



Mission: Winnetka-Northfield Rotary Club & A Full Life are engaging local community groups to help raise funds for unfortunate children of Vietnam to lead them out of poverty with shelter and education. The initial project is to furnish a school library and create educational/vocational programs for the Khai Tri orphanage in An Giang, Vietnam.



[Fifty dollars from fifty friends ... that's all we're looking for](#). Fifty dollars from fifty donors adds up to \$2,500, which your help can complete the school library at Khai Tri orphanage for an unbelievable woman with a dream.

Miss Lam of Long Xuyen, Vietnam is my former teacher before I went to America. Inspired by her commitment to education I went on to complete medical school. My name is Tom Nguyen and in February 2007 on a trip to Long Xuyen, Vietnam, I met Miss Lam when she shared how a dream she had one night lead to the Khai Tri orphanage.



As repeatedly reported by the Vietnam News Agency for several years, [a lack of funding for vocational training and the poor discipline of the children are cited as the main obstacles to finding jobs for homeless children](#). Vietnam's employment is sacred even for trained and educated workers and even less for homeless children, the majority of whom are untrained. Poverty is the main factor driving the migration of 70-90% of homeless children to large cities.



The homeless children are an extraordinary challenge in Miss Lam's province; it has one of the highest rates of HIV which is entering Vietnam from Cambodia. Many children in this orphanage are from the Cambodian border; they are victims of HIV many losing their parents to AIDS. They are victims of poverty and discrimination. As a school teacher with a big heart, Miss Lam said: "Education is the only way out to get out of poverty". She was called to act on their behalf to build both a home and a school that would help teach them respect and skills to have a bright future.



The [Winnetka-Northfield Rotary Club](#) is leading a local initiative to raise the funds to help Miss Lam completes Khai Tri orphanage school library. 100% of each donation will be given directly to Miss Lam.

More details on how you can help visit our Blog, www.khaitriorphanage.blogspot.com, to view updates on the project.



Donate Online: http://events.executivelearningexchange.com/donate/An_Giang.asp

Make checks for donations payable to: Winnetka Northfield Charitable Foundation, and mail to Rotary Attn: HelpKhaiTriKids 620 Lincoln Ave., Winnetka, IL 60093

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