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“THE PATH TO LIGHT” PROJECT FINANCIAL SUPPORT FOR STUDENTS OF POOR FAMILIES

PART I: PROJECT SUMMARY

- **Project Title:** "The Path To Light"
- **Project owner:** Rev. Vincente Vu Ngoc Dong, Director of Caritas Vietnam.
- **Project manager:** Mr. Paul Le Phuoc Thien
- **Objective:** support school fees and other conditions for poor students for a long term, even until they graduate.
- **Procedure:** the first year for 400 students of first grade in 40 rural locations, then with the positive response and generous contribution of the community, the program will expand the number of students at other regions in the country.
- **Budget:** 576,000,000 VND / first year (\$27,428.57 USD) and increase according to the school fees of students who transfer to higher studies.
- **Contact:** *Caritas Vietnam Office*

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PART II. PROJECT PRESENTATION

1. Introduction

Education is the right of every person. The Vietnamese governors opened a lot of schools of all levels but there're many students dropped out. One main reason of this situation is school fees and other conditions that their parents could not support. According to statistics of Planning and Investment Ministry in 2009, the provinces which have high rate in drop-out students are: Binh duong (30,8%), Bac Lieu (26,2%), An Giang (25,9%) and Soc Trang (25,8%); especially in highlands, this rate of persons aged 15-19 is 45,9%.

To commit ourselves in this field, Caritas Vietnam realized a scholarship project “The Path to Light”, that means opening a brightened future for poor students, keeping their hopes alive and helping them to believe in others' kindness.

It relies upon the generous contribution of the community to help the poor students, so that they could go to school.

2. The purpose of the project: Financial support for children of poor families starting from first grade until they finish their school life if their families could not support them.

2.1. Beneficiaries: the students from poor families.

a. In the first phase of the program:

- Giving priority to students from very poor families in rural areas
- Students aged 06 to 11 years: 400 students
- Maximum of 10 students in each region.

b. In the future: the beneficiaries may be older (high school students, or college, university...). This depends on the positive response of the community.

2.2. Conditions for a student receiving the sponsorship:

- They must be students of poor families actually (without any discrimination).
- Students must attend school seriously, promote every year.
- Only one child per family can receive the benefit.
- After each semester, students must submit grade report to the person in charge who send it to Caritas Vietnam.
- The student left school without appropriate reason, the local person in charge have to immediately notify the Central Office to stop subsidies. If he/she has legitimate reason, the program will consider each case ...
- If someone's family improve living conditions, they could suggest this scholarship for others.
- Students will be supported for 12 months. Three months in vacation will be transferred in the first month of school year.
- The student has been supported by different organizations could not receive this scholarship.

3.2. Management of funds:

* The amount of support for each child per month is 120,000VND.

* The executive board will transfer money to the diocesan Caritas director two times / year:

* The amount of annual contributions of benefactors as well as the children's allowance will be published in the report at the end of school year on website of Caritas Vietnam:
www.caritasvietnam.org

4. Sources of support:

- The project "The Path to Light" is a long-term operation completely relying on contributions of the community. So we appeal for your constant and volunteer donations. We appreciate all of your supports to improve living standard of our people and build a more justice and peaceful society.

*** All donations should be sent to:**

Commission on Charity and Social Activities - Caritas Vietnam

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Account name: UBBAXH – Caritas Việt Nam
Account number: **VND:** 033.1.00.379133.5
USD: 033.1.37.379370.5
EURO: 033.1.14.380725.6

Vietcombank - Ben Thanh branch, 69 Bui Thi Xuan Street, District 1, HCM City

(Note: please specify the contribution for the project: The Path to light)

PART III. RELATING TO BENEFACTORS

- The name and amount of donations from benefactors will be publicly posted on the website of Caritas Vietnam: www.caritasvietnam.org (if there's no other command).
- After receiving donations, the office of Caritas Vietnam will send thanks and receipts.
- Caritas Vietnam will send them greeting cards on Christmas and New Year occasions.
- On August 15th every year, Caritas Vietnam will offer special Mass for all benefactors regardless of religion.
- An annual report on this project will be sent to the benefactor.

CONCLUSION

For the love to children and especially less fortunated ones, Caritas Vietnam takes courage to realize the "The Path to Light" project. We ask God's blessings upon this beautiful dream. We sincerely appeal for your compassion to share with us this operation, so that more and more chilren in Vietnam are able to go to school and hope for their future.