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Annual Update 2012

What's new this year at Bickford-Land Clinic?

Thanks to the 5 Loaves 2 Fishes Foundation (5L2F), Bickford-Land Clinic has gained recognition in countries all over the world. 5L2F is the U.S. not for profit organization whose sole mission is to fund the Bickford-Land clinic for mothers and children (BLCMC). Global activities included presenting the clinic's care model at the Aerospace Medical Association Annual Scientific meeting in Anchorage, Alaska and again in Bucharest, Romania. We were invited to present an abstract on World AIDS Day in Beijing, China at the BIT Life Science Conference, and an article was featured in the Chicago's Windy City News on the journey and motivation behind creating Bickford-Land Clinic.

The Windy City news article captured the attention of the Vietnam International TV station, VTV4, which requested an interview. On the morning of January 14, 2012 Brenda Wolfe, President of 5L2F and Medical Director of the BLCMC, and Deborah Davis, 5L2F Treasurer and BLCMC Social Service Director were guests on the VTV4 morning show. Brenda and Debbie provided a tour of the clinic followed by a home visit to a Bickford family. The hour segment will be aired in February 2012 throughout Vietnam and on many U.S. cable channels, with subtitles in English and Vietnamese. In addition to promoting the clinic, the show provided a compelling message of HIV awareness and the need to reduce the level of stigma and discrimination directed at those living with HIV/AIDS.

Annual Vietnam Trip (January 2012)

The 24 hour travel day to Vietnam is as exhausting as a hot, smoldering Ho Chi Minh City afternoon, but undoubtedly worth it when seeing the children's smiling faces at the clinic door Saturday morning. Small shoes are scattered at the entrance door, with cartoons playing on the clinic's TV, resembling Nickelodeon, but in an unfamiliar language. Staff bustle about between blood draws and dispense the monthly supply of vitamins donated from Costco Warehouse. The week was filled with staff meetings, site visits with the clinic's vendors, family home visits and networking with those who support our mission. It is with great pleasure to report all children are healthy and doing well.

Why is sustaining BLCMC so important?

The United States Agency International Development (UNAIDS) estimates that at least 280,000 people in Vietnam are infected with HIV. Transmission through heterosexual intercourse is increasing and only 5% of men and women have been tested.





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This epidemic has not stabilized and Vietnam is far from having a sustainable, comprehensive, National HIV program. The country receives almost 80% of its funding for HIV care from external support sources such as U.S Presidential Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief (PEPFAR), The Global Fund to fight AIDS, and Asian Development Bank. PEPFAR's support plan ends in 2013. While it is hoped that some funding assistance will be renewed, substantial cuts are inevitable.

Over the last few years the Vietnamese government has made some funds available for children who have been orphaned by one or both parents. However, stigma and discrimination have made it challenging for families who live far from the city center, such as ours, to access these funds.

Vietnam is in need of private clinics such as BLCMC to provide adequate medical care, decrease mother to child HIV transmission, enhance the children's quality of life and empower the lives of women. The BLCMC is a first of its kind, a grassroots organization pioneering a holistic care model. Our mission is to sustain the clinic and expand our services.

2011 Successful Fundraising Events

We would like to recognize the following 2011 events:

A Taste of s ng (Life) at the Blue Star Wine with special guest Richard Roper, Chicago Sun times Columnist and Film Critic.

Gift Fairs: North Halsted Market Days, Holiday Gift Bazarre in Lake Geneva, Women's Republican's Group, and Sandburg Condo Association where volunteers sold Vietnamese silk table linens, pillows, purses, scarves, and jewelry.

AIDS Walk/Run: 512f Board Members energetically walked the AFC 5K between beautiful Lake Michigan and Lake Shore Drive.

AFC World of Chocolate: A fundraiser called The World of Chocolate, where over 1500 guests came to taste chocolate from local vendors; they also bought holiday gifts at the BLCMC booth!

AIDS Foundation of Chicago (AFC) Global Grant

We are proud to announce that Bickford- Land was a recipient, for the fifth consecutive year, for The Global Grant Initiative. Bickford-Land remains the only recipient for work performed in Asia.

Together with your donations and help from our volunteers, our fundraisers were a success. 100% of the proceeds went toward clinic activities, allowing us to provide excellent quality care to the Bickford kids.



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A Tet Celebration for the Bickford-Land Kids

Tet, also known as the Vietnamese New Year, is the biggest holiday celebration in Vietnam and most Asian Countries. After a hard day of blood draws, the kids received lunch, a piece of cake, then went off to the park where they enjoyed carnival rides. You may ask why would we draw blood on the same day we hold a celebration for the families? Half of our families come from a great distance of two to three hours away. A family of two, to sometimes four, will ride one motorbike resulting in a five hour round trip excursion. As tough as it seems, the kids don't seem to mind. The party started and the kids were happy. The nuns from the Catholic Charities joined the outing and handed out traditional Tet envelopes to each family. The red envelope represents a wish for good health, wealth and prosperity in 2012. Thank you to Home of Miracles and Embraces (H.O.M.E) for supporting our Tet outing this year!



Small Business Loans at Bickford

Several small business loans are given out each year in efforts to assist families to be self-supportive. Many of our families earn \$5.00 in an 8-10 hour working day to feed and house a family of four. Business loans go a long ways to develop independence.

A Young Girl's Success Story due to the Generosity of a Family

It is said, if everyone touches just one life the world would be a better place. Thuy, a young girl infected at birth with HIV, was very sick and diagnosed with AIDS before the age of 10. Thuy was inspired at a very young age to be a doctor. Unfortunately, if fate continued, she wouldn't make it through the fourth grade. Thuy's meds were no longer working against her virus and she was in need of medications only available in the U.S. The co-founder of the 5L2F Foundation and the Bickford-Land Clinic, Mike Eby was determined to see Thuy fulfill her dream. The Eby family placed their home life on hold and generously hosted a very sick little girl. Thuy came to the U.S and was provided the best medical care available. Thuy not only began to thrive she also received a top notch education and learned to speak English. One year later, Thuy's health was stable and out of immediate danger. By that time, Vietnam's Ministry of Health had approved the medication needed to keep Thuy healthy. Thuy returned to Vietnam to be with her family. Since her departure from the U.S., she has completed primary school and currently works as an assistant and English translator for a local businessman, while saving to continue her education. Thuy continues to be a peer educator for BLCMC. The Eby's have stayed in touch with Thuy and although she enjoys her native culture, she hopes one day to be reunited with her American family.



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Thank you for your Generosity

We would like to take the opportunity to thank everyone who generously sponsored the clinic this year through monetary donations and those who donated their time. We would like to give special recognition to our top 2011 donors.

\$5,000 and above

A.F.C.

Education Enterprises INC.

\$1000 -\$3,900

Ralph and Lois Silver Foundation

H.O.M.E

Bristol Myers Squibb

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Kevin and Christine Davis

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How Can I Help?

- Give money
 - \$80 per month provides one month of antiviral medications for one child
 - \$28 per month assists in providing milk and school tuition for one child.
- Donate miles - it is very expensive to fly across the world, and important that our medical consultant makes an annual visit
- Attend our fundraisers
- Volunteer your time - there are many opportunities to volunteer
- Purchase merchandise from Vietnam

Bickford-Land Clinic provides primary and HIV medical care, medications, laboratory work, nutritional supplements and small business loans to HIV infected women and children. To make a donation, or further inquire about Bickford-Land Clinic for mothers and children or the 5 Loaves 2 Fishes Foundation please contact President and Executive Director Brenda Wolfe at bakwolfe@yahoo.com or phone 312.593.8969.

We invite you to visit our web site at www.5and2.org to view a video of the clinic, obtain more information, and find upcoming fundraisers.

Checks may be payable to:
5 Loaves 2 Fishes Foundation
c/o Brenda Wolfe
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On behalf of the Bickford-Land Clinic staff we would like to thank you for your on-going support and join us in continuing our mission around the world in 2012.

Happy New Year!
The Bickford-Land Family



ITEMS FOR SALE

All proceeds benefit the Bickford Land Clinic for Mothers & Children,
an HIV/AIDS clinic in Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam

Pictures are of some of the items that are in stock
(e-mail or call to verify current availability).



Beaded Purses (\$30)

Silk Purses (\$30)



Men's Scarves (\$30)

Fall Scarves (\$30)

Cloth Purses (\$30)



Silk Scarves (\$25)

Pashmina Scarves (\$30)

Bracelets (\$25)

Silk Table Runners (\$35)

Silk Wallets (\$15)

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Bickford Land Clinic for Mothers & Children provides antiviral medications, lab work, medical and social services, milk, nutrition, and small business loans to HIV infected women and children in Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam. The clinic is funded by 5 Loaves 2 Fishes Foundation, Inc., a 501(c)3 developed solely for this clinic. More information is available at www.5and2.org.