



Dear friend(s), dear friend(s),

Below you will find the report of our general meeting which was held on Friday June 9, 2023.

Moral report presented by Tu Van VU-COMONT, President

Life of the association :

Our private trip to Vietnam :

François (my husband) and I went to the Duc Son orphanage.

That allowed us to see how the children are doing, to check that the funds sent by the association are correctly used. It has now been three years since we were able to go to the orphanage.

We stayed at Hue from Jan 29, 2023 to February 8, 2023, where we paid visits to the Duc Son pagoda.

The first day, we offered different gifts we brought from France, especially “Laughing cow” cheese boxes.

We met the Reverend Mother, the nuns and the children and offered them an improved meal (with meat).

The nuns and the children are doing well despite the strict conditions of the Covid period.. They have all been vaccinated.

The mother superior thanked us for our unfailing support during that period and for ensuring the daily needs and the school support for the kids.

The children have gone back to school. We met the medical student who thanked us for the computer laptop we sent to her.

We also met Tai, now a tall young man who takes care of the vegetable garden of the orphanage, after several failures in vocational training. ([see video](#)).

We gave two students used laptops that were given to us and that François reinstalled (in Vietnamese). A big thank to the donors. ([see photos](#))

The nuns invited us to a good meal with the children. During that last evening, the mother superior warmly thanked the members of the association for their constant support and hoped that we can keep on our help.

In conclusion, we found the children and the nuns of Duc Son in good health. They welcomed us so warmly that it made our departure very touching.

What is the situation of the association since the last general assembly:

In the Reverend Mother’s email message, dating back from may the 18th 2023, she pointed out that thanks to the very lasting involvement and financial support of our association, the children’s daily life conditions were far better. The 2022/2023 school year had taken to an end, and from now on, she was preparing the next one, and told us about her needs.

On march 2023, the orphanage welcomed 104 people. On october 2022, 96 people only.

Compared with the previous years: 112 people in 2022. 114 in 2021. 119 in 2020.

Let’s see the board in detail:

Babies	Nursery school	Primary school	Secondary school	High school	University	Apprentice	Disabled children
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The various activities carried out by our association since the last general assembly:

Since june the 25th 2022, the Board of Directors had 3 sessions.

As in previous years, we proceeded to wrap the gifts in the shopping mall of Leclerc Cultural center. We did it alternately with another association called Enfance et partage, from december the 4th to the 24th.

We asked and got the manager’s agreement of Leclerc Cultural center to extend this activity from december the 28th to the 31st, because this is an important and very lucrative activity for us.

Thank you to all the volunteers who took part to the event. Your help is essential.

We also have organized several garage sales at different places:

in 2022, at Orbigny park on june the 26th, at Tasdon on september the 4th, at la Genette on september the 18th,

in 2023, at Saint Xandre on april the 2nd, at la Genette again on april the 30th.

All these garage sales are also very lucrative. Thank you to the volunteers and to those who made a doanation.

In 2022, on november the 19th, our association sold homemade nems and samoussas at Verdun place, during the Solidarity week organized by the Comité d'Action Solidaires 17.

In 2023, on may the 22nd, for an evening concert organized by La fête de la Paix, The Peace Celebration, we could sell nems, (still cooked by us with lots of care), during intervals and at the end of the concert.

With the collected sums, we mainly paid the food and the common needs of the orphanage.

In 2023, during a Board of Directors session, on june the 1st, we decided that a part of the money would be used to buy school supplies for the next school year.

It is thanks to your actions and your support that we can continue this great adventure started in 2010, thank you all.

The moral report was submitted to the vote of the assembly and unanimously approved.

Concerning the Board of Directors election (within the association):

It is a two-years-term/ The term lasts two years. Marie-Dominique BABONNEAU and Brigitte GUILLAUME were both unanimously reelected for this two coming-years-term.

Financial report presented by Mado BABONNEAU, treasurer

Bank balance as of January 1, 2023

	Nbre	Recettes	non mis en banque	Dépenses	TOTAL BANQUE
Situation bancaire 01 janvier 2023					
Compte courant					2754,79
compte Epargne					8371,97
Total banque au 01 janvier 2023					11126,76

Bank balance as of juin 1, 2023

Recettes 2023 au 01 juin					
NON MIS EN BANQUE 01/01			420,20		
Solde paquets cadeaux mis en banque		341,60	-341,60		
Cotisations	32	800,00			
Vides-greniers	2	1316,00			
Ventes diverses		315,00	5,00		
Fête de la paix		375 ,00	5,50		
Dons		2444,87			
Total Recettes		5592,47	89,10		

Forecast revenue until 12/31/2023

Cotisations à venir	20	500,00			
Dons		2800,00			
Vides-greniers +2		1100,00			
Festival Solidarités		800,00			
Ventes diverses		1500,00			
Paquets-cadeaux		2400,00			
Sous Total		9100,00			
Prévisionnel au 31/12/23		14692,47			

Forecast expenses until 12/31/2023

	Nbre	Recettes	Non mis en banque	Dépenses	TOTAL BANQUE
Dépenses au 23 juin				5925,68	
Dépenses prévisionnel au 31/12					
Achats pour fabrication Nems				400,00	
Remboursement Frais de Transport				464,00	
Aide pour la rentrée scolaire				1386,00	
Versement mensuel 01/06 au 31/12				7000,00	
Frais bancaires				60,55	
Achat lecteur de carte				29,00	
				9339,55	
Total prévisionnel dépenses				15265,23	
Prévisionnel comptes bancaires			89,10		10554,00

The accounts have been validated by Vo Thanh Tan, auditor.

The financial report was submitted to the vote of the assembly and approved unanimously
Discharge was given to the Board of Directors on its accounting management

Here is the association orientation report presented by François COMONT, the secretary:

We are planning the following activities:

- Two garage sales: One on June the 23rd, at Parc d'Orbiny, and another one on September the 17th at la Genette.
- On July, we will ask Leclerc Cultural center as we do every year, a place inside their shopping mall, to allow us to wrap the gifts for the Christmas period. We want to purchase a portable payment terminal, because lots of people don't have cash when they wish to buy us our articles. After a survey of different bank proposals, we'll actually buy the payment terminal to our own French bank called the crédit agricole. They gave us the most attractive offer.
- We'll also sell different items brought to Vietnam such as: handicrafts, scarves, fans, black pepper bags.
- On November, we'll be participating to the Solidarity Day Celebration organized by the Solidarity Action Committee 17. We'll sell home made nems there, Vietnamese handicrafts and black pepper bags too.
- Thanks to the help of my former colleague-workers at the tax administration, we could organize there a one-day-sale.
- We also wish to participate to the Christmas market at the town center, but the conditions of an agreement with the City Hall administration, are not stated yet.
- As the number of our members is constantly declining, the Board of Directors suggests to create a page on Facebook in order to complete and spread out our world wide website news.
- The link with the Duc Son orphanage and ourselves is made through regular emails. In emergency case, we have two nuns' cellphone / mobile numbers and private social networks. During our most recent trip in Vietnam, we could observe on the spot, the good management of the orphanage, and could positively exchange with nuns, children, students and friends.

Concerning the amount of the financial support, the Reverend Mother pointed out two important elements:

- Firstly, the regularity of our financial support: She highly appreciates to have an amount of money every month. She would rather prefer to receive less, in order to be sure of a long term financial support. We must then maintain a monthly aid.
- Secondly, she also highly appreciates the food and essential product purchase support. That's why we must keep helping her to enable her to improve children's daily life.

Thanks to your membership in our association, and payment of donation, to your participation in our different actions and activities, we still have been able this year, to help the children of Duc Son.

The final report was put to the vote and unanimously approved by the assembly.

The general assembly successfully ended around a friendly dinner aperitif offered by the Board of Directors.

**Thanks to your membership in our association or the payment of donations,
we were able, again this year, to help the children of DUC SON
FOR THEM, A VERY BIG THANK YOU TO YOU
If you are sensitive to our action, consider renewing your membership.**

Membership form to be returned to: Les Enfants de Duc Son, 11 rue de Suede – 17000 LA ROCHELLE

I, the undersigned Mr. - Mrs.:

join the Association Les Enfants de Duc Son:

Address:

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Municipality:

Telephone:

E-mail:

Annual contribution (25€ / person):

Additional donation:

Date

Signature

Our website: www.duc-son.org