

HAI DUONG WELFARE CENTER PROJECT

*Solidarités Jeunes Vietnam in collaboration with
Hai Duong welfare center in Hai Duong province*



Project title: Hai Duong welfare center.

Position and title of post: Taking care of babies, communicating with the mentally and physically disabled children and organizing leisure activities in free time.

Project owner: Solidarités Jeunesses Vietnam (SJ Vietnam)

Partner: Solidarités Jeunesses Vietnam (SJ Vietnam) and Hai Duong welfare center

Duty location: At Hai Duong welfare center in Hai Duong province, Vietnam (50 km far from Hanoi)

Duration: At least 2 months.

Participation fee: 200 EUR/month including food and basic accommodation in Hai Duong welfare center.



1. About SJ Vietnam:

SJ Vietnam operates through a network of national non-profit organizations and partner organizations in Europe, The Middle East, Asia, Africa, South and North America, and Australia.

It organizes short and long-term international workcamps, actions of social integration, training activities, international solidarity actions and runs small Youth centers in Hanoi. SJ Vietnam is a full member of UNESCO – CCIVS and NVDA.

Through these actions, SJ Vietnam aims to promote:

- The voluntary participation of all, particularly young people and those in social disadvantaged situation, in local, national and international life.
- Local development that takes into consideration the needs of the individual, the environment and the cultural heritage into consideration.
- The break down of barriers between generations, cultures and nations.
- A concrete construction of peace.

SJ Vietnam mobilizes young people themselves to bring the values of tolerance and respects for all human beings without any political or ideological cleavage. The management of the organization and all our activities are open to all young people without any discrimination: we select our volunteers only based on their motivations. For each activity, national or international, we try to have lowest cost possible to be accessible to everybody.

Basically, the activities of the hosting projects which are organized with volunteers are work camps (renovation, masonry, carpentry, joinery, teaching, children activities, environment protection, painting, art performance, etc) and local development (short and long-term projects).

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2. About Hai Duong welfare center:

Hai Duong welfare center was established in March 1982. With about 1000 mentally or physically disabled and disadvantaged children coming from many parts of Hai Duong province, the center aims to provide compulsory education and vocational training to create employment opportunities for the teenagers. The center has a wide variety of courses for children ranging from infants to 18 years old. For example, children between the ages of 6 to 12 are provided with educational courses, and the older children are able to attend vocational training courses at the center. Furthermore, the center will help to look for job opportunities for the children when they finish their courses.

In the welfare center, the children are handicapped in many different ways. Some are deaf mute, some are mentally disabled, some are physically disabled, and some are both. Some of them can make many activities and some of them are heavily handicapped. So all the activities you plan should be adapted to the children. They all have different difficulties. Try to be imaginative and flexible. With one more or one less rule in a game you can make it more accessible to all of them. The children can have unexpected behaviors. Be ready to deal with them. There will be a Vietnamese teacher to help you in the activities.

3. Description of work:

Volunteers who join in this project will have some main activities such as: organizing talking, games; supporting to take care of infant orphans; teaching drawing for children.

+ About organizing talking and games: volunteers will have some activities such as: reading books, training and performing plays with children, teaching children songs, create some leisure activities for children.

+ About taking care of babies: volunteers can help to feed infants, play with them, lull them to sleep, change dirty clothes for them by clean ones....etc

+ About teaching drawing: there are some children at the center who are good at drawing but they do not have enough conditions or time so they can not develop their passion or talent. Volunteers will prepare topics for every day and teach children how to draw, how to color; even guide for them so that they will be more creative.

Volunteers should know in advanced that the center has physically and mentally disabled children so the center do not allow the children to go out a lot, they only are allowed once a day. In the past some children went out and they could not remember the way to come back to the center; they even could not remember their names! Now all staffs as well as the children there have to wear name-cards in case the children go out, others can see the children's names and know they come from the center so that they can take the children back to the center. Volunteers also are supposed to go out once a day because if the children see the volunteers go out, they will follow and this will be difficult for them to manage the children. In fact, voluntary task at the center is quite hard and it requires volunteers with high motivation and patience. So volunteers need to be prepared well before starting this project.

4. Project objectives:

SJ Vietnam has been carrying out this project for more than one year. SJ held successfully workcamps and two “Mid-Autumn” festivals there; our long-term volunteers also had some certain success with this project. SJ Vietnam's activities are highly appreciated by the children and their families, the center and this approval encourages us to do more for the children there. SJ Vietnam also called for some sponsors such as: VNPT, Art Venture....to invest money for the center so that the children there will have more

conditions for their daily life and their studying. SJ Vietnam and Hai Duong welfare center want to cooperate with each other to gain following objectives:

- + Help the disabled children (with mental and physical problems) there have more communicating and integrating chances.
- + Help the children there have more opportunities to have fun through different activities.
- + Encourage the children to make them more confident in their lives.
- + Help the children to be more creative.
- + Call for more sponsors for the center so that the children there will have better conditions.

5. Duties and responsibilities:

1. Organize leisure activities for the children: singing, drawing, painting, etc.
2. Help to take care of babies.
3. Prepare topics for leisure activities for the children every day.
4. Organize performances for the children.
5. Play with the children to help them more relaxed.

6. Work arrangement:

- Volunteers will work in the welfare center at Hai Duong province.
- Volunteers will work around 7 hours per day.
- Volunteers will make timetable for teaching and they will have help from some teachers of English at the center.
- They will organize everything by themselves or together with the teachers there if they would like and if they need help.

7. Qualifications and experiences:

- Have really high motivation and patience.
- Vietnamese language is an asset.
- Be flexible, creative.

- Have experience with children, especially with disabled children (knowing how to deal with problems of disabled is an asset).
- Be ready to work with heavily disabled children.
- Know activities, games, songs that disabled children can enjoy.
- Adapt the rules at the center.
- Appreciate to live in the countryside.

8. Participation fee:

200 EUR/month includes food, transportation and basic accommodation in dormitory of the center. Volunteers will pay all their participation fees one time for their sending organizations or directly to banks and fees will be transferred for SJ Vietnam before volunteers come to Vietnam. Volunteers have to bring the receipts for SJ Vietnam. If they do not pay their participation fees before coming, they will be in the waiting list. They can stay longer or less than couples of months but they are supposed to pay for the whole months and may be a half as well. For example, if volunteers stay for 3 months and 10 days, they are supposed to pay for 3 months and a half (it means they will pay 700 EUR); if they stay for 3 months and 20 days, they are supposed to pay for 4 months (it means they will pay 800 EUR). If volunteers have holiday in the middle of their voluntary durations, the holiday duration will still be considered as their voluntary time so volunteers are supposed to pay for the holiday duration. If they have holiday after finishing all voluntary work with SJ Vietnam, they do not have to pay for that. Following is the address to transfer fee:

Account name: SJ Vietnam

Account number: 4054928

Address: ANZ Hanoi Branch

No 14, Le Thai To Street, Hanoi, Vietnam

Swift: ANZBVNVX

Telephone: +84 438258190

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9. Application procedures:

Interested candidates should email detailed Resume (CV) and an application letter to their voluntary organizations.

The national voluntary organizations have to send their candidates' CVs to: ltv@sjvietnam.org. Our LTV coordinators are responsible for accepting volunteers.