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*Dear LIN's friends, supporters, and partners,*

*LIN Board of Directors and Advisors and Team are thrilled as we have entered the year 2016 with an honorable award from the Vietnam Union of Friendship Organizations (VUFO) to our Executive Director, Ms. Tran Vu Ngan Giang. In January, Giang was awarded with the Certificate of Merit (Bang Khen), which was proposed to VUFO by the government in Kien Giang province*



*The Certificate of Merit is handed to Ms. Giang by Mr. Le Van Hong, Chairman of Kien Giang Union of Friendship Organizations*

*for Giang's contribution to community development work in Kien Giang and other provinces in Vietnam during her previous job at Saigon Children's Charity (SCC), a strategic partner of LIN.*

*This award strengthens our belief to Giang's successful leading the organization and continuing to devote her commitments and passion to support the development of local nonprofits, and to build a strong community.*

*This is the first time a member of LIN team receives such award and it motivates us to keep up providing quality services to our nonprofit partners, volunteers, and donors. Join us to congratulate Giang and continue to support her journey with LIN!*

Ngo Quynh Nhu  
Legal Advisor, Member of Board of Directors

## MESSAGE FROM LIN EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

*Dear partners, supporters, and friends,*

*Every day I discover remarkable stories and people as I interact with the 187 nonprofit organization partners (NPOs) who serve a half of million people in Ho Chi Minh City and surrounding provinces.*

*Recently I joined our long term funding partner, Irish Aid, to visit various NPO partners to learn both about their development and LIN's role in this process.*

*In 2007, for instance, Ms. Thao solicited funds from relatives and friends to begin the Huynh Tan Phat Foundation to support disadvantaged but talented architecture students to expand their training and exposure to the outside world.*

*The first few years were difficult with only limited results, but starting in 2010 she attended LIN workshops, training, and the use of various LIN toolkits on such topics as HR management, volunteer management, fundraising and communications. Volunteers became an integral part of the foundation's activities, helping provide coordination and expertise for the students. Her organization also received a LIN grant to equip a computer room for the students. Ms. Thao said LIN had helped her development with NGO management skills and move the foundation forward decisively to achieve its original goals.*



*Huynh Tan Phat foundation activities—communication class*



*Huynh Tan Phat foundation activities— English Class*

*Today, the foundation is on a firm footing, its activities audited annually, and many alumni return as volunteers to help Ms. Thao run the foundation. There are now local corporate donors and most importantly the number of students has risen today to 155 from 13. There is a comprehensive package of scholarships, English training and interpersonal skills and computer access. Some students are now taking Masters degrees, have won prestigious architecture prizes, or have become professors at Ho Chi Minh City Architecture University.*

*The history of the Huynh Tan Phat foundation is similar to the majority of the organizations that LIN partners with. It reminds me how essential it is to nurture local grass root organizations so they can grow and continue to make positive changes in the lives of hundreds thousand people and marginalized groups. It also proves that we can only make a meaningful social impact by working together: NPOs cannot grow on even with LIN's support without the support of our volunteers, supporters, and donors. The LIN team would like to thank all of you for your support in helping us to continue to deliver our services and make our contribution toward a stronger community.*

*To provide you with up-to-date and comprehensive information on our activities, beginning with this issue we will shift from mainly updating you with LIN's past and upcoming activities, to providing community philanthropy related information and other updates in three key areas: for NPOs, for Skilled Volunteers, and for Supporters.*

*We hope you find this newsletter interesting and helpful as well as enabling us to stay in touch with you! Please feel free to contact us at [info@linvn.org](mailto:info@linvn.org) with information which you feel will be relevant to the philanthropist community.*

Tran Vu Ngan Giang  
Executive Director

## NEW PROGRAMS



### TRAVEL GRANT FOR LIN NPO PARTNERS

In March 2016, LIN launched a project to support NPO travel expenses to enable their employees to participate in training sessions and / or peer experience sharing sessions in Vietnam during the year.

*Who are eligible for this project?*

- Employees of LIN 's partner organizations of tier 1 and NPO partners operating in HCMC
- Employees of LIN's NPO Partners wishing to participate in training sessions organized outside of HCMC.
- Travel expenses for this training are not covered from any other source (except when being partly paid by the organization).

Please contact [npo@linvn.org](mailto:npo@linvn.org) for further information about the registration process, procedures, subsidy and application form.



### CPI 2016 CALL FOR PARTICIPATION FROM NPOs

LIN would like to invite our partner organizations to register for the "2016 Community Partnership Initiatives" program (CPI 2016) under the theme of Leadership Capacity Building for NPOs. Advantages of taking part in CPI 2016:

- Joining an 8-day course with leadership development experts in April and May 2016.
- Learning about the charity and development approaches; developing and enhancing the leadership skills for NPO employees.
- Identifying your organization's problems by working with LIN nominated experts.
- Participating in a self-management project called "Problem solving for operations" in consultation with a volunteer expert group recruited by LIN
- Interacting with and exchanging views with other colleagues on NPO leadership experiences.
- Participants will receive other related learning experiences.

For requirement details and registration, please contact (Ms) Thanh Phuc: [volunteer@LINvn.org](mailto:volunteer@LINvn.org).

## UPCOMING EVENTS

To register for these events, please contact (Ms) Quynh Anh via email: [npo@LINvn.org](mailto:npo@LINvn.org)



**17/03**

**WEBINAR:** "How to design attractive NPO email newsletters?"



**24/03**

**WEBINAR:** "How to design power point presentations to meet the needs of NPOs?"



**31/03**

**NPO Morning Coffee:** "Narrow the gap Fund: Call for Proposals, Round 1- March 2016" & "How to take into account the context and desires of beneficiaries? "



**01/04**

**NPO Advisory Day:** LIN staff share their experiences, knowledge and the development of LIN, which can be relevant to the development of NPO partners.

### NEW INFORMATION

#### 14 MORE NPOs USE PHILOINHUAN.ORG TO CONNECT WITH DONORS

Are you looking to cooperate with NPOs? Or are you just learning about the number of NPOs currently working in HCM City?

The online NPO directory, VietnamCauses.org which was developed by LIN will help you answer these questions with relevant information on 176 NPOs working for a variety of causes in HCMC.

During the first two months of 2016, 14 more NPOs in HCMC contacted us to highlight their profiles on the VietnamCauses website. They were:

1. [Stone Flower Club](#)
2. [Thua Thien Hue Young Creator Club](#)
3. [Tuoi Xanh Club](#)
4. [Khanh Hoa Youth Skill Club](#)
5. [Constant And Nerverending Improvement](#)
6. [The Journey of Youth](#)
7. [Viet Nam Green Building Council](#)
8. [The Beautiful Mind Viet Nam](#)
9. [Children Book Foundation](#)
10. [Tia Lửa Foundation](#)
11. [Centre for Community Research and Development](#)
12. [Center for Community and Intergration](#)
13. [Vocational facilitation and consultancy center for underprivileged youth - REACH center](#)
14. [The Pink Bricks](#)



### UPCOMING EVENTS

#### MANDALA NIGHT MARCH 2016: COOPERATION BETWEEN CORPORATE AND NON-PROFIT GROUPS

In addition to financial support, are there any other possibilities for cooperation between a business and an NPO?

How can this kind of collaboration create value and impact for both reciprocal and social development ?

The March 2016 Mandala Night event will provide real stories on six years of cooperation between the Horizon Capital Group and LIN Centre for Community Development.

The event is scheduled to take place from 6pm on March 29, 2016. Venue and list of guest speakers will be announced later.

*This is an open event, with the support of the United Nations Volunteers program (UNV).*



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## NEWS FOR SKILLED VOLUNTEERS

### VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

In May 2016, LIN and NPO partners are looking for volunteers with a variety of skills. Please click on the position to read the job description and how to apply.

Can't find a suitable position for your particular skill?

[Sign up here](#) to receive our monthly volunteer opportunities and events by email.

#### LIN CENTER: NARROW THE GAP COMMUNITY FUND

[Communication team](#)  
[Community Engagement Team](#)  
[Development team](#)  
[Event team](#)  
[Graphic Designer team](#)  
[NPO Engagement team](#)

#### LIN CENTER: VIETNAMCAUSES WEBSITE

- [Copy writer](#)  
- [Intern \(Vietnamese\)](#)  
- [Marketing Consultant](#) for VietnamCauses Program  
- [Marketing Consultant](#) for "LIN Oi, Where Are We Going?" Program

#### LIN NPO PARTNER: FRIENDS FOR STREET CHILDREN ASSOCIATION

[Logo Designer Volunteer](#)

#### LIN NPO PARTNER: HAGAR

[Photography Volunteer](#) (Hanoi)

#### LIN NPO PARTNER: TỬ VÀNG SÁCH QUÝ VIỆT NAM

[Development Volunteer](#)

### UPCOMING EVENTS

#### MANDALA NIGHT MARCH 2016: COOPERATION BETWEEN CORPORATE AND NON-PROFIT GROUPS

LIN's Mandala Night is a monthly event to help connect individuals and businesses interested in NPO social activities in HCMC.

The event will take place from 6pm on March 29 2016, with the theme "Cooperation between Corporations and Non-Profits". Those who register for the event will be notified about the venue in advance.

By joining the Mandala Night event in March, you will hear real stories and learn about the cooperation between the Horizon Capital Group and the LIN Centre for Community Development, from 2009 to the present.

*This is an open event, with the support of the United Nations Volunteers program (UNV).*



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#### 2016 MANDALA NIGHT UPCOMING SERIES:

**24/05:** Joining nonprofits' Board Management Introduction  
**28/06:** Networking for a change  
**26/07:** Nonprofits' Board Management matching  
**30/08:** Networking for a change

**27/09:** Learn from failure: unsuccessful stories from nonprofits and skilled volunteers  
**22/11:** Networking for a change  
**20/12:** Should we continue Corporate Day of Service?

*Note: Dates and programme may be subject to change*

## THANKS TO OUR JANUARY AND FEBRUARY VOLUNTEERS AND DONORS!

### SKILLED VOLUNTEERS

#### Supporting LIN Center

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Dilshaad Ali	Mark Jerome	Nguyễn Trần Hoàng Anh	Trần Thị Thanh Thủy
Đỗ Thị Như Tâm	Mark Sidel	Nhanh Rỡ Châm	Trần Thị Thủy Tiên
Đoàn Bảo Châu	Ngô Quỳnh Như	P. Eli Angell MAZUR	Trịnh Thị Thanh Thủy
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### INDIVIDUAL SPONSORS

Dana R.H Doan	Khách tham gia sự kiện	Nguyễn Thị Thanh Trúc
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