

PLACEMENT DETAILS

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| Name of centre | Morning Star Day Care Center |
| Area of placement requested | Social Welfare Center |
| Country /Location | Vietnam/Hanoi |

| General Project information | |
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| Name and Address of Local Contact | <p>Ms. Que (Director of Global Exchange Program)</p> <p>Email: coordinator@vpv.vn</p> <p>Mobile: +84 912585525</p> |
| Project information (summary of project, staffs, and location) | <p>The Morning Star Centre is a non-profit, non-governmental organization founded in December 1995 for the early detection and care of intellectual disabled children. Chaired by Professor Nguyen Tai Thu, it is a subsidiary of the Vietnam Relief Association for Children with Disabilities and has nearly 70 staff members caring for approximately 200 children ranging in age from 2 to 18.</p> <p>The Center is located in Thanh Xuan district in South West Hanoi. Apart from the staff there are teachers, psychologists, nurses, doctors and physiotherapists whose mission is to promote charitable activities that help to provide opportunities for children with intellectual disabilities to receive an education, and to feel included with their local community. In particular, the center strives to provide assistance for those children suffering from developmental disabilities including Down's Syndrome, Autism and Cerebral Palsy.</p> <p>In addition, the center also offers some vocational and pre-vocational training for teenagers before sending them to outside vocational schools. The courses help increase the children's independence and confidence, and their abilities to get enrolled in professional training centers outside. Having a coffee shop set up at the entrance of the center, the center provides opportunities for some of the children help out and in the process receive valuable experience in working and interacting with the public.</p> |
| Volunteer's main responsibilities | <p>Volunteers with experience or qualifications in the field of/related care for children with learning difficulties, Down's Syndrome, Cerebral Palsy or Autism can help staff with clinical and special educational assistance. While the others can still help with the following tasks:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Caring for and playing with disabled children (including planning activities) - Teaching kids drawing, painting, making toys, etc - Feeding the children during lunch time. - Fundraising - Helping with drawing & making decorations for classroom and center |

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| | Working hours: from 8.30am to 4:00pm (Mon – Fri) with a lunch break from 11:00am to 2:00pm. |
| Volunteer requirements | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Keen on working with disabled children • Mature and proactive • Patient and sympathetic • Love playing with kids • Be creative • 18 plus • Minimum stay of 2 weeks. |

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| 2. Location information | |
| Departure and End Point | Hanoi International Airport |
| Stay at | Volunteer House No. 72 Pham Than Duat, Mai Dich, Cau Giay, Hanoi |
| Food | Provided 3 meals a day with Vietnamese food; lunch will be at the project site |
| Distance and location of the nearest phone/Internet Café: | Available at the Volunteer House |
| Distance from accommodation to work | 45 minutes by bus |
| Nearest medical services for minor ailments (distance and time): | Viet Phap International Hospital Trung Hoa Area, Hanoi About 10 minute driving. |
| Nearest medical services for major problems (distance and time): | Viet Phap International Hospital Trung Hoa Area, Hanoi About 10 minute driving. |
| Electricity: | Yes /220 V/ |
| Running water | Yes |

Additional information that might be helpful to volunteers

General challenges for volunteers:

- Heat and humidity.
- Pollution.
- Difficulties in communicating with local people
- Being a visible minority.
- Working practice & conditions differences.
- Food – a lot of rice!
- Traveling alone, homesickness.
- Vegetarians should not expect many choices beside vegetable, eggs or tofu.