



# TWINNING PROGRAM VIETNAM HEMOPHILIA ASSOCIATION - IRISH HAEMOPHILIA SOCIETY



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## INTRODUCTION:

Vietnam Hemophilia Association (VHA) was established in 2007 and twinned with the Irish Haemophilia Society (IHS) for 4 years (2011 – 2014)

## RESULTS:

Through visits and communication, both IHS and VHA have shared information about organization, their countries, people and culture. IHS have organized training courses for VHA volunteers and staff in governance, recruiting and managing volunteers, advocacy, fundraising, financial management and communication, ect...



Mr Brian O'Mahony (CEO of IHS)'s visiting and sharing experiences in organizing activities to VHA' executive board, volunteers and staffs



## RESULTS (cont):

The relationship between the IHS and VHA is very warm and collaborative. VHA has been transformed over the period of the twinning. The organization has a new and more effective and inclusive national governance structure, new branches and structures including 3 chapters, 3 clubs and 4 peer groups.



Delegate of VHA visit Hemophilia Center in Dublin 2012



Delegate of VHA visit IHS office 2013

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## RESULTS (cont):

VHA has recruited and maintained more volunteers, raised awareness among patients and families about hemophilia, organized summer camps annually in 3 regions and created and published many publications about hemophilia.



Mr Brian with VHA's members in the North of Vietnam



Deliver crutches and wheelchairs to patients in the home adaptation project

With financial support from the IHS, VHA has successfully implemented a home adaptation project and an employment support programme. These have resulted in the adaptation of the homes of several people with haemophilia, the provision of crutches and wheelchairs in addition to assisting a number of people with haemophilia to establish themselves in self sustaining employment at home.



Delivery a cow from Job project (support by IHS) for a member of VHA

With support from WFH and IHS, VHA has organized meetings with Vietnam authorities to advocate successfully for more access to home treatment for haemophilia.

## CONCLUSION:

The initial 4 year twinning programme has now evolved into an ongoing partnership.



Mr. Alain Weill (President of WFH) and Mr. Brian visit hemophilia patients in NIHBT

