

## INFOSHEET SJV 1405

### RENOVATING A FARM AND TAKING CARE DISADVANTAGED CHILDREN AT HOPE CENTER



#### CODE NUMBER AND TIME

SJV1405      15/04/2014 - 26/04/2014

#### WELCOME WORDS FROM OUR CAMP LEADER

Dear volunteers,

Firstly, it is a great honor for me to be able to welcome you here in Vietnam. I would like to express how happy I feel to have the opportunity to manage and meet a group of people like you who have travelled from different countries. I believe we can do our best to utilize an environmentally conscious attitude, bring a smile to the children of the reserve, and become closer by working together on this project.

Welcome to Vietnam, I am sure you will be inspired by the country, the local people and, Vietnamese food. Finally, I would like to thank you for your interest in volunteering in Vietnam. We respect you and your kindness. I look forward to meeting you in Vietnam.

Best wishes,

Do Minh Duc

Tong Quang Nam

Nguyen Minh Thanh

**Work camp Coordinators**

## **LOCATION OF YOUR PROJECT**

**Work location: Hope Centre, Lap Thach district, Vinh Phuc province, Viet Nam**

## **BACKGROUND OF THE PROJECT**

Lap Thach Centre of Hope was established in 1998 by Global Education Development Agency (GEDA), a US based non-governmental organization. The aim was to help children who are orphans either of one or both parents and are in financially difficult circumstances or whose parents are handicapped and have little extended family support.

While living at the orphanage the children are placed at a local school, and given a chance to develop and gain greater opportunities for their future through education. The kids live in a common building with a separated room for male and females with very basic living conditions. They receive a support allowance, just only 1 USD each per day, from the local commune for food. The centre is trying to call for outside support in terms of organizing extra curriculum activities for kids with organized camping outings,

sports and especially English support.

## ROLES AND TASKS

- Do gardening, plant vegetables, build a cage for livestock and build a bigogas system.
- Volunteers are expected to be their English teacher (decide what to teach, make it engaging, interesting and colourful).
- Try to encourage the children to learn English by organizing leisure activities in English (audio, books, etc...), by providing the self-help materials.

## DAILY LIFE

Volunteers will work 5 days per week some weekend working is required but will be conformed and agreed beforehand and will be compensated later.

### **Accommodation:**

Volunteers will stay in a private room at same building with the kids in orphanage.

### **Food:**

Food will be provided by the cooking staff. You will have 3 meals everyday with kids and staff there. Sometimes you may make your own if you may prefer another style of breakfast, and it would be better if you can eat alone those days.

### **Day off and holidays:**

You have 2 days off per week. Mostly during the weekend, unless there are specials events in your working place.

### **Daily transportation:**

We provide you with a bicycle for travelling around the town.

### **Extra information:**

We have been hosting plenty of international volunteers from around the world and we understand that besides the desire to help the local community, volunteers also wish to learn more about Vietnam and its interesting history and culture. Volunteering abroad is a great way to meet new people from different countries, particularly people who have the same interests as you. We hope you can enjoy your time together and we will try our best to help you get the most out of your time in Vietnam.

Above are some recommendations for your reference, there are still plenty of interesting places in Vietnam which are not mentioned and you may discover yourself during your travels.

**Note:** If you travel and stay overnight in a guest house or hotel, you should take your passport with you. You will need it to check-in. Reception will usually keep it, and give it back when you pay & check-out. It is normal practice for them to hold on to your passport for the duration of your stay!

### HOW AND WHEN TO GET THE MEETING POINT

An email will be sent to you with more details. Generally, on the day of arrival, a taxi will take the volunteer to SJ's office and will be met by our coordinator to welcome and do the orientation there.

Volunteer House: Suite 903, N1 Building, 282 Linh Nam Street, Hoang Mai District, Hanoi

[Volunteer's house Link](#)

### SPECIAL CONDITIONS AND RESPONSIBILITIES

- ✦ Sent by a local voluntary organization or a member of a voluntary organization.
- ✦ Open minded and ready for action.
- ✦ Excellent people management skills.
- ✦ Aware of intercultural differences.
- ✦ Able to share responsibilities with volunteers and to encourage them.
- ✦ Prompt to react to unexpected situations.

- ⤴ Able to solve intercultural and personal conflict.
- ⤴ Should be ready to live with volunteers in basic conditions.
- ⤴ A strong understanding and experience about voluntarism.
- ⤴ A strong sense of commitment and dedication towards making the world a better place.
- ⤴ Good personal skills, full of energy, enthusiastic.
- ⤴ Excellent verbal communication skills in English.
- ⤴ Well organized.
- ⤴ Good sense of humors.

### WHAT TO BRING

- ⤴ Laptop
- ⤴ English teaching materials/book.
- ⤴ Small gifts for kids.
- ⤴ Text books.
- ⤴ A raincoat
- ⤴ A pillow
- ⤴ A mosquito spray
- ⤴ Basic pharmacy kit
- ⤴ Pictures of your hometown and family



### FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT AND CONDITION

The total fee is 5,000,000VND/participant which includes transportation to and from the project site, food, basic accommodation and materials for the work camp. This fee will be paid upon arrival at the work camp on the first day. Participation fees enable SJ Vietnam to take care of you during your stay and to fund their projects. Volunteers' activities in the evenings or on the weekends are their own expense.

**Address to transfer fee:**

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*Feel free to contact us anytime if you want more information. We look forward to meeting you soon in Vietnam.*

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