

WHERE DREAMS BLOOM II



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Part 1: New Flowers in our Program

Part 2: Nurturing the Flowers

Part 3: Getting Closer to Dreams

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A word from the founder of Alliance Anti-Trafic

My work with Vietnamese children started in 1992 and grew to where I was operating 44 projects in 18 provinces. The number of people who have benefited from my support is close to one million individuals. 70% of them were children living on the street or in leprosaria, children forced into prostitution, children without access to school or living in families that are unable to pay for their school fees, children in educational camps for marginalized people, etc...

Since I founded Alliance Anti Trafic, the organization has undertaken many initiatives to protect children. We have supported, rescued and repatriated 5534 children, women and men who were trafficked throughout Asia, Africa and Europe and we have provided facts to the government for the development of Vietnamese laws.

In 2007, we pioneered a reproductive health and prevention education program for teenagers using a learner-centered approach. This program has grown over the years and over 110.000 children and parents have taken part. The Vietnamese authorities recognizes this program as one of the most efficient in the nation, as it enables children and adolescents to identify the risk and protect themselves from sexual abuse and human trafficking.

After 35 years as a social worker, I am proud to say that I have devoted my professional life to future generations. I have two lovely daughters and as any father, I am responsible for the world where they will live in the future.

Argumentum ad Ignorantiam

When people ask me if educating children is a relevant program to fight against social problems and to increase awareness in communities, my answer is simple: if we sit down together to discuss the problems we would like to solve, it is thanks to the education we received that allows us to do that. We, as social workers, foundations, NGO's, etc... are living proof of the benefits of education and its application in life, and nobody can contradict that evidence.

Education opens doors to change in behavior and a positive perspective of life.

Georges Blanchard



***Together we can
help them make
their dreams come
true!***

Introduction

*"Behind me is infinite power, before me is endless possibility,
around me is boundless opportunity"*

(Mac Anderson)



This is the second edition of the “Where the Dreams Bloom” book and the third year of the “Daughters and Sisters” program. AAT is glad to present the stories of new, current and former participants of the program, which has started in 2015 with 15 girls and now includes 23 girls from 9 to 18 years old.

The ongoing program provides the girls with support for school fees, uniforms, school supplies, monthly follow ups, training, health insurance and entertainment and life skills learning activities.

The idea here is to focus on the positive side of the girls’ lives who are participating on the program attending school. For the last 3 years, we have seen how the girls’ self-esteem and confidence grow and how the group has develop a fraternal feeling among them.

Unfortunately, their background and family stories are often tumultuous. Health, housing and financial instability leading to debts, prostitution, drug use by parents and HIV are part of their reality. While facing many problems at home they often feel sadness, despair, guilt and the burden of doing something to help their families. Regardless of their personal situation, they are happy to pursue their education and they are happy to share their stories here.

The first part of the book introduces “the New Flowers in Our Program” and lets us know a bit about the girls included in the program in 2016 and 2017.

The second part, “Nurturing the Flowers”, presents what the girls have experienced so far, for those participating since the beginning, and how they understand their participation to the program.

The third, “ Getting Closer to Dreams”, is about the view of 2 former participants that finished high school and are already attending university.

The stories shared in this edition present their contentment, endurance and appreciation to the program. AAT sees these testimonials as a result of a successful initiative that we are proud to maintain with the generous contribution of those who believe in local social initiatives, girls empowerment and also believe that investing in education is a key solution to make dreams bloom.



Acknowledgement

This second edition is to celebrate the growth of the daughters and sisters of Where Dreams Bloom and the meaningful journey that they have shared with AAT. We thank them for their participation, strength and determination to pursue their studies and keep motivated to plant new flowers for their future. We also would like to thank our devoted team who have made this program possible and have put together this material.

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Thank you very much!

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Program and Activities

Education on sex-related risks and reproductive health care for teenagers:

This program includes life skills education, and is a fundamental activity provided by the program. The training brings awareness to our teenagers about sexuality so that they can understand more about bodily



changes due to puberty, sex-related risks, how to protect themselves, how to reduce vulnerability to early pregnancy, drug use, sexual abuse, exploitation, and human trafficking.

"Prevention is better than cure, even if it is less visual and emotional"

Celebrating the beginning of the new school year

This is the third year of the Daughters and Sisters program, and our third year of gathering together to celebrate the new school year with our girls and their family members. It's a fun event with interactive activities that brings out laughs and new friendships while developing soft skills for our girls.



A photograph of two children sliding down a large, light blue water slide. The child in the foreground is a girl with dark hair, wearing a pink and blue swimsuit, smiling and splashing water. The child behind her is partially visible. The slide is surrounded by lush greenery and palm trees. The overall scene is bright and sunny, capturing a moment of fun and recreation.

Entertainment:

“Dam Sen Waterpark”

After a hard time studying for school exams nothing is better than a well-deserved swim at Dam Sen Waterpark! These extracurricular activities take place regularly during the school year to promote fun and joy but also strengthen group involvement and friendship for everyone!

Cooking class with French chef Fabien Mengus

Our girls participated in a posh cooking class with French chef Fabien Mengus at the Sofitel Hotel in Ho Chi Minh City. What a delight to learn how to cook some impressive European style dishes and to enjoy their creations on spot. Delicious!

SOFITEL
HOTELS & RESORTS
SAIGON PLACE

**COOKING CLASS WITH
CHEF FABIEN MENGUS**





Painting class with Performance Painter Sarah R. & Jared Dahl





What a great opportunity to play with art and express themselves for our girls, inspired by Sarah and Jared Dahl who shared their artistic ability on this day. They learned about mixing colours, painting techniques and how your imagination and feelings can work together to create beautiful paintings.



TV show: Thanks life

VTV, the national Vietnamese television channel, organized three days of shooting with the girls in our program for a TV show that was broadcast on Christmas Eve.





Prevention is better than cure, even if it is less visual and emotional.

An intergrated strategy for development consist of promoting effective prevention.

Prevention should be the priority of all parties wishing to act for development.

We are working at the beginning instead of just the end.

Alliance Anti Trafic



Part 1:

New Flowers in our Program



**The names of the girls have been
changed to ensure their privacy .**

Peony

Born in: 2008.

School Year: 4th grade

Favorite Color: 😊

Favorite Food: Chinese style fried rice
made by my sister

Favorite Subject: Vietnamese

Favorite Season: Summer


Country I would like to travel to: United States

If studying abroad, I would choose: United States

Hobbies: Reading books

The person I admire the most: Singer Khoi My

Favorite saying: Practice makes perfect



I want to go to school because the classes there will help me become literate. I want to be a boarder so I can eat and sleep with my friends at school. I love to do that!

There were several times that I got a fever and had to be taken to the hospital by my parents. There, I saw many doctors taking care of their patients. I was deeply impressed by their kindness. When I grow up, I want to become a doctor and help everyone. I think that this is an interesting job.

I love my family very much. I really love my brother, and do everything that he wants. My older sister loves me too and often helps me do my homework. I am practicing aerobics with my siblings at a sports center in District 4 now. I am very happy to participate in that activity with them.

Carnation



Born in: 2008

School Year: 4th grade

Favorite Color: 

Favorite Food: Red Tilapia soup

Favorite Subject: Math, Computer science

Favorite Season: Summer

Country I would like to travel to: United States

If studying abroad, I would choose: China

Hobbies: Singing

The person I admire the most: My mom

Favorite saying: Practice makes perfect



I am good at computer science, but my favorite subject at school is math. Like many other children, I have a normal life. I have a grandma and a mom who love me so much and take care of me everyday. I love my father too, but I rarely meet him.

When I have free time, I often draw pictures with my sister and play with my little brother. If I had one wish, I would wish to meet singer Khoi My and tell her to teach me how to sing.



Calla

Born in: 2006

School Year: 6th grade

Favorite Color: 😊

Favorite Food: Fried egg

Favorite Season: Winter

Favorite Subject: Art

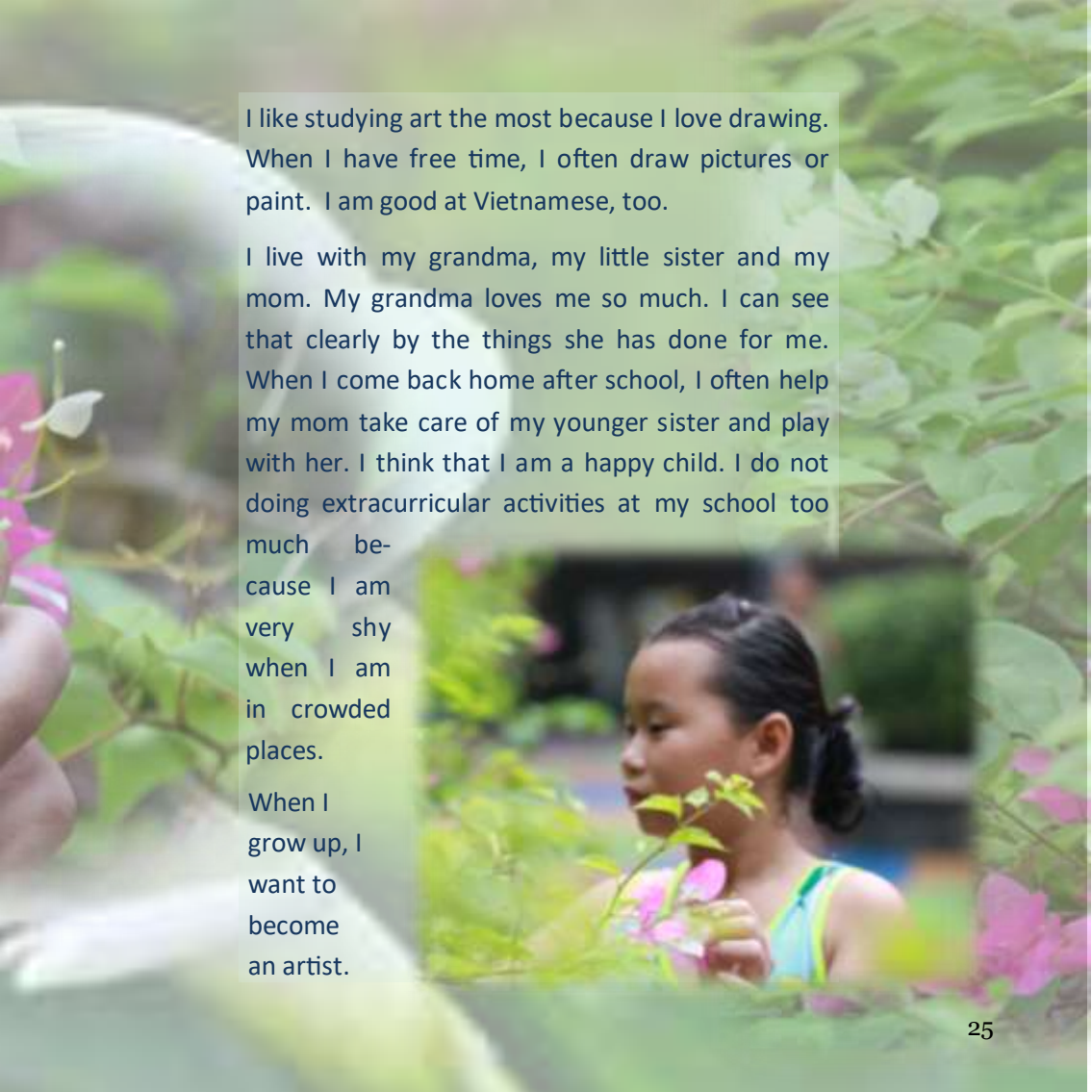
Country I would like to travel to: Australia

If studying abroad, I would choose: Australia

Hobbies: Drawing

The person I admire the most: My mother

Favorite saying: Life must be filled with love



I like studying art the most because I love drawing. When I have free time, I often draw pictures or paint. I am good at Vietnamese, too.

I live with my grandma, my little sister and my mom. My grandma loves me so much. I can see that clearly by the things she has done for me. When I come back home after school, I often help my mom take care of my younger sister and play with her. I think that I am a happy child. I do not doing extracurricular activities at my school too much because I am very shy when I am in crowded places.


When I grow up, I want to become an artist.

Lotus



Born in: 2005.

School Year: 7th grade.

Favorite Color:   

Favorite Food: Rice.

Favorite Subject: English.

Country I would like to travel to:
Japan.

If studying abroad, I would choose:
United States (But I intend to stay in
Vietnam to live with my parents).

Hobbies: Playing with my siblings.

The person I admire the most: Singer Bao Thy.

Favorite saying: Practice makes perfect.



I live with my grandparents, uncle, aunt, parents and two siblings. My family has a lot of people so I sometimes feel a little uncomfortable. I also do not have my own private room.

I love going to school because I have many friends there. Going to school will also help me find a good job in the future. When I grow up, I want to be a teacher because I love teaching students.

I think my family loves each other too much. When my parents are busy working, I usually take care of my siblings. I love them so much!




"The person who has lived the most is not the one with the most years but the one with the richest experiences"

(Jean Jacques Rousseau)

Petunia

Born in: 2001

School Year: 11th grade

Favorite Color: 

Favorite Food: All kinds of food!

Favorite Subject: Chemistry, Physics, Korean

Favorite Season: Winter

Country I would like to travel to: I would like to travel around the world, but would especially like to visit Africa

If studying abroad, I would choose: Japan

Hobbies: Doing charity work

Person I admire the most: I do not remember his name, but he is a foreigner. He studied very hard and eventually became a successful businessman. After that, he used his money to help poor people. He is the person who inspires my dream of doing charity work.

Favorite Saying: Let's live for today, do not worry about tomorrow.



I am a member of an aerobics club at a sports center in District 4. I have been practising aerobics since I was in the second grade, and was actually a member of my school's cheerleading team at that time. Then, one of my teachers realized that I had the potential to succeed in aerobics, so he allowed me to join the school's aerobics team. I love doing aerobics because it helps me to restrain myself and be more patient.

I think that I am an outgoing person. I love playing with boys because I feel that they are more generous and easy-going than girls. I have many friends, who all treat me kindly even though they know my family is poor. In the future, I want to become a lawyer.

The thing that scares me the most is not having enough money to go to school. If I had one wish, I would wish to have enough money to continue my studies.

Jasmine



Born in: 2006

School Year: 6th grade

Favorite Color: 😊

Favorite Food: Hamburger

Favorite Subject: Literature

Favorite Season: Summer

Country I would like to travel to: Korea

If studying abroad, I would choose:
United States

Hobbies: Singing, drawing

The person I admire the most: Bigbang*

Favorite saying: Practice makes perfect

(*) Bigbang is a South Korean boy band.

My favorite class is painting with the foreign teacher. At home, I often draw in my free time, as it makes me feel very pleasant and relaxed. I would really love to join similar painting classes in the future, especially with foreign teachers, because it would be more interesting. The most important things that I learned through AAT's program was information about puberty and its possible risks during my current age, with which I was equipped when I started participating in AAT's programming.



Lavender



Born in: 2001

School Year: 11th grade

Favorite Color:



Favorite Food: Rice

Favorite Subject: Math

Favorite Season: Spring

Country I would like to travel to: United States

If studying abroad, I would choose: United States

Hobbies: Volunteering

The person I admire the most: My mom

Favorite saying: Practice makes perfect.

My Mom is now a volunteer in a NGO which assists and supports vulnerable people. She often participates in this organization's activities to provide necessary information for people infected with HIV, the elderly, and children in need. I want to become a person like my Mom, a social worker, so that I can help everyone get a better life when I grow up. And I do think that I would be happy doing that.

Out of the many AAT activities that I participated in, I was most impressed by the cooking class held at a five-star hotel. That was the first time I was able to come to a place like this. It was so luxurious. I felt really happy and comfortable when I joined this activity with other the children. It was a wonderful experience for me.

I have not worried about school fees anymore since the last academic year. I feel more assured. I think my parents are happy too because they may feel less pressure to make money to support me.



Violet

Born in: 2008.

School Year: 4th grade

Favorite Color: 😊

Favorite Food:

Chicken thigh

Favorite Subject:

Swimming

Favorite Season:

Summer

Country I would like to

travel to: United States

If studying abroad, I would choose: United States

Hobbies: Swimming, Yoga

The person I admire the most: Singer Khoi My

Favorite saying:

Dad's labor is as big as the Thai Son Mountain,
Mom's love is like water flowing from the source
With all my heart I respect and honor my parents
to uphold the filial piety is my duty as a daughter.



I got good grades during my first semester. My goal during my second semester is to maintain these good academic results so I can make my parents happy. I plan to study hard and go to school on time to achieve my goal.

Participating in AAT's programs helped me feel more confident when I meet strangers and more sociable. I also learnt more about puberty, how to make slime (the children's toy), how to make cake, and how to make hamburgers as well. The activity I liked most was buying books at the Fahasha bookstore because books give me more knowledge and I can re-read them whenever I forget what I have learnt.



I have a new hobby this year. That hobby is gymnastics. I came across my friends practicing it one day in our class. Then, I decided to learn and practice it because it was quite interesting to me. I spend five minutes practicing it every day. I feel that it makes me stronger and more patient.

My dream is to become a veterinarian in the future since I love pets, especially dogs. I think dogs are friendly and cute. My dog often wags his tail when I come home from school.

Gardenia

Born in: 2008

School Year: 4th grade

Favorite Color: 😊

Favorite Food: Chicken

Favorite Subject: Literature



Favorite Season: Summer

Country I would like to travel to: China

If studying abroad, I would choose: United States

Hobbies: Cooking

The person I admire the most: My mom

Favorite saying: When drinking water, think of its source



I see that the activities of the Where Dreams Bloom program change every year and get more and more exciting and interesting. The activity that I liked the most this year was the cooking class. I loved it because this was the first time I cooked Western style food, which is totally different from Vietnamese food, from the recipe to the ingredients.

After the class, I tried my own product and was very happy and proud of myself.

I find that participating in AAT's activities is useful because I have learnt a lot of things that I did not know before. It also helps me be more relaxed and comfortable after hard days of studying. After this semester, I have a new favorite subject: English, because there were several times I saw people communicate in English during the activities of the program, I think it is so interesting if we can talk to other people in another language. When I grow up, I also want to be fluent in English so I can talk with many people and have a good job.

Children whose relatives are involved in prostitution in Vietnam:

A small portion of this group has been identified as a very high-risk group of contracting HIV/AIDS because their mothers happen to engage in prostitution and have HIV. These children are supported through HIV/AIDS prevention programs which are being gradually withdrawn from Vietnam. These support programs leave a big gap where the children of women involved in prostitution who do not have HIV do not receive appropriate attention. There are documented cases of mothers, grandmothers and male relatives forcing their daughters, granddaughters, young sisters and nieces into the sex trade .

The risk of children whose relatives are involved in prostitution.

Due to their unique living environment and social relations, younger girls who are the daughters and young sisters of women involved in prostitution face a higher risk of sexual abuse, early sex debut and sex trafficking.

Part 2: Nurturing the Flowers



Daffodil

Born in 2008.

I have a new hobby this year: painting. I have loved painting ever since I had an opportunity to join in a painting class with an artist at AAT's office a few months ago. I thought this activity was interesting and useful to me because it helped me realize what I want to do in my leisure time and improved my concentration.



Among the activities that I have participated in with AAT this year, I love playing at Dam Sen Waterpark the most. Although it rained heavily that day, we still had fun together. This is the second time that I have been there. My grandmother took me to this waterpark for the first time before this event but I did not have a lot of time to play because my grandmother was busy with her work. If I have the chance, I want to come back here because I really love playing water games in this park. When I grow up, I want to become a singer because when I performed a song in my class one time, my teacher and classmates really loved my performance. I was very proud of myself at that time, and that's why I want to be a singer.

Rose

Born in 2008.

My favorite activity that I have participated in with AAT's program was the painting class. I clearly remember that I painted a picture of a bird that time. I still keep that painting at home and put it in my table so I can see it every day. I love painting because it helps me be more patient and careful.

If I could suggest the next activity in our program, I would suggest playing popular games such as "Ô ăn quan" since I think games like that are interesting and useful. For example, "Ô ăn quan" helps to enhance the ability to calculate.



When I grow up, I want to become a doctor so I can cure everyone. I think, however, that if people want to be a medical practitioner, they should not only study hard but should also be honest and love their job very much.

Note: *Ô Ăn Quan (Literally: "Mandarin Square Capturing) is a mancala game played by Vietnamese girls who are usually seven to ten years old.*

Clover

Born in 2005.

The most valuable thing I gained when I participated in AAT's activities during the last academic years was a recognition of the importance of teamwork. There were a lot of activities in the program where all of the students needed to work in groups to achieve the goals. If you worked alone, you would not be able to

finish them. My favourite activity is painting. There was a guitarist playing during the activity where we were painting. I felt really curious and excited because I had never been involved in any activities like this. Moreover, I am a girl who loves painting, since it makes me feel comfortable and relaxed.



I would like to become an actress when I grow up because I think acting is quite fun. We can play many characters and have lots of fans as well. To reach my dream, I think I need to study hard and to be a strong and patient person.

The person I admire most is always my Mom. She loves me more than any single person on this planet. That is why I will try to get good academic results to make her happy.

Acacia

Born in 2004.

Iris is my best friend in the program because we get along so well. Although I do not have many opportunities to talk with the other girls, I think that I have become more and more sociable in the group through joining in the program's many activities. These activities require us to interact and talk to

The activity that I liked the most this year was the painting class. After participating in this class, I started to love the subject of art more. The thing that delighted me the most about being in the program was that I had the money to pay for my school fees and a new uniform every school year. So, I don't have to think about them and worry anymore. I just need to study well now.



Primrose



Born in 2003. My family could not afford new school books for me in the past when the new academic year came. Therefore, my Mom had to seek old books from other children in our neighborhood during the beginning of every school year. Although we did not need to pay to own these books, I was not satisfied because the answers for the exercises in the books had already been filled in. As a result, I had no chance to improve my creative thinking. Now, with support from AAT, I have new books and new clothes as well. These have helped me become more confident. I can also now learn and do exercises in my new school books by myself.

I want to become a chef instead of a fashion designer when I grow up because I thought the French chef was really cool. I also want to teach my younger brother cooking. But I guess he may not like it because he is a boy (laughing).



Among the many activities that AAT organized during the last academic year, my favorite one was the cooking class with the French chef. I learnt cooking at my school before joining the French chef's class. However, I could only cook Vietnamese food at the time. Therefore, this was the first time I learnt how to cook Western foods. He taught the class meticulously. And the way he taught was pretty easy for me to understand. The class was quite exciting and fun.

Lily



Born in 2003.

I have grown taller and more thoughtful this year. I used to speak out no matter what I had in mind before, but now I know how to stop and think before I say anything about if my words could be offensive to anyone or not. I believe I am now more grown-up and mature than last year.

Among all the activities, the training on reproductive health and puberty-related risks impressed me the most, as it helped me to better understand what is going on inside my own body and the characteristics of puberty. I really enjoyed the activities in this program, which amused and relaxed me a lot. I was most cheerful in the activities where Georges participated. I still don't know why (laughs).



Sunset Safari

Born in 2002.

I liked the painting activity the most, since it seemed very appropriate to my age. What interested me the most in that class was when we learnt color mixing, which I hadn't learnt before. If there is another painting class, I'll be in it for sure. What pleased me the most in this program was that I was granted tuition for school so my mother could save more money to pay for rent and our two sisters' schooling, which made things less burdensome for her.



I'm now a street vendor at 'Turtle Lake'. Many people have praised me for making money at such an early age. I am very happy and proud to be able to help with my family's expenses.

Iris



Born in 2003.

I'm in grade 9 this year. I will do my best at school so I can be admitted to Nguyen Cong Tru High School, one of the best schools in the district. I would like to study there the most because its tuition is not too high compared to that of other schools.

This year, I am more active in AAT's activities than I was last year. One of my favorite activities was the training on reproductive health and puberty-related risks, as that was brand new information that I didn't have the chance to learn about in detail before.

The most significant change that I feel in myself after my participation in the program is that I have become more sociable as I make many new friends and take part in a lot of activities which require a lot of self-expression. I believe that has somehow helped me to be more sociable and confident. I intend to pursue an economic/business major later at university since I'm quite good at math and smart.



Daisy



Born in 2001.

It has been three years since I joined the Where Dreams Bloom program. I am in grade 11 now. With each school year that elapses, I am getting more and more mature, I think a lot about my family and myself. I think that the most meaningful and important thing that I can do for my family now is to study hard and be a good student so I can gain enough knowledge and skills to have a good job.

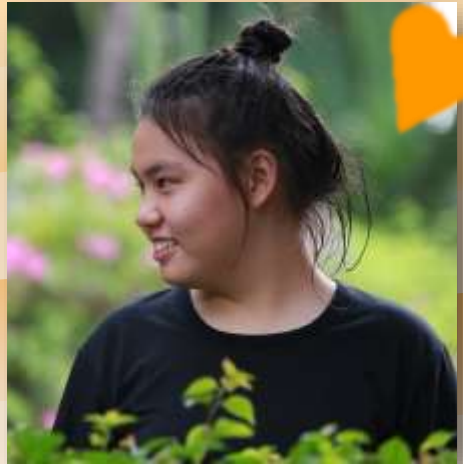
The program activity that I liked the most was the reproductive health education class. The class taught me how to protect myself and avoid popular sex-related risks like abortion, sexual abuse, HIV/AIDS. I think the information provided in that training was very useful and important to me and my friends.

Bluebell

Born in 2000.

I'm in grade 12 this year. During the last school year, my family strongly encouraged me in my studies. Besides that, I received support from AAT so I did not have to feel nervous about my school's tuition anymore, I can now focus more on studying.

I have participated in this program for 3 years, and the most useful thing that I gained during that time was knowledge. Among the many kinds of knowledge that I was taught in the program this year, I was most impressed with the activity that taught about popular risks in teenagers. This information was really useful and interesting, and was something I hadn't never known before.



If I have the chance, I would like to participate in outdoor activities with the other girls in the program, because then we will have more time to have fun together. Furthermore, I think that would also be an unforgettable memory for us, as I don't know if we will be able to meet again after leaving the program.

Magnolia



Born in 2001.

I am in grade 11 now and am going to graduate from high school next year. I need to study hard to pass the graduating exam and improve my English because I think English is an important tool for my future. If I want to go to countries where people do not speak Vietnamese, I need to know English to communicate with them.

After 3 years, I joined AAT's Where Dreams Bloom program. I think one of the biggest changes about myself is that I have become more outgoing and sociable because there were many activities in the program that gave me opportunities to talk to and interact with other friends.



Among the events that I have participated in with AAT this year, I was most deeply impressed with the activity that celebrated the beginning of the school year. One of the games that I played in that event is how to calculate my own expenses in a month. I was really surprised to see that I needed almost 10 million VND to cover my monthly expenses. I had never thought about that before. It made me aware of spending money carefully because I do not have an income. I have started to save money every week and use that to pay for my school stationary instead of asking my family. I feel very proud of myself for doing that.

Hyacinth



Born in 2000.

I am a senior in high school, so this school year is very important to me. I will take the university entrance exam next year. I intend to major in English Study because I love learning foreign languages. With this major, I can work as a tour guide, an interpreter, or an English teacher after graduating from university. Out of all these jobs, I want to become a tour guide most because it would allow me to travel to many places and meet many kinds of people. What an interesting job!

If I pass the exam and become a student next year, I need to find a part time job to cover my school fees in university. It is good for me to have a job because it not only gives me an extra income, but also allows me to know more people and strengthen my communication skills. However, I think I have to prepare a reasonable schedule so the job will not affect my studying or my health.

Part 3: Getting Closer to Dreams



Lilac



Born in 1999.

I am a freshman student at the College of Foreign Economic Relations. My major is Import-Export Business. I think that the learning environment in university is very different from high school because I have to educate myself more instead of asking my teachers to solve my homework. I felt like a fish out of water when I first came to college, but I got used to studying like this.

I think that going to university is one of the best choices for me now. It is not only a key to having a good job in the future but is also an opportunity to expose me to high academic standards and more knowledge.

Lilac received the scholarship “Tiep Suc Den Truong” of Tuoi Tre Newspaper in 2017 .



I will try my best to study, and believe that I will have a better life after my graduation.

I joined Where Dreams Bloom about 3 years ago. Although I am not involved in the program anymore, I still spend time participating in activities that are organized during the school year. I found that what I get from the program is not only joy and exciting experiences, but also the care that helps me achieve my dreams and aspire to have a better life.



Dandelion



Born in 1998.

I am a second – year student majoring in nursing at College of Medicine Hong Duc. I have a part time job at a foreign restaurant in District 3. I like this job because it not only gives me an extra income but also helps me gain a lot more knowledge on beer, such as how to distinguish different types of beer and knowing the ingredients to make beer. Besides, this job has many trainings that teach me soft skills. I use my salary to cover tuition and to help my family a bit. I did not feel satisfied enough because I have been working a year without saving money. I think I have to work harder this year.



After a long time as a member of the “AAT family”, the most valuable thing I gained was not just economic support but also the meaningful lessons I learnt during the program’s activities. One of the lessons that made me deeply impressed was when I learnt to recognize how valuable my life is. What I have now is not natural, it is a result of the efforts of my family, my friends and many other people. I really respect what I have now.



AAT is a non-profit and non-governmental organization with a remarkable sixteen year trajectory of actions and achievements against exploitation, abuse, and human trafficking.

AAT has two regional coordination offices in Ho Chi Minh City and Bangkok and works on projects in five countries of South East Asia. AAT also has a network of cooperation in seventeen countries. AAT is a peer-based organization for the awareness, education, protection, and for the benefit of vulnerable people.

In Vietnam, AAT has been recognized for its work, and positive impact on many aspect of the nation's development. AAT created the first model of rehabilitation centers for victims of trafficking and sexual exploitation that was promoted to a national model in 2008. In 2003, AAT gained recognition by the Vietnamese government for the consideration of human trafficking victims as victims and not as illegal migrants. AAT also carried out the first rescues and repatriation of Vietnamese victims of international trafficking for sexual exploitation in Laos, Malaysia, Singapore and Thailand, and in Vietnam.

Under its name in Vietnamese, AAT is a well-known NGO by the population. In 2017 alone, AAT participated in eight national television programs that were broadcasted almost fifty times and has been mentioned in thirty Vietnamese magazines and newspaper articles.

AAT Vietnam started activities in 2001 under the name of AFESIP Vietnam.

AAT'S PROGRAM IN VIETNAM

- **Education** on reproductive health and on sex related risks, providing tools for self-protection from sexual abuse, exploitation and the risks of human trafficking.

- **Outreach** program with skilled peer educators approaching women and teenagers involved in prostitution on the streets, in parks, cafes, karaoke parlors and restaurants. AAT supports mental and physical health, education on safe sex practices, condoms and reorientation in some other profession through vocational training and micro loans.



- **Follow up, education and support** for children at risk to become victims of sexual exploitation and sex trafficking. (Where Dreams Bloom program)

- **Rehabilitation and reintegration** for victims of trafficking and sexual exploitation through micro loan programs for vocational training and small businesses.

- **Advocacy and capacity building** and for governmental officials whose work is to support returned trafficking victims in the community.

- **Hotline service** to collect and transfer information related to trafficking cases and sex related advises to competent agencies: **+84 902 944 334**

- **Rescue and repatriation** of trafficking victims, as well as supporting services for trafficking victims. For further information, please visit:<http://allianceantitrafic.org/aatvietnam/aat-service-proposed>

*"Each friend represents a world in us, a world possibly not
born until they arrive, and it is only by this meeting that
a new world is born"*

(Anaïs Nin)



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