

# Improving Health Care Access and Outcomes for Poor Children

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## Continuing Care for Heartbeat Vietnam Alumni: A program for post-operative support for heart surgery alumni

### Ben Tre Province Program

Funding Partner: Nam Quang Tuition Centres in Australia

### Big Hearts, Big Dreams

Tien Giang Province Program

Funding Partner: Navigos Group



Heart disease is a costly disease and many poor families are devastated financially as they struggle to care for their child. The VinaCapital Foundation has implemented a program called Continuing Care for Heartbeat Vietnam Alumni. This program protects the child in the crucial year after surgery by providing one year of aftercare, nutritional support, and money for school fees.

Our funding partner for the program in Ben Tre Province is Nam Quang Tuition Centres in Australia. VinaCapital provided 100% matching funds for the generous donation from Nam Quang Tuition Centres.

To be eligible for the Continuing Care for Heart Alumni Program, participants must meet the following criteria:

- The child received funding from Heartbeat Vietnam for heart surgery
- The child's family must retain their poverty certificate attesting to the need for additional help

The sponsorship payment for an individual child will cease one year after his or her heart surgery. In addition, the sponsorship will cease if the child's family life or financial position has improved or if the child drops out of school permanently prior to the end of the post-operative year. The total number of beneficiaries will be 50 children at any time in each province, depending on the actual funding available.

The program will be financed according to the actual number of children based on a fee of 500,000 VND (~ \$30 USD) per child per month, which includes:

- Payment of post-operative support for one child to cover social insurance, medicine, and nutrition 250,000 VND (~\$15 USD)
- Payment of education support for one child to cover partial school fees 250,000 VND (~\$15 USD)

An additional program, "Big Hearts, Big Dreams," will begin in Fall 2009 in Tien Giang Province with a generous grant from the Navigos Group.

**A \$9,000 donation will be matched 100% by the VinaCapital Group and will allow us to expand to another province and completely fund coverage for 50 children for one year.**