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Upcoming events

17/01/2017: "Saigon Glow & Glare"- Annual Dinner for Donors

Let's ring in the New Year by exploring the many sides of Saigon. The event will guide you through the contrasts of the City as experienced through the eyes of our community with the redolent sounds, sights, and stories of the city we all love and call home.

Indulge yourself in a cozy evening with premium food and wines from Hotel des Arts Saigon, together with inspiring stories and unique entertainment offered by special guests: singer **Trong Khuong**, artist **Dinh Tien Dat**, children from **Thao Dan Social Protection Center**, **Thien An Shelter**, artist from **Vui House** initiative, and artist **Nguyen Hai Anh**.

Come & join us for an exciting evening with many surprises!

Since began in 2009, around **500,000** people in Ho Chi Minh City and Southern provinces of Vietnam have been directly and indirectly benefitted from LIN Center's services toward local grassroots nonprofit organizations,

individual and institutional philanthropists, who are committed to improve access to equal opportunities for local people.

Be part of '*Saigon Glow and Glare*' and become a champion supporting LIN's efforts to amplify its impacts towards many more thousands lives of people in Vietnam in 2018!

Grab your seat/table [TODAY](#) and enjoy the early bird offer of VND 2,250,000/ person!

All profit from the event will contribute to LIN's 2018 budget. Our finances are audited annually by an independent auditing firm and results are shared publicly on the LIN website.

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Glow & Glare

PLEASE JOIN US
LIN CENTER ANNUAL EVENT
FOR AN UNFORGETTABLE EVENING FILLED WITH MANY SURPRISES

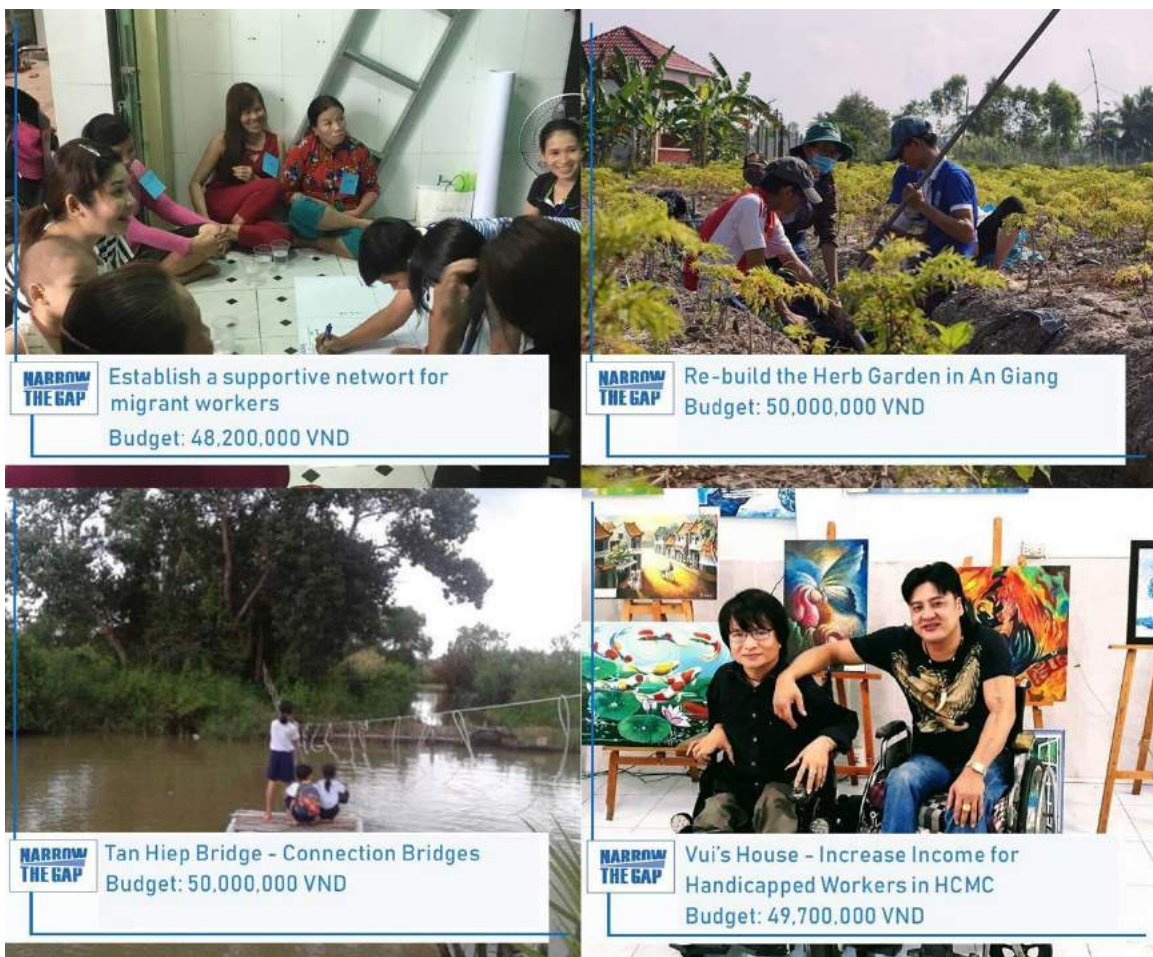
WEDNESDAY, 17/01, 2018 | 18:30 - 21:30
SAIGON KITCHEN RESTAURANT, HOTEL DES ARTS

18/01/2017: LIN's 2018 Briefing: *Further information and invitation to be followed*

November – December Updates:

NARROW THE GAP ROUND III.2017

Four more projects have been selected by the public to be awarded with LIN's Narrow the Gap's grants:



**NARROW
THE GAP**

Establish a supportive network for
migrant workers
Budget: 48,200,000 VND

**NARROW
THE GAP**

Re-build the Herb Garden in An Giang
Budget: 50,000,000 VND

**NARROW
THE GAP**

Tan Hiep Bridge - Connection Bridges
Budget: 50,000,000 VND

**NARROW
THE GAP**

Vui's House - Increase Income for
Handicapped Workers in HCMC
Budget: 49,700,000 VND

For further information, visit: <http://www.linvn.org/services/narrow-the-gap-community-fund/past-narrow-the-gap-fund-grants> or contact Mr. Phuc: phuc@linvn.org

NARROW THE GAP 2017 SNAPSHOT

In 2017, the program has been providing financial, expertise, and network for 13 social and environmental grassroots projects, addressing comprehensive challenges in education, applied arts, economics, welfare, healthcare, and infrastructure. **7,000+** people have been benefited from these initiatives. Join LIN to narrow the gap in our community: <http://bit.ly/NTG2017>

HAPPI APP

Happi is a micro survey-mobile app which enables people to support a cause, win prizes, connect with employers and receive targeted promotions.

Download Happi App and choose LIN as your partner. Happi will contribute to LIN's Narrow the Gap for every signup and number of smiles clicked. Please support LIN with an open heart - You do not have to pay anything!

Go download "**Happi**" from Google Play or Apple store.

For more information please access <https://thehappiapp.com/>

www.VietnamCauses.org – An Online Philanthropic Tool

Are you a philanthropist interested in learning about social causes in Vietnam or how to get involved with local NGOs? Are you an NGO in need of financial support, donations, or volunteers?

<http://www.VietnamCauses.org/> is the first platform in Vietnam that connects philanthropists and local not-forprofit organizations (NPOs) through a searchable directory with over 219 NPOs and a dozen volunteer opportunities listed.

Get registered today to receive notifications whenever there is new voluntary opportunity or community event!

For more information about the page, please contact: Ms. Truc Nguyen via community@linvn.org

Join our platform <http://www.VietnamCauses.org/> and participate in fun games for volunteers and non-profits.

NOVALAND WAS AWARDED BY THE GOVERNMENT FOR PARTNERSHIP WITH LIN CENTER TOWARD SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT



Vietnam Union of Science and Technology Associations (VUSTA) is a social political organization overseeing LIN Center. On December 08, VUSTA hosted an event to promote the partnership between businesses and nonprofit organizations registered under VUSTA (like LIN). The event highlighted achievements of VUSTA's member organizations in 2017 toward the 17 UN's Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). VUSTA also acknowledged businesses that have made significant contributions toward the sustainable development of Vietnam.

Amongst many corporate partners that LIN had proposed to VUSTA, Novaland got awarded for their impactful partnerships with LIN in the past three years.

Novaland has been a long-term partner of LIN, supporting our Narrow the Gap program, which provides financial and non-financial support to grassroots social and environmental initiatives; and most recently supporting LIN's initiatives in guiding businesses toward strategic giving/CSR.

Workshop: “WHY CSR AND SUSTAINABILITY MATTERS”


On 16 November 2017, at Novaland Café, KPMG, CECEM, HAWEE, Novaland, and LIN Center for Community Development co-organized a workshop on “Why CSR and Sustainability Matters” to more than 50 businesses and NPOs.

At the workshop, the corporate representatives expressed their interest in integrating CSR programs as an integral part of their business development strategies.

The workshop received wonderful sharing from the key note speaker - **Mr. Warrick Cleine**, CEO of KPMG; and other guest speakers - **Mr. Ly Ngoc Minh**, Chairman of Minh Long Corp.; **Mr. Pham Phu Ngoc Trai**, Chairman of Leading Business Club and Saigon Times Scholarship in Pham Phu Thu Program; **Mr. James Galvin**, CEO of vsource; **Mr. Tran Khac Tung**, CEO of ICS; and **Ms. Tran Vu Ngan Giang**, Executive Director of LIN Center.

Ms. Tran Vu Ngan Giang, LIN’s ED, shared that there had been a huge potential for collaboration between business and nonprofit organizations toward sustainable social-economic development, that had not yet been activated. It is important for business to understand their role in society: when the community grows, there will obviously be more opportunities for business to grow. Business can better their CSR money by investing in long-term solutions to address community and environmental challenges, not only by one-off charity giving.

For CSR potential partnerships or consultation on strategic giving, contact Ms. Giang, giang@linvn.org



WHY CSR AND SUSTAINABILITY MATTERS

A Workshop with leading Business and Non-Profit Organization Leaders

<p>KEY NOTE SPEAKER</p> <p>Mr. Warrick Cleine Chairman & CEO, KPMG</p>	<p>FACILITATOR</p> <p>Mr Tran Vu Nguyen CEO of Da Nang Incubator (DNES)</p>
<p>PANELLISTS</p> <p>Mr. Pham Phu Ngoc Trai Chairman, Leading Business Club & Founder of Saigon Times Foundation Pham Phu Thu Scholarship Program</p> <p>Mr. James Galvin CEO, vsource</p>	<p>Ms. Tran Vu Ngan Giang Executive Director, LIN Center for Community Development</p> <p>Mr. Tran Khac Tung Director, ICS</p>



Volunteer's Story – Hoàng Yến, Narrow the Gap Program



"Volunteer does not need to be billionaire"

Hoang Yen, a voluntary member for Grant Allocation Committee with Narrow The Gap program by LIN Center, has said so after her 2-year volunteering.

Yen also shared that since working with LIN Center, her mindset in community development has slightly been changed, and she has got more chance to get closer to the grass-roots projects. Being a member of Grant Allocation Committee does not mean judging the projects, but using her professional knowledge and experience to evaluate and support the organizations to develop their projects sufficiency.

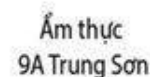
There were projects not selected for receiving grants; however, Yen found that, the projects may not have fit with Narrow the Gap's fund but may have fit with other potential donors in her network; she therefore made connection and acknowledged the partnerships taken place and benefited many people in positive ways. That's what makes Yen feel fulfilled!

Contact Ms. Phuong, Volunteer Services Coordinator via phuong@linvn.org if you are interested in volunteering!



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