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Transforming Communities ~ Empowering Children ~ Equipping Families ~

2025 Annual Report

Steady Support. Stronger Families. Brighter Futures.

Because of you, children and families in Vietnam are moving forward with greater stability and hope.

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Message from our Country Manager

Dear Valued Donors and Partners,

On behalf of Humanitarian Services for Children of Vietnam (HSCV), thank you for your continued trust and support throughout 2025. Your partnership allows us to walk alongside children, families, and communities in northern Vietnam as they work toward safer, more stable futures.

In many of the communities where we work, families continue to navigate daily uncertainty, rising living costs, limited opportunities, and income that can change from month to month. These challenges are often carried quietly, but their impact is felt most strongly by children. As a grassroots organization, we see these realities up close. They continue to shape our belief that supporting children means also supporting the families and communities around them.

Throughout 2025, HSCV focused on practical, holistic approaches that respond to immediate needs while strengthening long-term resilience. With your support, children were able to stay in school, families strengthened their ability to manage and grow household income, and community spaces became safer and more welcoming. Our work is shaped through close collaboration with families, schools, and local partners, ensuring that support is relevant, respectful, and sustainable.

We are committed to working in ways that are grounded in local context and relationships. Lasting change takes time, it grows through trust, consistency, and shared responsibility. The progress reflected in this report is the result of many steady efforts: families working toward greater stability, communities supporting one another, and partners like you choosing to stand alongside them.

This report shares highlights from 2025 and offers a window into how your support has shaped everyday life for the people we serve. Behind each story and statistic is something meaningful, a child continuing their education, a caregiver finding greater stability, or a community becoming more connected.

As we look ahead to 2026, we remain committed to deepening this work, strengthening program quality, expanding thoughtfully, and responding to emerging needs. We are grateful to be on this journey with you.

With heartfelt thanks,

Pham Anh Dao
Country Manager

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Mission

Empowering children to build bright futures by providing holistic support to them, their families, and their communities, fostering resilience, education, and sustainable well-being.

Vision

HSCV strives for a Vietnam where children can learn and thrive without fear, hunger or exploitation, where homes and communities across Vietnam have access to the resources they need to chart safe and productive futures.

As we move into 2026, we are so grateful to have the continued support of donors like you, which makes working in these areas possible. Thanks to your generosity, we will continue to deepen our work with more families while expanding carefully into new communities.

Your Impact at a glance

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education

- **233** K-12 scholarships
- **18** PHS scholarships
- **175** kids received supplies
- **30** students in Blossom Club
- **6** teachers trained
- **87** children received health screening

community

- **1** playground built
- **4** community centers invested in

essential aid

- **9,218** kg Rice donated

family support

- **104** households supported
- **61** families received food supplements
- **100** families received Tet Gifts

livelihood

- **130** families received business investments
- **83** women received business training
- **7800** chickens donated

1 NO POVERTY

2 ZERO HUNGER

3 GOOD HEALTH AND WELL-BEING

4 QUALITY EDUCATION

5 GENDER EQUALITY

8 DECENT WORK AND ECONOMIC GROWTH

10 REDUCED INEQUALITIES

Your support reached children, families, and communities in practical, measurable ways.

Investing in Youth

Keeping Children in School

When households are struggling to make ends meet, education is often the first need at risk. This is why keeping children in school is central to our work at HSCV. Early dropout limits opportunities, especially for girls facing pressure or early marriage, and increases risks of exploitation. Your support helps prevent that disruption.

HSCV supports students with scholarships, supplies, life-skills, and peer learning through the Youth Investment Program, boosting academics, confidence, and well-being.

Since 2004, HSCV has expanded from 20 students to thousands, awarding 4,461 scholarships and opening doors to brighter futures.

In 2025:

- **251 students** received scholarships including **18 tertiary students** who can now pursue degrees thanks to HSCV donors.

- A scholarship event in Vật Lại Commune brought together **400 students, caregivers, and local leaders,** reinforcing education as a shared community priority.

"I'm honored to receive this gift from HSCV. It means a lot. I'll study hard. My favorite subject is Math and I hope to compete in the Math Excellence Contest."

– Thao, 11th grade

Thuong's Story

Thuong lives with his younger sister and nearly blind grandmother. His mother works far from home, sending what she can. Daily life requires careful management of limited resources.

Since 2018, HSCV has been by Thuong's side, providing scholarships, meal support, and nutrition stipends for essentials like nutritious food and medicine. Having reliable support has allowed him to focus on school rather than worry about basic needs.

"Having a full meal before class helps me concentrate better" he shares. **"It might sound simple, but it makes a big difference."**

Today, Thuong studies logistics at vocational college while working part-time. He continues to take steady steps toward independence and is determined to support his family in return.

Thanks to our donors, Thuong is shaping a brighter future, one fueled by hope, hard work, and the power of education.

"This scholarship means everything to me," he shares. "It gives me the chance to keep going, even when things feel difficult. I want to make my parents proud and show them that their sacrifices were worth it."

Blossom Clubs

Early adolescence is a pivotal period in Vietnam. Academic pathways narrow quickly, and decisions made between ages 11–14 often shape long-term educational and career opportunities. During this stage, students are navigating not only academic pressure, but also identity, relationships, and family expectations.

With your support, Blossom Clubs created structured, supportive environments where students could build confidence, strengthen peer relationships, and explore their interests in a safe and encouraging space.

Strong parent-child relationships are especially important during adolescence. Blossom Clubs intentionally include caregivers in activities and discussions, helping families improve communication, build trust, and navigate this developmental stage together.

The program also provides teacher training in under-resourced schools, equipping educators with updated methods to better support students' academic growth and emotional wellbeing. By strengthening both the classroom and the home environment, students are surrounded by more consistent support.

For the first time, boys and girls participated together in club activities, fostering mutual respect and shared learning.

Growing Confidence During Adolescence

In 2025:

- **30 students** participated in **structured life-skills sessions** focused on communication, self-awareness, and teamwork
- **More than 200 caregivers and children** attended **family engagement events** designed to strengthen parent-child relationships during adolescence
- **Over 100 community members** participated in **intergenerational activities** connecting youth and elder
- **6 teachers received training** in updated, student-centered teaching approaches to better support social and emotional development

One story of many

Nghia is growing up in a family facing ongoing financial challenges. Her father has a physical disability and works from home doing light jobs such as recycling plastic, while her mother relies on day labor to support the household. Together, they work hard to care for Nghia and her two siblings, though limited and unpredictable earnings, around $250 per month, often make this difficult.

At school, Nghia is shy but hardworking, consistently earning good grades. Joining the Blossom Club helped her open up and build friendships with others facing similar challenges. During one session, she discovered a love of painting, and this creative outlet has become an important source of self-expression. Today, Nghia is beginning to imagine new possibilities for her future. She hopes to continue her studies, train as a chef, and pursue her interest in art carrying forward both her creativity and determination.

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Strengthening Families at Home

Children thrive when families are stable and supported. HSCV's invests in parents and caregivers to strengthen household wellbeing and resilience.

In 2025, we supported **182 families received tailored assistance** addressing both immediate and long-term needs; including food support, medical care, small business tools, housing repairs, and sanitation improvements.

Our approach goes beyond one-time aid, focusing on building lasting stability so families can better care for their children now and in the future.

Before

After

Case study: Restoring Safety and Dignity at Home

Ms. Phung is 75 years old and is the primary caregiver for her three grandchildren, between ages 8 and 14. Their mother, Lan, works more than 50 km away in Hanoi, relying on informal jobs to support the family after her husband passed away several years ago. With limited education and unstable work opportunities, Lan's income is uncertain, leaving Ms. Phung to manage the daily care of the children at home.

The family's home provides shelter, but some basic facilities posed ongoing health and safety concerns. The household relied on a squat toilet built from dilapidated bricks, with a loose wooden plank serving as a door. Located at the far end of the yard, the structure offered little privacy and became particularly unsafe during the rainy season. For the grandchildren, especially the girls, using the toilet was uncomfortable and, at times, risky..

In 2025, HSCV worked with the family and local partners to construct a safe, enclosed, and hygienic toilet closer to the home. The project was supported by visiting Australian students from Rouse Hill Anglican College, whose contributions helped make the project possible.

With safer, improved facilities in place, daily life is healthier and more secure for everyone in the household. Ms. Phung can move around the home with greater ease and confidence, and the family now has a private, hygienic space that supports basic health, safety, and dignity for all.

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Women's Income Connection:

Building Income, Reducing Uncertainty

Financial instability is a major barrier for families. HSCV's Women's Income Connection helps caregivers boost household income and build practical skills for greater long-term stability.

The program goes beyond income, offering training in budgeting, saving, and small business management, while fostering confidence and peer support.

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In 2025, HSCV supported 83 women and 47 men with small business and livestock training in sustainable chicken raising.

Participants learned animal care, natural feed production, sanitation, and business basics. Support included chicken feeders, improved coops, and access to shared chicken plucking machines at community centers, cutting costs and encouraging cooperation.

The program also built strong peer networks, enabling participants to share knowledge and support each other beyond the training.

Steady Steps Toward Stability

Lien often wondered how she would make ends meet for her family of 7. She works as a farmer and does odd sewing jobs at home. Her husband is a day laborer on construction sites. Neither of them has a stable income and they are lucky if they earn $150 a month. It is barely enough to keep food on the table, and it is nowhere near enough to cover the education expenses of their four daughters and one son.

Fortunately, the family was connected with HSCV, and Lien joined our Women's Income Connection. Once in the program, HSCV was able to support Lien by providing her with chickens, feed and by building a chicken coop to supplement her income. Lien also received intensive training in chicken rearing and business management. And importantly, she also connected with other women in similar situations, building a sense of community that can be relied on in the future.

Today, Lien faces the future with hope instead of worry. With a growing income and renewed confidence, she is building a brighter, more secure life for her children. Her perseverance, combined with new skills and a supportive community, has transformed uncertainty into opportunity—and shown that a better tomorrow is possible.

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Community Investment Program:

Strengthening Community Spaces and Connections

Strong communities are essential for children's wellbeing. Safe shared spaces allow children to play, families to gather, and elders to stay connected. HSCV partners with local leaders and residents to strengthen these spaces, supporting daily life, safety, and intergenerational connection.

Creating Space to Play and Connect

Strong communities are essential for children's wellbeing. Safe, shared spaces give children room to play, build friendships, and develop confidence through everyday interaction.

In Khánh Thượng Commune, the local community center has become a more vibrant place for children and families following HSCV's investment in new playground equipment in 2025. Installed in response to community priorities, the space now includes swings, climbing structures, and interactive elements such as outdoor xylophones —creating opportunities for both active and creative play.

The playground provides children with a safe place to run, explore, and express themselves close to home. The impact is visible in daily life. Each afternoon, children gather with friends, turning what was once an underused space into a lively meeting point for families.

This investment reflects how thoughtfully designed community spaces can support not only physical activity, but also social connection, creativity, and a sense of belonging.

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"I've always wanted children to have a healthy space to play, especially after long hours at school. Since the community center installed play equipment for kids, I've noticed a significant change in them. Every afternoon, instead of being glued to their phones or TVs, children excitedly invite their friends to the playground"

- Ms. Thuy, local government official.

"Before, we didn't have many places to play. Now we have swings, a seesaw, and even a spinning thing! I come here every afternoon with my friends. We laugh, run, and play together—it's so much fun!"

- Linh, 8 years old.

"Every afternoon, my child insists that we come here to play … she can spend hours laughing and having fun with her friends."

- Lan, parent.

Strengthening Community Spaces Through Partnership

Community centers play an important role in daily life, bringing together children, families, and older community members for meetings, activities, and connection. Ensuring these spaces are safe, accessible, and welcoming helps strengthen the fabric of community life.

In Vật Lại Commune, HSCV worked alongside local leaders and residents to improve the grounds of the community center based on priorities identified by the community. In 2025, this included the construction of a boundary wall to improve safety and better define the space, as well as tree planting to create a greener, more welcoming environment.

These improvements were carried out through close collaboration between community members and an international volunteer exchange, which brought Australian high school students to work alongside local residents. Together, they contributed time, resources, and shared effort supporting practical improvements while also fostering cultural exchange, mutual understanding, and a sense of solidarity.

The project also strengthened local ownership. Community members contributed their time and energy, working together toward a shared goal and building momentum for future improvements.

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Laying the Groundwork for Community Wellbeing

Strengthening Digital Access and Safety

As communities become more connected and essential services increasingly move online, digital access now shapes how families obtain information, apply for government support, assist their children with schoolwork, and stay connected to broader opportunities.

In November 2025, HSCV surveyed 203 community members to better understand local digital needs. The findings confirmed significant gaps in digital skills and online safety knowledge, particularly among older adults and low-income households. Many participants reported difficulty navigating online government platforms, limited confidence using digital tools, and growing concerns about online scams and misinformation.

These insights reinforce a broader reality: digital inclusion requires more than connectivity; it requires confidence, practical skills, and trusted support.

In response, HSCV will launch Digital Access initiatives in 2026 focused on hands-on, practical training. Community members will receive guidance in using essential online services, understanding digital safety, and navigating technology in their daily lives. Participants will also be supported to become local “digital champions,” helping ensure that knowledge and assistance remain rooted within the community over time.

As part of this expanded effort, digital safety training will also be introduced in two secondary schools in 2026. These sessions will equip students with the awareness and skills needed to navigate online spaces safely and responsibly. This is an increasingly important foundation as young people rely more heavily on digital platforms for learning, communication, and social connection.

Nutrition and Early Health Awareness

In December 2025, HSCV organized a one-day nutrition and health awareness event for 50 families, combining practical workshops on preparing healthy, affordable meals with basic child health measurements at a community center. To support ongoing monitoring, HSCV also donated essential equipment to the local school and clinic, helping staff track children's health and growth beyond the event. Families received food staples and cookware to help put learning into practice at home.

Laying the Foundations for Long-Term Wellbeing

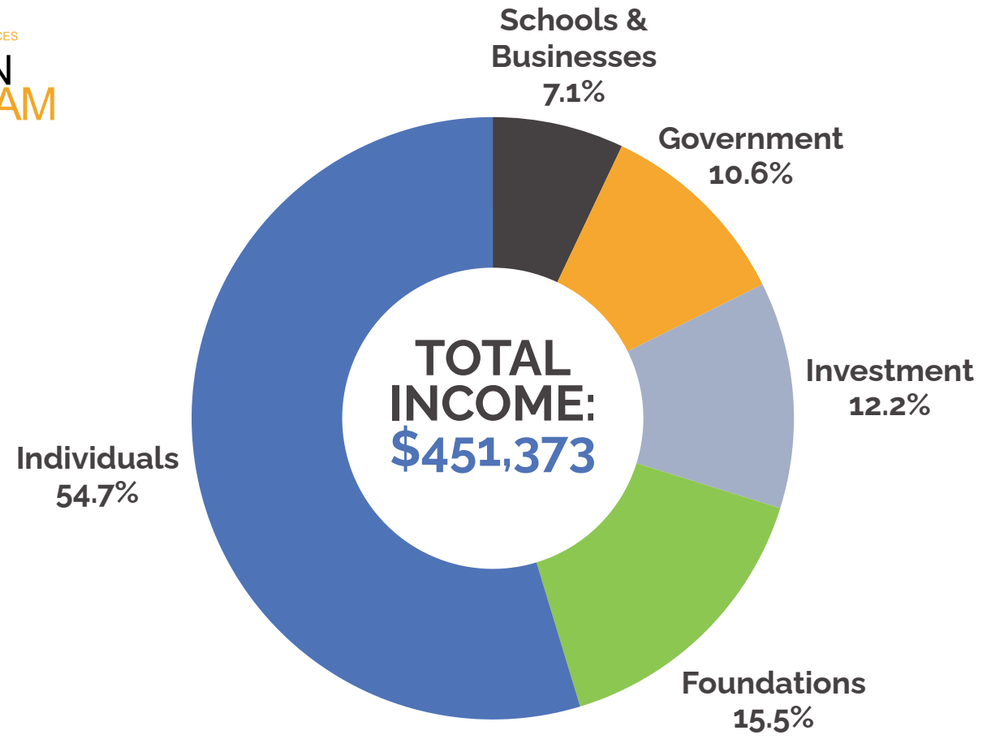
Whether strengthening digital confidence or supporting child nutrition, these initiatives reflect a broader commitment: building the foundational skills and knowledge that allow children and families to participate fully in a rapidly changing world.

Together, these efforts help ensure that progress is not only immediate, but sustainable.

2025 By The Numbers

Donations by type

Schools & Businesses	$31,819
Government	$47,942
Investment	$54,850
Foundations	$69,933
Individuals	$246,827



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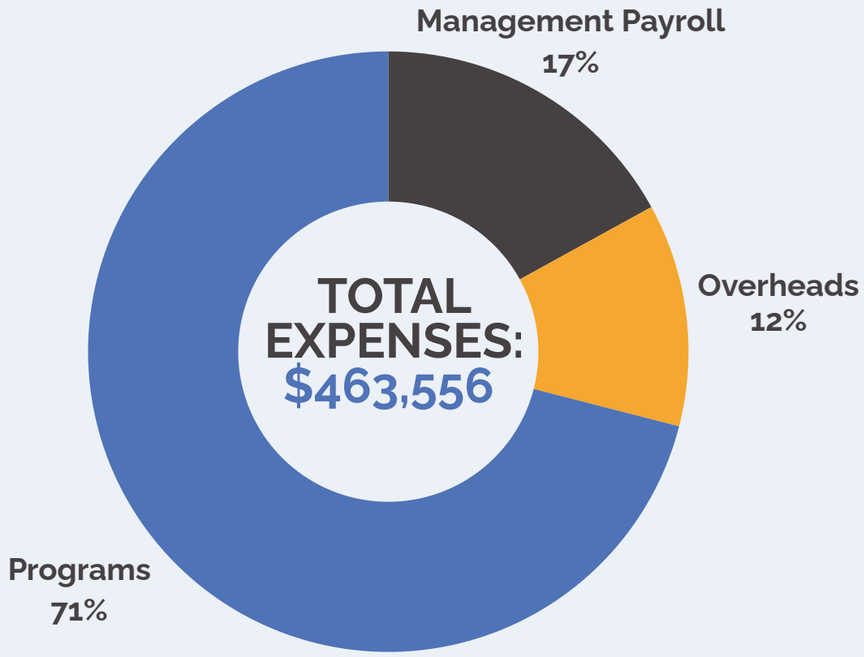

By Program

Family Investment Program	$92,248
Youth Investment Program	$75,947
Community Investment Program	$159,455
Total Program Expenses	$327,650

General

Operating Expenses	$57,082
Admin Payroll Expenses	$ 78,824
Total General Expenses	$135,906

Partners in Impact

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