



A Skill for Life To Help Save a Life



Who are we?

Drowning is the largest cause of death in children over the age of one in Vietnam. Vietnam Ministry of Health statistics state that at least 10 children drown here every day. Some international aid agency surveys call it the “silent epidemic” and estimate that a more accurate number is over 30 child drownings per day. Many of these lives could be saved if the children knew how to swim.

Swim Vietnam is a charity which provides free swimming and water safety lessons to children and trains adults as swimming teachers.

Our Achievements

Since inception, over 2,300 children have been successfully taught swimming and water safety skills which could help save their lives.

There is a dire shortage of swimming teachers in Vietnam. In conjunction with AUSTSWIM, Australia’s national organization of swim teachers, we have provided the first two Vietnamese language AUSTSWIM courses in Vietnam, over 60 swim teachers have been trained.

Swim Vietnam was instrumental in having a school pool built in Hoi An, Central Vietnam

We have installed an above ground swimming pool and implemented a survival swimming program in Duy Xuyen, a rural area particularly prone to flooding.

How can you help?

The program does not receive any government funding so we rely on the generosity of organizations and individuals to provide much needed support. Here’s how your money could help.

US\$25 puts one child through the entire program.

US\$300 sponsors a whole class.

US\$1,000 provides a teacher training course for 30 swim teachers.

US\$10,000 builds an above ground temporary swimming pool.

US\$20,000 will allow us to complete funding for a below ground swimming pool in Hoi An.

More information

Contact Joanne Stewart, Swim Vietnam Director at swimvietnam@yahoo.com or visit our website at www.swimvietnam.com.

Donations can be made directly through the website via Paypal.

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