

# SUNSHINE HOMES VIETNAM



ANNUAL REPORT 2019



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A happy childhood is the most precious, the most beautiful and enduring of experiences. It is the right of every child brought into the world.

- Christina Noble OBE -



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## ABBREVIATIONS

CNCF	Christina Noble Children's Foundation
SSH	Sunshine Home for Boys & Girls
DOLISA	Department of Labour, War Invalids and Social Affairs
DOET	Department of Education and Training
HCMC	Ho Chi Minh City
MOET	Ministry of Education and Training
CRWG	Child Rights Working Group
UNICEF	United Nations Children's Fund
VND	Vietnamese Dong (currency)
USD	US Dollar (currency)





# OUR VISION, MISSION, VALUES

**Vision:** A united world where children are free from suffering, poverty, exploitation, fear, and oppression. Where children are aware of their fundamental human rights.

**Mission:** The Christina Noble Children's Foundation is dedicated to serving the physical, medical, educational, and emotional needs of vulnerable children. We believe that every child deserves love, respect, and freedom from all forms of exploitation. We establish long-term relationships with the children we support and empower them to live happy, emotionally rich, and independent lives.

**Values:** Our values represent our beliefs and guide how we behave. They are love, compassion, respect, honesty, and integrity.

# PROGRAMME OVERVIEW

## ESTABLISHED

1994 (Sunshine Home for Boys)  
1997 (Sunshine Home for Girls)

## LOCATION

District 10, Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam

## OBJECTIVES

To provide a safe and caring environment for boys and girls who are either from very poor families, living on the streets or at high risk of commercial and sexual exploitation, drug trafficking and violence. The Sunshine Homes aim to provide a safe haven where the children are cared for in a nurturing environment and able to receive psychological support, healthcare, education and vocational training to develop themselves and become self-sufficient individuals

## BENEFICIARIES

Children (ages 5 to 20 years) from disadvantaged backgrounds including children from poor families whose parents/guardians cannot support them, orphans, abandoned children, children living on the streets and those who have faced or are at high risk of commercial and sexual exploitation, drug trafficking and violence

## LOCAL PARTNERS

The Department of Labour, Invalids and Social Affairs (DOLISA), District 10, HCMC

## CNCF ACCOUNTABILITY

CNCF is directly responsible for funding and financial management and co-management of the Homes with the local partners; provides technical support to implement the project and facilitate recreational activities as well as facilitating extra-curricular activities, vocational and life skills training

## MONITORING AND EVALUATION

The SSH Programme Manager conducts official site monitoring visits at a minimum once every two weeks. Children in the Homes also participate in other CNCF programmes such as Sunshine Arts & Music and Sports Programmes that Programme Managers receive regular updates about the children through their project activities. In addition, information and updates about the children are collected through project visits (scheduled and unscheduled) and timely support in different areas is provided when necessary. Meetings with local partners and staff at the Homes are held to provide project updates and resolve any issues. Weekly internal meetings are conducted for CNCF staff for programme discussion. Monthly, quarterly and semi-annual reports are sent to the Board of Management. An end of year evaluation is conducted by DOLISA and CNCF to assess project results and an Annual Report is sent to stakeholders

## ACTUAL COST 2019

USD \$92,504.84 (Sunshine Home for Girls: USD \$43,278.83 & Sunshine Home for Boys: USD \$49,226.01)

## REPORTING PERIOD

January - December 2019

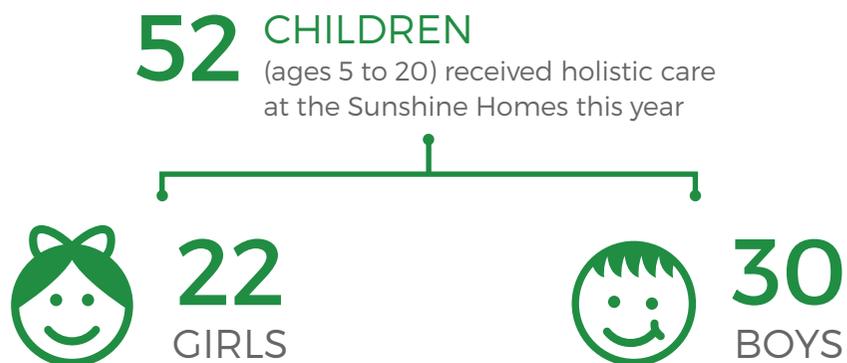
## 2020 OBJECTIVES

- To maintain a safe, loving and stimulating environment where our children can continue to flourish
- To maintain quality of existing services and facilities

# EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

In 2019, the Sunshine Homes continued to provide a safe and nurturing home for boys and girls in need, who have come from disadvantaged families, been abandoned, living on the street or subjected to abuse, exploitation and trafficking. The Sunshine Homes have enabled boys and girls to gain stability through accessing psychological, wellbeing and educational support to achieve their goals and build brighter futures. To develop their social and personal participation skills, the children also engage in life skills training and varied activities.

**Since inception the Sunshine Homes have provided long term residential care and a sustainable future for 1,166 CHILDREN  
685 BOYS & 481 GIRLS**



**10 CHILDREN** transitioned from the Sunshine Homes, returning to their homes or having found stable jobs



**09 CHILDREN** entered the Sunshine Homes



**03 CHILDREN** relocated and continued to receive support from the Sunshine Homes staff



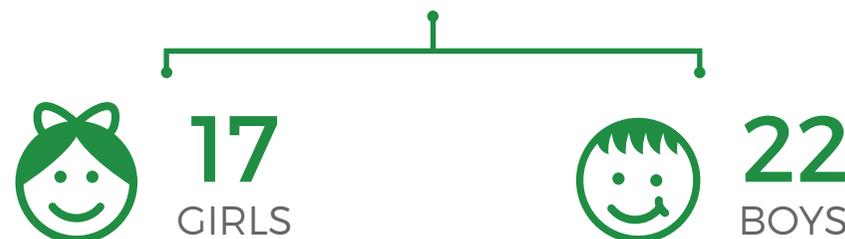
**45 CHILDREN** from the Sunshine Homes enrolled in local schools and vocational programmes



**47 CHILDREN** received annual health check-ups at a government hospital



**39 CHILDREN** resided at the Sunshine Homes at the end of 2019



In 2020, the Sunshine Homes will continue to maintain a safe, loving and stimulating environment where our children can continue to flourish. We aim to maintain the quality of existing services delivery and overall facilities.

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# PROGRAMME DESCRIPTION

Christina Noble founded the Sunshine Home for Boys in 1994. Followed by the establishment of the Sunshine Home for Girls, in 1997. The Sunshine Home for Girls was opened in partnership with the Women's Association of HCMC for girls who were at constant risk of starvation and sexual and commercial exploitation.

The Sunshine Homes provide a safe home environment where the children receive holistic support through residential care, education, healthcare, nutrition, clothing and social and life skills development. We also encourage the children to engage creatively and support self expression through the Sunshine Arts & Music and Sunshine Sports Programmes. With the opportunities provided, the children are enabled to develop knowledge, skills, self-confidence and strengths needed to lead independent and fulfilling lives.

The Sunshine Home for Boys can accommodate up to 25 boys at a time and the Sunshine Home for Girls can accommodate up to 20 girls. Since inception, the Sunshine Homes have provided a sustainable future for **1,166** children including **685** boys and **481** girls.





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# PROGRAMME DESCRIPTION

## Education

All children at the Homes attend local schools and/or receive vocational training, depending on their age and learning capacity. The children can walk or ride bikes to school as most of the schools are close to the Sunshine Homes. Home tutoring and educational support are provided to all children, catering to the needs of children with learning difficulties.

We also facilitate English language classes with support from volunteers. Through this experience, the children develop their English speaking and listening skills while building self-confidence.

For children who enter the Homes in the middle of an academic year, we provide support to enrol them into school for the next academic year. When children complete compulsory education and wish to pursue higher academic education or vocational programmes, we provide them with the necessary information and consultation about continuing pursuing further education opportunities.

# PROGRAMME DESCRIPTION

## Healthcare

Children at the Sunshine Homes are covered under a national healthcare scheme that includes annual health check-ups and recording of medical conditions, regular monitoring and timely medical care as well as general health and hygiene training and sharing sessions.

The children receive an annual health check-up at a government hospital and vaccinations against Hepatitis B in accordance with the Ministry of Health's vaccination schedule.

The staff at our Sunshine Homes regularly monitor and evaluate the children's health and wellbeing. We provide daily nutritious meals for every child and maintain a neat and hygienic living environment in the Homes. Milk supplement is also given to children with special dietary needs. When health concerns arise, the staff ensure the children receive appropriate and timely medical care.

Health sharing sessions are regularly conducted by the Homes staff for the children to discuss their opinions, concerns with others and to bring awareness and knowledge on health matters. Topics covered include common diseases, nutritional needs, personal hygiene, reproductive health care, skin health and respiratory and digestive health.





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# PROGRAMME DESCRIPTION

## Personal and Social Skills Development

CNCF recognises the importance of personal and social skills in a child's development. We work to foster a socially and emotionally sound learning environment where children are empowered to develop greater social competence and ensure positive achievements.

During play and organised activities with other children as well as local and international visitors, the children proactively improve their confidence, motor and communication skills and teamwork. In addition to developing their social skills, the boys and girls are able to gain more knowledge and learn to set and achieve individual goals and persistence, which is essential for their successful development into adulthood.

Sunshine Homes children also join in social events and interact with CNCF staff, volunteers, interns, and donors on special occasions such as Children's Day, Mid-Autumn Festival, Lunar New Year and Christmas Celebration.

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# PROGRAMME DESCRIPTION

## Life Skills Training

At our Sunshine Homes, children take part in training and sharing sessions focusing on issues related to behavioural development, attitude, and modern social issues. Throughout the year, the children participate in educational excursions and outdoor activities, being exposed to new experiences and broadening their view of the society and potential opportunities.

This year, our children participated in varied workshops and training sessions on topics such as recycled art, basic first aid, self-protection, prevention of sexual abuse and learning about different cultures.

## Recreational Activities

A fun and engaging childhood is important for comprehensive development of the children. We encourage the boys and girls at the Sunshine Homes to participate in varied activities. Through our Sunshine Arts & Music and Sunshine Sports Programmes, we organise regular extracurricular classes and seasonal activities that were easily accessible to all children. Children are also taught computer skills such as Word, Excel and internet researching. All boys and girls continue to have access to in-house services including the library.

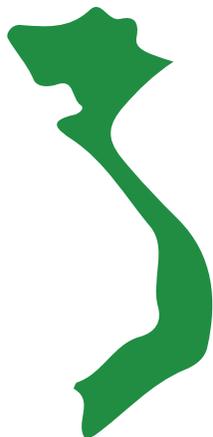


# GLOBAL STATISTICS

Having access to a safe living conditions is significant to a child's survival and development. Children who live on the streets or come from disadvantaged backgrounds often face multiple threats to their wellbeing and future prospects including risks of exploitation, abuse and trafficking on a daily basis. The figures indicate a significant need to provide a safe shelter for all children and equip them with the necessary tools to become self-sufficient and thrive within the community.



There are over  
**150 million**  
street children  
in the world <sup>[1]</sup>



- **170,000** children are without parental care, destitute or abandoned <sup>[2]</sup>
- There are **23,000** children living on the streets in Vietnam <sup>[3]</sup>
- **68%** of children are subjected to violent punishment at home <sup>[4]</sup>

[1] United Nations, 1999  
[2] UNICEF Vietnam, 2016  
[3] UNICEF Vietnam, 2005  
[4] General Statistics Office of Vietnam, 2015





This photo was taken of our Children performing at CNCF's 30th Anniversary Gala Celebration.

# OUR YEAR

CNCF recognises the importance of a caring environment to support the healthy development of a child. With the implementation of the Sunshine Homes, we work to provide vulnerable boys and girls with a safe and secure home of their own, where they are not only nurtured to grow up happy, educated and healthy but also receive the holistic care and opportunities to reach their full potential, enabling them to lead fulfilling lives.

**52** CHILDREN  
(ages 5 to 20) received holistic care at the Sunshine Homes this year



**10** CHILDREN transitioned from the Sunshine Homes, returning to their homes or having found stable jobs

**09** CHILDREN entered the Sunshine Homes

**39** CHILDREN resided at the Sunshine Homes at the end of 2019



**03** CHILDREN relocated to other housing and continued to receive support from the Sunshine Homes staff



# OUR YEAR

## Education



**45** CHILDREN enrolled in academic and vocational education in the school year

**06** CHILDREN completed vocational training and have secured stable jobs



**02** CHILDREN were homeschooled due to academic challenges

**01** CHILD attended a night class as he was unable to attend daily classes due to his health conditions



**30** BOYS

## Education Outcomes



**22** GIRLS



Primary school



Secondary school



High school



College



Vocational programmes



achieved a "Good School" performance



achieved an "Average School" performance



Primary school



Secondary school



College



Vocational programmes



achieved a "Good School" performance



achieved an "Average School" performance

**100%** CHILDREN received additional home tutoring

# OUR YEAR

## Healthcare



**47** CHILDREN  
received annual health check-ups  
at a government hospital



**22**  
GIRLS



**25**  
BOYS



**11** CHILDREN  
received medical treatments



**03** CHILDREN  
**01 boy** and **02 girls**  
were vaccinated against Hepatitis B



**52** CHILDREN  
were dewormed



**06** CHILDREN  
received additional daily milk  
supplement

## Social Development



**18** EXCURSIONS, ACTIVITIES AND  
CELEBRATIONS  
were facilitated for the Boys' Home



**11** TRAININGS AND SHARING SESSIONS  
were organised for the Boys' Home



**17** EXCURSIONS, ACTIVITIES AND  
CELEBRATIONS  
were facilitated for the Girls' Home



**28** TRAININGS AND SHARING SESSIONS  
were organised for the Girls' Home



**01** GIRL  
entered the "Net Ve Xanh" drawing contest and won first  
prize at school level and second prize at district level



**01** BOY  
was chosen by HCMC DOLISA to join the  
"The 6th Children Forum 2019" in Hanoi



**15** TRAININGS AND WORKSHOPS  
were organised for the SSH staff





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# OUR STORIES

## Thriving For A Brighter Future

\*Hung was only three when his mother left him with a man to whom she owed debt. At his vulnerable young age, Hung was forced to sell lottery tickets on the streets to pay back the debt his mother owed to this man. He was living in horrific conditions, scared for his safety and often went hungry. Hung was sent to the Sunshine Home for Boys by local authorities when he was four years old, frail and traumatised from his horrific experiences.

For the past fourteen years, the Sunshine Home for Boys has become his safe haven, where he can heal, sleep on a bed of his own in a safe and secure environment surrounded by care and a brotherhood from his peers who also reside at the home. Hung has healed from the ghosts of his early childhood and built self-confidence through receiving psychosocial support and therapeutic care at the Home. After successfully finishing high school, Hung pursued a career in Baking and Pastry Arts by enrolling in a Bakery course. Hung recently graduated from the course and was recognised as an outstanding student. Despite his difficult beginnings, Hung is well on his way to a bright future thanks to his resilience, determination and the love and support of the Sunshine Boys' Home.

\*Name and Identities changed to protect privacy

# OUR STORIES

## From A Devastating Childhood to a College Student

\*Ngoc and her brother lived with their paternal grandmother after the tragic death of both their parents. Ngoc's grandmothers' humble pension was the family's sole income. It was extremely difficult for them to cover their living expenses, and impossible to pay for the education costs Ngoc needed to remain in school. In 2013,

Ngoc arrived at the Girls' Home for a chance at a better future. While living at the Home, Ngoc received therapeutic care and engaged in many social and sporting activities which lead her to become a professional athlete representing HCMC. However, due to a sporting injury Ngoc was forced to put her athletic career on hold but continued with her studies. In her senior year of high school, Ngoc made a goal of pursuing a higher education. Ngoc is now successfully enrolled in the HCMC College of Economics, majoring in Foreign Economic Relations. She has flourished into an inspiring role model who now is a mentor to many of the young children at the Sunshine Girls' Home. We are incredibly proud of Ngoc. Her resilience and strength embodies the CNCF spirit.

\*Name and Identities changed to protect privacy



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# OUR STORIES

## Thank You From A Grandmother

"Our family is very poor. We could not afford \*Mai's education, nor could we register for her ID documents. Thanks to the Sunshine Girls Home, our granddaughter has been given an opportunity for a greater future and it gives us comfort knowing she is happy there. She was supported to attain her ID documents, was taught to read and write at the Girls Home and is now very focused on her education. I am very grateful to the Girls Home and CNCF for supporting our family. I hope the Sunshine Girls Home continues to provide care and support to more underprivileged children and families, to give them hope for a brighter future."

- The Grandmother of a Sunshine Girls' Home Child -

\* Names and identities changed to protect privacy





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# OUR STORIES

## Not Only A Home

"After my father passed away my mother left me with my elderly Grandmother who was unable to take of me. Thanks to the Sunshine Homes support, I was able to heal and learn new skills. I can go to school now, attend interesting excursions and drawing and dancing classes that I had never experienced before. I was also taught how to cook and have delicious and nutritious meals every day. Whenever I am sick, the caregivers and other friends living at the Home take good care of me. I feel supported. In times of difficulties, I get advice and encouragement that makes me feel like I can perceive. I really like living at the Sunshine Home. Thanks to this support, I have gradually developed myself socially and psychologically. I'm thankful for CNCF and the Sunshine Home for helping me overcome life's obstacles and for assisting me to get my self-Identification papers including my Birth Certificate and ID card. I'm stronger now and excited for my future. Thank you."

- A Sunshine Home Child -

\*Names and identities changed to protect privacy



# OUR STORIES

## Testimonial from Brian Moss - Wednesday Afternoon Golf Society Hong Kong (WAGS)

“We are a group of golfers from the business community, largely based in Hong Kong, known as Wednesday Afternoon Golf Society. Each year we hold a large golf event to raise money for charity.

We were first introduced to the Christina Noble Children's Foundation and made them the beneficiary of our 2016 Charity Golf day. We have made many individual and Society visits to CNCF Vietnam and met the children and visited some of the projects. In subsequent visits it has become increasingly clear how the support we are able to provide the Sunshine Homes impacts on these wonderful children, and helps them to grow in to confident, happy, independent young adults.

The team at CNCF do amazing work and this funding goes to help them to continue to provide outstanding devotion and care to the children. We are honoured to work with CNCF and to continue supporting the Sunshine Homes.”

- Brian Moss - Head of Charity Committee - Wednesday Afternoon Golf Society Hong Kong.

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# FINANCIAL OVERVIEW

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The operational costs of both the Sunshine Homes are:

**USD \$92,504.84**

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The operational cost of the Sunshine Boys Home is:

**USD \$49,226.01**

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The operational cost of the Sunshine Girls Home is:

**USD \$43,278.83**

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Heartfelt thanks to our kind donors who enable CNCF to keep this project operating and also to those who generously support with gift and time in-kind which enables us to keep our costs down.

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Audit in progress at time of reporting.

Our audits can be found at:

[www.cncf.org/finance-policies/](http://www.cncf.org/finance-policies/)



# SUNSHINE BOYS' HOME EXPENDITURES IN 2019

Description	Expenditures 2019
Food items	12,851.47
Clothes	696.40
Sleeping kits	133.75
Education expenses	912.26
Recreational activities	1,543.12
Materials for children's events	3,540.13
Additional expenses (Christmas, birthday gifts, fire alarm maintenance and excursion costs)	1,116.43
Sport activities	150.58
Personal toiletries	255.47
Medical care	573.19
Basic salaries - home staff	17,081.93
CNCF Project Manager partial salary	3,010.42

**Description****Expenditures 2019**

Allowances (national standard)

3,704.15

Staff benefits

215.73

Social, Health Insurance &amp; Labour Union

186.64

Water, electricity, gas

1,176.74

Kitchen utensils and home toiletries

295.18

Transportation

517.76

Equipments/furnishing

551.72

Repairs &amp; maintenance

603.93

Office supplies &amp; expenses

109.01

**TOTAL COST****49,226.01**

# SUNSHINE GIRLS' HOME EXPENDITURES IN 2019

Description	Expenditures 2019
Food items	9,982.41
Clothes	692.01
Sleeping kits	129.83
Education expenses	1,649.85
Recreational activities	750.71
Materials for children's events	733.52
Additional expenses (Christmas, birthday gifts, fire alarm maintenance and excursion costs)	846.43
Sport activities	224.16
Personal toiletries	433.68
Medical care	1,278.22
Basic salaries - home staff	15,731.85
CNCF Project Manager partial salary	3,010.42

**Description**

**Expenditures 2019**

Allowances (national standard)

3,256.53

Staff benefits

217.82

Social, Health Insurance & Labour Union

1,554.55

Water, electricity, gas

1,107.26

Kitchen utensils and home toiletries

306.23

Transportation

508.97

Repairs & maintenance

740.03

Office supplies & expenses

124.35

**TOTAL COST**

**43,278.83**

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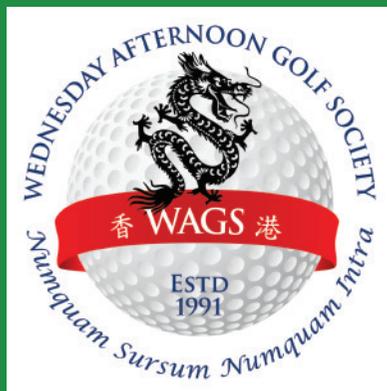
CNCF is greatly appreciative of your essential donations. Only with your support, we are enabled to provide a safe and caring environment for young boys and girls living on the streets or from very poor families who are at high risk of commercial and sexual exploitation, drug trafficking and violence.

We also take this opportunity to extend our gratitude to our local partner the Department of Labour, Invalids and Social Affairs (DOLISA) of Ho Chi Minh City (HCMC), who makes it possible for us to implement the programme successfully.

Heartfelt thanks and deep appreciation to our primary project donor **Wednesday Afternoon Golf Society Hong Kong (WAGS)** for funding this project and providing a safe and supportive environment for our Sunshine Children. A very special thank you also to **St James's Place Foundation** (Hong Kong) for matching funds raised at the WAGS Annual Golf event.

Thank you to **CNCF Italy** and **Team Lotus/John May** (IE) and the many kind individuals not mentioned for their additional support in ensuring our children receive the caring and supportive childhood that they so deserve and thus remaining true to our Founder's philosophy.





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