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## Introduction

Welcome to the 2023 annual report for Kids Promise. In this report we list our accomplishments for 2023 and set goals and budgets for the coming year. We believe that this report will provide you with an overview of the activities and efforts of Kids Promise in supporting its mission.

## **Building New Homes**

Kids Promise built 11 homes for poor families in 2023. These homes were made possible by the generosity of many donors with 100% of the donations going directly to building the homes. In addition to the donations, the Kids Promise volunteers help coordinate the efforts from family selection through construction and handover. None of this would be possible without both groups. Details of those efforts are noted below.

### 1. Charity Home #40



The 40<sup>th</sup> Kids Promise Charity Home was built on April 22<sup>th</sup>, 2023 has been given to a deserving family in Binh Phuoc province, Vietnam.

The family of four – Mr. Dong Van Tuan, Mrs. Dieu Thi Vui, and two children in grades 4 and 6 – were living in a motel because they had no home of their own. Mr. Tuan had a stable job but was laid off last year, and Mrs. Vui's income is not enough to support the family. They owed three months of back rent on their current accommodations.

Mr. Tuan's father died years ago and his mother was extremely poor, leaving the family with no option for staying with relatives. However, Mr. Tuan's mother had a small bit of land that was just big enough to build a Kids Promise Charity Home. With the new house, the family can live comfortably and safely. The children are focused on their education while the entire family is better supported for a brighter future.

With support from our generous donors, Kids Promise was able to build a 48m2 house with a reinforced concrete foundation, brick columns, ceramic tile lining, plastering and whitewashing. The building will keep this family dry in

the rainy season and cool in the summer months. We were also able to provide a few pieces of furniture for the family to use for living and studying.

On behalf of Kids Promise foundation and the family, we would like to spend a special thanks to the BTM Global company and friends in USA for your donation and support to make the home No. 40 possible. We deeply appreciate your donation and generosity with all our hearts.

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### 2. Charity Home #41



The 41<sup>st</sup> Kids Promise Charity Home was built on May 27<sup>th</sup>, 2023 for a family of grandparents and children. Mr. Le Van Hung and Mrs. Nguyen Thi My in Cay Lay district, Tien Giang province, Vietnam, are struggling to support their grandchildren due to poverty, Mr. Hung's age and Mrs. My's illness. The children's father was died in a traffic accident, and so a safe and dry home is especially important for giving them a stable learning environment.

Mr. Hung is 60 years old and works construction projects whenever possible, though the salary is only enough to feed the family and often not enough for his wife's medicine. Their home isn't robust, and so Mr. Hung was very worried about storms damaging the home and injuring his family. At his age, he thought a solid home was simply a dream.

With the help of local officials, Kids Promise volunteers connected with the family and approved them for a new home that is cool, safe and dry. The children are able to continue in school, and the gift of a small study table and bicycle will give the family more mobility and support.

On behalf of Kids Promise foundation and the family, we would like to spend a special thanks to the BTM Global company and friends in USA for your donation and support to make the home No. 41 come true. We deeply appreciate your donation and generosity with all our hearts.

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## 3. Charity Home #42



The 42<sup>th</sup> Kids Promise Charity Home was built on July 08<sup>th</sup>, 2023 has been given to the family of Ms. Tran Thi Hanh in Ben Tre province, Vietnam. Only 43 years old, Ms. Hanh is a widow with a 14-year-old child and is struggling to support the children.

Before her husband passed away from cancer, the parents both worked as hired laborers. Daily, Ms. Hanh climbs coconut trees and sells fruits at a roadside stand. She barely makes enough income to pay for the necessary living expenses.

Ms. Hanh's sister also lives with her, and the family has tried to help with house repairs. But the aging house was cramped, damp, and flooded during the rainy season. The local community introduced Kids Promise to Ms. Hanh and we were happy to build her a comfortable new home that will not only keep the family safe and dry, but will help the child continue to study and earn good grades.

The 48m<sup>2</sup> home is built with a reinforced concrete foundation, brick columns, ceramic tile lining, plastering and whitewashing. We were also able to provide a few pieces of furniture for the family to use for living and studying.

On behalf of Kids Promise and the family, we would like to spend a special thanks to Maggie and Wardwell Johnson of Minneapolis, Minnesota for your donation and support to make the home No. 42 come true. We really cherish your efforts to support the Vietnamese under-privileged children.

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### 4. Charity Home #43



On August 12<sup>th</sup>, 2023 we celebrated the completion of Charity Home #43, which was donated to the family of Mr. Dang Van Si and Ms. Ho Thi Hang in Tien Giang province, Vietnam. In addition to the parents and a child still living at home, the household includes Mr. Si's father.

Ms. Hang is currently battling cancer, and so Mr. Si is the only income earner for the family. Already in medical debt, Mr. Si doesn't make enough money to repair the home or fully support everyone. Kids Promise is grateful for the donations from friends in the U.S. and from Ms. Ha Phuong in Vietnam. Without their support, homes like this one would not be possible.

The family has received a new home, a dining room table, chairs, fan, and a student desk. This home will be a source of motivation for the son to continue studying and to comfort Ms. Hang as she overcomes her illness.

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On September 09<sup>th</sup>, 2023 we celebrated the completion of Charity Home #44, which was donated to the family of Mr. Vo Van Trung and Mrs. Le Thi Kim Anh in Kien Tuong district, Long An province, Vietnam. They live with their two children, grades 6 and 8, on land that Mr. Trung's mother gave them.

Mr. Trung mainly works as a tree feller, earning about 200,000 VND (just over \$8 USD) per day, as does Ms. Kim Anh. Neither of the parents has a stable income and jobs are in short supply. Their rotting home was full of termites, but their current income is only enough to cover food and school expenses. Both children have a great love of learning.

Kids Promise learned of the family's situation and the children's dedication to their school work. Today, the family has a solid, clean, and safe home that helps them live comfortably and continue working to support their children's education.

On behalf of Kids Promise foundation and the family, we would like to spend a special thanks to the BTM Global company and friends in USA for your donation and support to make the home No. 44 come true. We deeply appreciate your donation and generosity with all our hearts.

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#### 6. Charity Home #45



The 45<sup>th</sup> Kids Promise Charity Home was built on October 21<sup>st</sup>, 2023 has been given to the family of Mr. Vo Duc Thi and Ms. Tran Thi Kim Loan in the Dinh Quan district, Dong Nai province, Vietnam. They are having 6 kids from grade 8 to kindergarten but the living condition is very bad. In the area where Mr. Thi and Ms. Loan live, they have no economic conditions or jobs because they have not finished elementary school. Mr. Thi and Ms. Loan's main job is to do whatever everyone hire. Career is not stable. Ms. Loan cleans for an acquaintance's family once every 2-3 days, or washes dishes for hire, each time she earns about 100k->200k but she doesn't have a regular job, she's not educated so she doesn't apply for a job. Work in a factory or a place with a stable monthly income. Mr. Thi has a mild heart disease, so he is often tired. Currently, he has a small tumor on his nose. He had minor surgery but it relapsed and the doctor advised surgery but he did not have the money. In addition to helping with housework, Ms. Loan stays at home to cook and take care of her six daughters.

The charity house #45 was built to include a front yard, 1 living room, 1 bedroom, bathroom and kitchen outside the house. In addition to the house, the group also donated 1 dining table, 10 chairs, 1 fan and 1 student desk to the family.

On behalf of the family, we would like to send a deep thanks to BTM Global and friends in the USA for supporting the entire cost of the home and furniture for the family. They now have a solid home to live in and study for their future.

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#### 7. Charity Home #46



The 46<sup>th</sup> Kids Promise Charity Home was built on October 07<sup>th</sup>, 2023 has been given to the family of Mr. Dang Quang Minh and Ms. Nguyen Thi My Luom in Tan Phu Dong district, Tien Giang province, Vietnam. They have 2 kids. The girl is in grade 12 and the boy is in grade 9.

Mr. Minh works as a hired laborer in this area and earns about 300k VND per day, but the work is not regular. Mrs. Luom receives clothes for sewing and processing, earning about 100k VND per day. In addition to sewing, she takes care of the family's food, takes care of two children, and drives them to school. They also have a small loan and are paying it off every month. When they are in need or sick, they borrow from relatives. The house they live in was built more than 15 years ago, the walls are all rotten, only the front area is high, the bedroom area and kitchen area behind are very damp. The house is super crooked and old, but they still don't have enough money to repair or rebuild the house. With their current income, their family only has enough food to feed 4 people.

At the ceremony, we welcomed Mr. Truong Phuc, the main sponsor of the house, and Mr. Andy Huynh, the founder of Kids Promise. We were also joined by several Kids Promise volunteers and local officials.

Charity home #46 includes a front yard, living room, bedroom, bathroom and kitchen outside the house. The children were given a desk to study, and Mr. Truong Phuc gave the family 10 million VND (about \$410 USD) in cash to support the children's tuition and school supplies.

On behalf of the family, Kids Promise would like to extend a profound thank you to Mr. Truong Phuc's family for supporting the entire cost of the building and furniture. We are thrilled that the children have a dedicated place to study and further their education.

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## 8. Charity Home #47



The 47<sup>th</sup> Kids Promise Charity Home was built on November 11<sup>th</sup>, 2023 has been given to the family of Mr. Nguyen Van Thoi and Mrs. Nguyen Thi Thanh Thuy of Kien Giang province, Vietnam.

Mr. Thoi and Mrs. Thuy have three children and live full time on a small boat. The family makes a living by catching fish in the canals and bringing it to local markets to sell. On average, their daily income is 200k - 300k VND (about \$8.30 - \$12.40 USD).

Fishing is the family's only source of income; they have no rice fields or gardens. The parents were working hard to buy a house, but unfortunately Mr. Thoi had an accident and is now in a wheelchair permanently.

The Kids Promise home was presented along with a bed, study desk for the children, a dining table and chairs, and a fan. Mr. Thoi's family, local officials, the Fatherland Front Committee of Tan Hiep district, and other relatives and neighbors joined together to help us celebrate the home and offered the family words of congratulations and encouragement.

On behalf of the family, the Kids Promise team would like to send a deep thank you to BTM Global and the brothers & sisters in the US for supporting the entire cost of building the house and furniture for the family, helping Mr. Thoi's family have a solid home to live in and study hard in the near future.

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#### 9. Charity Home #48



On November 11<sup>th</sup>, 2023 we celebrated the completion of Charity Home #48, which was donated to the family of Mr. Nguyen Van Be Ba and Ms. Nguyen Thi Ut in Kien Giang province, Vietnam. The house is solidly built with a concrete foundation, reinforced concrete columns, ceramic tiles, a cold corrugated iron roof, and brick walls. In addition to the home, the deserving family also received a fan, dining table, and chairs.

The family includes 2 children and 2 grandchildren. The entire family has lived here for more than 30 years and used to farm rice on rented land for income. But due to poor harvests, the family couldn't make ends meet and so the parents worked as hired laborers by spraying pesticides, helping to harvest rice, weeding rice, etc. Their original home was termite-ridden and they couldn't afford repairs. Mr. Be Ba is old and sick, but continues to work in order to feed and pay school tuition for his grandchildren.

On behalf of the family, the Kids Promise team would like to send a deep thanks to BTM Global and our friends in the USA for sponsoring the entire cost of the home and the furniture. This gives Mr. Be Ba and Ms. Ut's a more stable and spacious home to live in, and the ability to focus on taking care of the children and giving them a better, brighter future.

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On December 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2023, Kids Promise coordinated with the People's Committee of Thanh Hung commune, Kien Tuong town, Long An province, Vietnam to organize an event to hand over charity house #49 to Mr. Nguyen Chi Phuong's family. He and his wife divorced. He has 2 children (grade 6 and grade 10).

Previously, he rented fields to work, but the more he worked, the more he lost money, so he now switched to working as a hired laborer. His current job is to transport fish from square to boat on the river for traders. The salary is calculated by the ton and divided by the number of transporters. When not carrying, everyone is hired to do whatever they want, as long as there is money to cover the expenses. life and raising 2 children. The children study very well and is very eager to learn. Both of his children are very obedient and help him with cooking and household chores when he goes to work.

The previous house where he lived had been built for more than 10 years. It only had enough space for them to sleep at night. The house was roofed with leaves, he changed the leaves every 2 years. With his current job, his salary is only enough to take care of expenses and food for the family, even though the house is not cozy enough, the pillar is termite-ridden and is blown over when it rains and storms, but with the current economic situation, he does not have enough money to repair or rebuild the house.

The new house is 48m<sup>2</sup>, solidly built with reinforced concrete, ceramic tile floor, plastered walls on both sides, and tole roof, providing a safe and cozy living space. In addition to donating the house, Kids Promise also gave Mr. Phuong's family practical gifts such as a table with 10 chairs and a fan to stabilize their life.

On behalf of the family, the Kids Promise team would like to send a deep thanks to Scheels All Sports and Anonymous Sporting Goods Retailers in USA for sponsoring the entire cost of the home and the furniture.

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#### 11. Charity Home #50



On Sunday January 21<sup>st</sup>, 2024, the Kids Promise charity team held a ceremony to hand over charity house #50 to the family of Mr. Ho Khac Bao and his daughter Ho Thi Bao Linh in Phu Long hamlet, Phu Phong commune, Chau Thanh district, Tien Giang province, Vietnam.

The daughter, Ho Thi Bao Linh, is in 4th grade, and her mother left when she was two. Without her mother's care, her body is weak and malnourished. Unfortunately, Mr. Bao is also diagnosed with severe tuberculosis. The disease made his health unstable, weak, physically weak, and unable to do heavy labor.

Currently, Mr. Bao works as a day laborer, with wages fluctuating around 200,000 VND/day. This amount is only enough for him to spend on food and medicine.

The house looked abandoned, with only the skeleton and cement columns remaining, and the items showed no signs of use. The single bedroom in the house, where the girl sleeps every night, is only temporarily covered for privacy.

The new house is sponsored by Tom Schoen, Andy Huynh, Mark Hooley and Tien Huynh, the leading members and founders of the Kids Promise organization and is built about 48m2 with open, airy space. The structure includes concrete columns and steel, ceramic tile floors, and plaster on both sides of the wall, providing stability and safety. In addition, Kids Promise also gave the family a dining table and 10 plastic chairs to help his family stabilize their life.

This house number 50 is not only an important milestone in Kids Promise's journey but also a symbol of love and connection between the community. We believe that each loving house is not only a place to live but also a source of inspiration and encouragement for many people to rise in life.

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### Budget Summary for building caring home:

Home #	Home Owners	City/Province	Total Cost (VND)	Total Cost (USD)	Completed Date
Home #40	Đồng Văn Tuấn	Binh Phuoc	75,000,000	3,218	April 22 , 2023
Home #41	Lê Văn Hùng	Tien Giang	66,500,000	2,853	May 27, 2023
Home #42	Trần Thị Hạnh	Ben Tre	75,000,000	3,193	July 8, 2023
Home #43	Đặng Văn Sĩ	Tien Giang	75,000,000	3,171	August 12, 2023
Home #44	Võ Văn Trung	Long An	66,000,000	2,776	September 9, 2023
Home #45	Đỗ Đức Thi	Dong Nai	67,850,000	2,809	October 21, 2023
Home #46	Đặng Quang Minh	Tien Giang	67,850,000	2,800	October 7, 2023
Home #47	Nguyễn Văn Thời	Kien Giang	70,250,000	2,889	November 11, 2023
Home #48	Nguyễn Văn Bé Ba	Kien Giang	71,750,000	2,946	November 11, 2023
Home #49	Nguyễn Chí Phương	Long An	66,850,000	2,777	December 23, 2023
Home #50	Hồ Khắc Bảo	Tien Giang	66,850,000	2,758	January 21, 2024

## **Scholarships**

Kids Promise provided scholarship to students for both second semesters of school year 2022-2023 and the first semester of school year 2023-2024. For the second semester, Kids Promise supported 14 students for a total cost of 34,200,000 VND (~\$1,465 USD). Students who received scholarships are listed below.

No.	Full Name	Province Grade		Scholarship (VND)	
1	Nguyen Ngoc Tham	Dong Thap	11	3,000,000	
2	Hoang Thi Duy That	Binh Dinh	11	2,400,000	
3	Pham Thi Bich Duyen	Tien Giang	12	2,400,000	
4	Doan Hong Nhung	Ben Tre	12	2,400,000	
5	Nguyen Hoang Van	Ho Chi Minh	4	2,400,000	
6	Dang Thi Len	Quang Ngai	10	2,400,000	
7	Huynh Minh Triet	Quang Ngai	9	2,400,000	
8	Tran Le Diem My	Kien Giang	7	2,400,000	
9	Ngo Tran Bao Nhien	Kien Giang	6	2,400,000	

10	Pham Thi Cat Dao	Dong Thap	9	2,400,000
11	Huynh Le Anh Thu	Dong Thap	12	2,400,000
12	Le Nguyen Bang Uyen	Dong Thap	11	2,400,000
13	Vy Van Vu	Dong Nai	6	2,400,000
14	Do Thi Lan Anh	Binh Phuoc	9	2,400,000

For the first semester of the school year 2023-2024, Kids Promise supported 10 students for a total cost of 32,800,000 VNĐ (~\$1,374 USD). Students who received scholarships are listed below.

No	Full Name	Province	Grade	Scholarship (VND)
1	Nguyen Ngoc Tham	Dong Thap	12	4,000,000
2	Hoang Thi Duy That	Binh Dinh	12	3,200,000
3	Le Cao Hoang Anh	Ho Chi Minh	11	3,200,000
4	Nguyen Hoang Van	Ho Chi Minh	5	3,200,000
5	Dang Thi Len	Quang Ngai	11	3,200,000
6	Huynh Minh Triet	Quang Ngai	10	3,200,000
7	Vy Van Vu	Dong Nai	5	3,200,000
8	Tran Le Diem My	Kien Giang	8	3,200,000
9	Ngo Tran Bao Nhien	Kien Giang	7	3,200,000
10	Le Nguyen Bang Uyen	Dong Thap	12	3,200,000

## **Re-Visiting Charity Homes #25 and #33**

In order to fully evaluate the impact Kids Promise has on people's lives, we contacted the people we have helped in the past to see how things are going. Below is the feedback from 3 homes Kids Promise completed in years past.

### 1. Charity Home #25



Since receiving home #25 from Kids Promise, Ms. Thao's family, along with her husband, children and two grandchildren, have had a better life and living space. The whole family's work is also stable, the two children are still eager to learn and study well every year.

All family members sincerely thank the Kids Promise organization for helping her family have a cleaner and more cozy living space. She promised to continue to nurture her two children to study well.

Home #25 was built in 2020 by some sponsors in US.

### 2. Charity Home #33



On the occasion of returning to the locality to support the construction of 2 charity homes in 2023, the Kids Promise team stopped by to visit the families of Mr. Lam Van Phong and Ms. Tran Thi Kim Luu and the two children Ngan and Vy. According to information shared by her family, after receiving the charity home #33 from the Kids Promise charity group, her whole family can live peacefully, eat well - sleep peacefully and have the spirit to work. Ngan is studying vocational training and Vy is still studying in 9th grade. Their family's economic situation is stable and better off. Regarding the house, their family has still renovated and preserved it well and expanding the house to expand living space for the whole family.

Mr. Phong's family representative also sent their gratitude and deep thanks to the Kids Promise organization and especially the sponsor of the house.

Home #33 was built in 2021 with the sponsor of the house being Mr. Tim Schoen in San Francisco, California, US.

## **Back to School Program**

We were honored to recently visit the children on September 16<sup>th</sup>, 2023 at Nguyen Thi Minh Khai secondary school, Dinh Quan town, Dong Nai province, Vietnam. Thanks to our generous donors and volunteers, the children received a variety of school supplies to ensure they are prepared to excel in school, such as new uniforms and classroom supplies.

The ceremony was an exciting event, attended by the students, teachers, board of directors' representatives, and members of Kids Promise. It was a joyful way to begin the first day of the school year!

We at Kids Promise sincerely to thank the management board of Nguyen Thi Minh Khai school and the teachers who supported and helped us organize this program for the children. We are also especially grateful to the sponsors and team members who helped make this program possible.



The total money we supported for this program is 45.123.000 VND (~\$1.896 USD)

## Goals for 2024

Goals for 2024 are listed below. As we have done from inception, we plan to have 100% of donations go right to the target initiative. Everyone that makes Kids Promise successful donate their time and the founders cover any overhead costs that are incurred.

				Total -	Planned Start
No.	Detail	Quantity	Total - VND	USD	Date
1	Charity house 51 + furniture	1	75,000,000	~3,125	March -2023
2	Charity house 52 + furniture	1	75,000,000	~3,125	April -2023
3	Charity house 53 + furniture	1	75,000,000	~3,125	May -2023
4	Charity house 54 + furniture	1	75,000,000	~3,125	June -2023
5	Charity house 55 + furniture	1	75,000,000	~3,125	July -2023
6	Charity house 56 + furniture	1	75,000,000	~3,125	August -2023
7	Charity house 57 + furniture	1	75,000,000	3,125	September -2023
8	Charity house 58 + furniture	1	75,000,000	3,125	October -2023
9	Charity house 59 + furniture	1	75,000,000	3,125	November - 2023
10	Charity house 60 + furniture	1	75,000,000	3,125	December -2023
11	Scholarship for semester 2 - 2023 - 2024	15	34,200,000	~1,125	March -2023
12	Scholarship for semester 1 - 2024 - 2025	15	48,000,000	~2,000	August -2023
	Repair a house 1 with a new roof or				June -2023
13	replace a new wall	1	20,000,000	~833	
	Repair a house 1 with a new roof or				October -2023
14	replace a new wall	1	20,000,000	~833	
15	Back to School Program 2024-2025	1	50,000,000	~2,083	August -2023
	Total		915,000,000	38,134	