disabilities that we can treat. About 200 employees per province are our 'Spying Eyes'. This makes tracking down children easier, and with the money we save we can help others. This is the story we filed within the story contest of Wild Geese and Partin. Read it and share it through [bit.ly/spying-eyes](http://bit.ly/spying-eyes).

### Short Report from Ha Giang surgeries

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- 89 Children were operated
- Among them:
  - Burn: 23
  - Eye: 03
  - Stomatology: 20
  - Ear: 07
  - Urology: 14
  - Tumor: 04
  - Physical: 18
- 22 children advised – sent home
- 11 children need operation in NHP  
Send to Hanoi



## News flash



### *Stolen collecting-box (image)*

With a lot of effort we set up an initiative for fundraising through deposit coupons. Since several years we are allowed to place collecting tins next to vending machines in supermarkets within the region Hilversum. For the first time this went wrong: someone ran away with a collecting tin. The thief got caught on surveillance cameras, but was not recognized. This annoys us since he is stealing from the poor! Yet, a Vietnamese monk probably would say: if he needs it more than us, it is okay. We certainly reported it. Also a message about it was published in the local newspaper which led to a generous gift of a sympathizer. Very kind, thank you very much!

### *Birthday gift from the Diaconates*

A surprising action! A Diaconate from Vrouwenpolder has chosen to favor us. Their habit is to collect money from members during birthdays. In two semi-annually contributions we may look forward to this gift. All good things come to those who make them happen.



*Wild geese supports*

Again we have gained the support of Wild Geese for 12 months: a surcharge of 50% on our income. It remains a challenge to turn this into a larger amount of aided children. Reclining is not an option.

It looks like we will be able to operate 700 to 800 children thanks to the help of Wild Geese. So, be aware of what you can do by donating: your euros will double in value!

*Minne Heeg*

Doctor Minne Heeg, orthopedic surgeon in the Netherlands (specialization: dislocated hips), crossed our path last year. After a vacation in Asia, he worked with orthopedics for a week in Hanoi to share his insights, knowledge and skills.

Everybody was very enthusiastic and looked forward to the (meanwhile previous) summer for a follow-up. Unfortunately doctor Heeg injured his knee so he had to postpone the trip – possibly until next year. We wish doctor Heeg a speedy and happy recovery.

*Dr. Dao, orthopedic and plastic surgeon*

Dr. Dao is connected to Center II since 2005 and has joined us on many operation projects. He works in the general hospital in Hai Phong (donated by the Czech Republic).

Despite his busy working life, he sees an opportunity to promote. Many of the experience during our program in Ha Giang, Son La and Dien Bien will be used as material for that. Dr. Dao is very happy to support us and spread our message. He said: "Where you go, I go."



*Bussum Cultural (images)*

This year we were present again at Bussum Cultural. We showed ourselves and started conversations with visitors. In the meantime, as usual, the children could enjoy the merry-go-round. Topic of conversation was enforcement of our board. Unfortunately everyone is very busy, busy, busy. Unfortunately we have to be concerned whether the foundation will last the coming five years.

*SEPA IBAN SWIFT*

Because of the new payment system we had to adjust our recovery donations. What we would like to point out, is that the longer IBAN-number does not match the name. So pay attention when filling in the data, otherwise the wrong party will be charged.



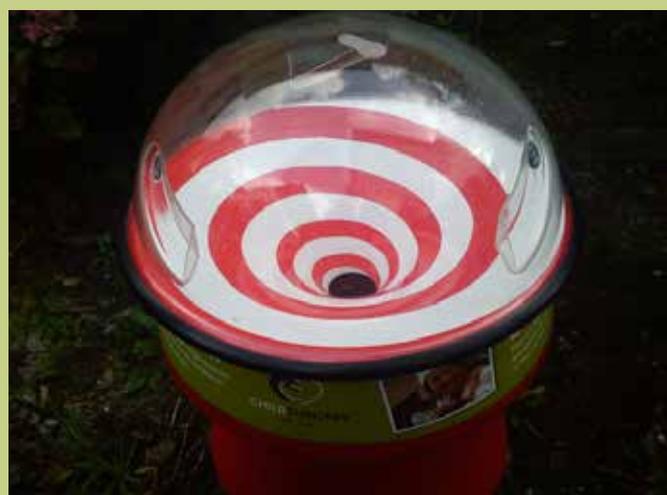
### *Mirror market*

Together with beekeeper Hung of Dharma Nectar we presented us at the summer market in Bussum. The profit of the sale from that day goes to two foundations which operate in Vietnam: the foundation Open Heart, operating in the South, and us, operating in the North.



### *Charity market*

Also at the charity market in Eemnes we were able to present us together with other initiatives. This led to an invitation to present us at a Rotary Club. During that presentation we got the people very interested and we hope we are able to do something together with the Rotary.



## The moneyspinner

Our money spinner is often used when we can present us at events, et cetera. Over and over it gets attention from children. Fascinated they follow the launched coins in a down going circle. We call it experience: a clear return for the small gifts.

At Bussum Cultural people enjoyed it for 230 times. Everything that rolls lands in the money spinner: amongst others a Swiss Franc, an American quarter, an English 5-pence and three consumption coins. Even a 5-Euro-bill was dropped (that obviously did not roll). Everything together about €100,-. Enough to help a child! Profit-profit, so much fun!

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