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GSMDM ANNUAL GALA

For the Love of a Child 2017

Please join GSMDM at our annual gala at 6:00 PM on Saturday, November 4, 2017 in Riverside, CA to help raise funds for our patients. Our focus will be on the children who need additional medical care.



The event will be held at the Health Education Center of the Riverside Community Hospital. The night will include dinner, an áo dài history show, live music, a silent auction, and a beer and wine bar. Please contact debbie@gsmdm.org to reserve your tickets or to volunteer to help out at the event!

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SUMMER MISSION 2017

This past July, GSMDM successfully completed another Summer Mission. Our team consisted of 104 volunteers from the U.S. and 21 volunteers from Vietnam. We provided medical care for over 2,750 patients, surgical care for 29 patients, dental care for almost 1,000 patients, and optometric care for about 1,500 patients.



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SUMMER
MISSION
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SERVE Others

SHARE Love

BUILD Relationships

TRAIN Leaders



Summer Mission 2017 Theme:
UNCONTAINABLE LOVE

"And do not forget to do good and
to share with others, for with such
sacrifices God is pleased."

HEBREWS 13:16

Join our Summer Mission 2018 Team!

The application period is open from October 1, 2017
until 11:59 PM on November 4, 2017. Send in your
applications now!

www.gsmdm.org/summer-2018-application.

No medical experience necessary. Must be 18 or over by the time
the team leaves for Vietnam on July 5, 2018.



THIS YEAR WE SAW PATIENTS IN THE
FOLLOWING DISTRICTS

Trùng Khánh • Hạ Lang

Nguyên Bình • Quảng Uyên

Phục Hoà • Thạch An

Thành Phố Cao Bằng



GSMDM ANNUAL GALA

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GOOD SAMARITAN MEDICAL DENTAL MINISTRY

2017

Gala

FOR THE LOVE OF A CHILD

Whosoever receives one of these little children in my name receives me; and whoever receives me, receives not me but him who sent me. MARK 9:37

DINNER

ÁO DÀI HISTORY SHOW

LIVE MUSIC

SILENT AUCTION

BEER AND WINE BAR

www.gsmdm.org



Saturday, November 4, 2017

RIVERSIDE COMMUNITY HOSPITAL

Health Education Center

4445 Magnolia Avenue

Riverside, CA 92501

6:00 PM - RECEPTION

6:30 PM - DINNER AND PROGRAM

- \$40 dinner ticket
- \$60 VIP ticket: preferred seating with dinner and two drink tickets*
- \$500 VIP table for 8: preferred seating with dinner, 16 drink tickets* and a bottle of champagne

**must be 21 or older to receive drink tickets*

OUR MISSION

To share love with the people of Vietnam through collaborative relationships to advance healthcare, education, and community development.



Kindly contact debbie@gsmdm.org to reserve your tickets by October 25, 2017

Come dressed in your favorite áo dài or other traditional attire from any culture!



CHILDREN'S MINISTRY



This year, GSMDM provided 544 students each with a jacket and a pair of boots to keep them warm during the winter months.



WE WENT TO FOUR SCHOOLS:

**Quang Trọng Preschool ▪ Canh Tân Preschool
Kim Đồng Preschool ▪ Kim Đồng Elementary School**



KIM NGUYEN

Volunteer Highlight



During the summer of 2013, Kim was introduced to GSMDM from a friend who had served with GSMDM in 2012. As she was entering her junior year of college, she was looking for a medical focused practicum as a requirement to graduate. In 2014, Kim served with GSMDM as a medical assistant. She was so nervous with the idea of having to translate medical terminology that she was constantly studying throughout the year while finishing her junior year classes.

When Kim arrived in Vietnam, it was nothing like she expected. The first two days were incredibly difficult. The following day, she was assigned to work with a nurse. From the very first patient the nurse spoke to, Kim noticed something different. They were not just focused on the patient's medical needs alone, but also asked about the patient's life at home, her family, and what she liked to do. This patient told them about her household, how her children have all left to the city and her husband has died. She was working in the field and living alone at the age of 80. As the patient shared more about her life, Kim began to weep and comfort her. At the end, all three of them began to cry and held each other close. They told the patient they could give her a steroid injection to help her with her pain. As Kim sat there holding her hand and trying to comfort her, the patient expressed how thankful she was for them but how scared she was to get an injection. Kim held the patient's hand and told her that she would feel a slight pinch but that in a few minutes she would feel so much better. Within minutes of the injection, her facial expression changed. Kim recalls that as one of the most beautiful moments of her life.

"I will be back with GSMDM one day, because the work they are doing is impactful and is so needed. Its mission, values, and every heart and finance that goes to this ministry comes out with amazing stories of lives changing."

- Kim Nguyen



Throughout the rest of the day, they spent time talking to each of their patients. Kim still considers that day to be one of the most rewarding days she has ever had in life. She could not think of anything more rewarding than to hear all their stories and to be there with them,. By the end of the day, she decided that she would no longer pursue the medical field. She now wanted to become a social worker. She wanted to listen to the lives of those who have suffering and pain in their lives and be with them. She believes that whether you can actually solve someone else's problems or not, listening to them when they are in need is the most powerful medicine that you can give.

After the mission that summer, Kim returned the U.S. and applied to social work graduate programs. In 2017, Kim graduated with a Master of Social Work degree and returned to Vietnam with GSMDM, the ministry that helped her find her calling. This time, she wanted to serve the servants. She knew she wanted to spend her time with the reception team and was selected as the reception team leader. With much prayer and support, she was able to gather toothpaste donations, stuffed animals donations, and extra funds to help pay for materials for the team.



This year, she spent some time in Vietnam after the mission and had a lot of time to reflect about the ministry. Kim has now joined the Mission Committee to help train new volunteers so that they may also have a life changing event serving as she did. Kim is excited to see what the future holds for GSMDM and looks forward to coming back one day to Vietnam.

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Important Dates

OCTOBER 2017

OCT 1: Summer Mission 2018 application period open. To apply, please go to www.gsmdm.org/summer-2018-application.

OCT 17: Construction Team 2018 informative meeting. Please contact debbie@gsmdm.org if you are interested in joining our Construction Team 2018.

OCT 27-29: GSMDM Annual Board and Committee Retreat

NOVEMBER 2017

NOV 1: PCP Training Ministry program begins in the U.S.

NOV 4: For the Love of a Child Gala

NOV 4: Summer Mission applications are due at 11:59 PM.

NOV 12-17: Summer Mission Skype Interviews

NOV 18: Summer Mission Southern California In-Person Interviews



APRIL 2018

APR 12-27: Construction Ministry mission dates in Vietnam

JULY 2018

JUL 5-22: Summer Mission dates in Vietnam





PRAYER REQUESTS

- Selection of Construction Team 2018
- Selection of Summer Mission Team 2018
- Annual Board and Committee Retreat
- Primary Care Physician Training Ministry in the U.S.



*"But the needy will not always be forgotten,
nor the hope of the poor ever perish"*

- Psalm 9:18



Our programs are made possible
because of the love and
generosity of people like you.



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a check or money order to:

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www.gsmdm.org/donate

