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To Whom It May Concern:

It is the privilege of Assist International to partner with the Rotary Club of China Lake and Rotary District 5240 Lake in sponsoring a medical project at the Children's Cancer Hospital in HCMC, Vietnam.

Sue Mckinney, who lives in Ho Chi Minh City (HCMC), Vietnam and continues to hold membership in Rotary District 5170 is the coordinator of this project. Forrest Lloyd of the Rotary Club of China Lake has visited the hospital and has spent the last couple of years organizing a Rotary response to the critical needs of the hospital.

Vietnam is a country of over 77 million people with over 6 million people living in Ho Chi Minh City. This hospital is the leading referral hospital for children with cancer in the Southern part of Vietnam. The hospital has a long history as a Cancer Institute which focuses on children with cancer in the Southern part of Vietnam. . It has 140 Oncologists (doctors) 8 pharmacists, 4 engineers and 358 nurses. This past year the hospital served 34,000 patients.

There are no monitoring systems in the hospital for critically ill children who undergo extreme chemotherapy. The biggest challenge is keeping these children alive following treatment. With the availability of critical care instrumentation and the provision of basic equipment which Assist International can provide, the equipment will go a long ways in keeping the children alive following extreme chemotherapy treatment.

The hospital is requesting a major upgrade to their Children's Intensive Care/Critical Care Department. Their request includes ventilators, injection pumps, pediatric beds, aspirators, and a complete oxygen system in the critical care room. The hospital is also asking for cardiac care monitors and an echocardiography ultrasound. Assist International will oversee the installation and training and will provide operation, maintenance and "how to use" manuals. In over 60 projects in 40 countries around the world, all systems are still operational thanks to a very extensive training and maintenance program.

The Children's Cancer Hospital has well trained doctors and nurses and is a not for profit hospital treating any child in Vietnam who has severe cancer. The hospital lacks the financial capability of providing equipment for the critical care department and that is why it is a privilege of Rotary and Assist International to provide what the hospital can not provide on its own. At the request of various Rotary Districts, Assist International has partnered with Rotary and The Rotary Foundation in projects in Romania, Africa, Chile, Mongolia, and China and most recently in Uganda.

Assist International confirms that it will work within the country's laws. Assist International also agrees to cooperate in any financial review of the project. It will be privilege to partner with the Rotary Foundation and Rotary International in a project that will strengthen the hospital and save the lives of many children.

Sincerely yours,

Robert J. Pagett
President, Assist International