



# Impact Report

2025



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# MESSAGE FROM OUR BOARD

Dear Friends of VietHope,

Have you ever met someone in their middle age whose mind, body and heart still work like they did in their 20s? That is VietHope today.

In 2025, VietHope turned 23 years old. In organizational time, this makes us old or at least middle aged. As humans, middle age is when we start to slow down. We trade in the pursuit of new paths, run just a bit slower, and the idealism of our youth begins to fade.

But at VietHope, it's just the opposite!

In 2025, we found new opportunities and ran fast with big smiles. We directly funded **386 students** with scholarships, **14% more than in 2024**. Our impact went broad, but also deep. For our university scholars, we went beyond scholarships to provide soft skills training, deep friendships, mentorship, and career prep. It is from such continuous nurturing that a seed can grow. In fact, our alumni consistently tell us that they always remember VietHope because we've become their "second family."

In 2025, we pushed the boundaries of what's possible. Our **partnership with GRAB** and the GRAB Scholarship program marks the first time we earned revenue that isn't a donation. The **READY Project**, funded by the Mekong-Republic of Korea Cooperation Fund, is the first time we've won a major development grant. Its implementation starting in 2026 will be the first time our mission reaches Laos and Cambodia. These major achievements diversify our funding model, ensuring we aren't just relying on generosity, but on the value we provide to the community. Finally, we **set a new fundraising record**, thanks to supporters like you. All of these are not only major wins, but firsts in VietHope's history.

Our talented team in Vietnam drove all these achievements. They are why VietHope feels like a young whippersnapper. Lift open the hood and you'll see the engine powering the car has transformed. Ten years ago, we were led by a U.S. team with a handful of Vietnam volunteers.

Today it's the opposite. The Vietnam team is robust and leading the charge. Our Executive Director in Vietnam secured the Grab partnership, while our Director of Programs won the READY grant. Many aspects of our day-to-day programs are **run by VietHope Fellows - former scholarship recipients** who have stepped up to lead the next generation. The team is lean, mighty, and forever young.

To our friends and partners - thank you. We have the best supporters. In the U.S., Vietnam and across the world. Donors, partners, cheerleaders, volunteers, "volun-tolds" (we see you, spouses!) - yes, all of you!

You made 2025 a milestone year for VietHope's mission.

Yours sincerely,  
Quang Tran



**Ms. Quang Tran**  
Board Member

# ABOUT US

23 years of nurturing dreams, lifting lives

VietHope is a youth-led, volunteer-based organization with a dream that every student will grow up with the opportunity to reach their full potential.

We are a community that empowers young people to rise beyond hardship and become leaders who uplift others.

**\$1.2M funded**

in scholarships

**6,625 scholarships**

were awarded to low-income students

**100+ active volunteers**

across Vietnam and the U.S

## OUR ALUMNI STORIES:

### FROM VIETHOPE SCHOLARS TO CHANGEMAKERS



#### DANG THI HANG, VIETHOPE SCHOLAR 2011

Growing up in a struggling farming family with a critically ill father, Hang found support as a VietHope Scholar in 2011. She has since earned a Ph.D. in Chemistry from the University of Texas to become a Medicinal Chemist at Incyte, U.S., while actively giving back as an alumni speaker and volunteer.



#### LE PHUOC THANH, VIETHOPE SCHOLAR 2019

Losing his father at 17 and surviving on a meager household income, Thanh joined the VietHope family in 2019. He graduated from Can Tho University and now works as a DevOps Engineer at Qode.World, continuing his journey by serving as the Technical Manager for VietHope.

# OUR PROGRAMS

## A Lifelong Journey of Growth and Opportunity



### FOR HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS

**Merit Development Program (MDP)** empowers high school students to stay in school, overcome financial barriers, and build a stronger foundation for their future through:

- Scholarships
- Soft Skills Development
- Career Exploration



### FOR UNIVERSITY STUDENTS

**VietHope Student Development Program (VSDP)** provides holistic support for underprivileged university students, combining financial aid and capacity-building to help them complete their studies and build brighter futures:

- Scholarships
- Summer Summits
- Career Readiness (1:1 Mentoring, English Proficiency, Professional Skills)
- Well-being & Resilience



### FOR VIETHOPE FELLOWS/ YOUNG LEADERS

**VietHope Fellows Program (VFP)** is a 12-month service-based learning program where VietHope scholars lead community projects and receive professional skills training, transforming volunteerism into a powerful launchpad for their careers and leadership journey. VFP empowers the next generation of changemakers to give back and create lasting impact in their communities.

# IMPACT IN 2025

Grow Bigger. Change More Lives.



VietHope has changed the lives of many young students by connecting them with financial support, opening doors to quality education, mentorship, and career opportunities.

No. of scholarships awarded

**386**

Scholarships provided to students

Scholarship Growth (vs. 2024)

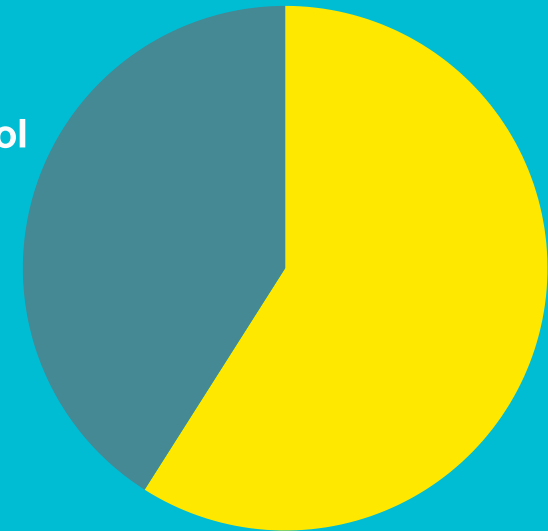
**+14%**

Increase in total scholarship quantity

**+24%**

Increase in total scholarship value

High School  
41%



University  
59%

Scholarship recipients by levels

# VIETHOPE STUDENT DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM (VSDP)

VietHope Student Development Program (VSDP) provides holistic support for underprivileged university students, combining financial aid and capacity-building to help them complete their studies and build brighter futures.

## Scholarship

130

FIRST-YEAR STUDENTS

Received scholarships,  
a **44%** increase from 2024

80

SECOND-YEAR STUDENTS

Received scholarships,  
a **9.6%** increase from 2024

782

APPLICATIONS

Received in 2025,  
a **30.8%** increase from 2024

## Newly Launched AI Digital Platform by Our Alumni

This new platform streamlines the scholarship journey, allowing students to easily apply and update profiles while enabling reviewers and interviewers to securely evaluate applications in one place. Built by VietHope alumni who once received scholarships themselves, the platform reflects the power of students giving back to support future generations.



[Technical team story](#)

# Summer Summit

Summit is a 7-day youth development summer camp hosted annually by VietHope for students in the VietHope Student Development Program (VSDP). The camp took place across Hue, Ho Chi Minh City, and Can Tho. This journey is designed to empower young minds, strengthen essential skills, and lay a strong foundation for the future.

90+ Freshman Students

 From 3 regions brought together

16 Professional Trainers

 Guided the students throughout the camp

6 Training Modules

 Nonviolent Communication, Critical Thinking in the AI Era, Teamwork & Leadership, Presentation Skills and Project Management

**New:** Career Talk: From Campus to the Real World



Summit in Hue video



Summit in HCM post

# Career Development

These activities provide students with opportunities to experience real working environments, network with industry professionals, and gain practical career insights. In 2025, VietHope collaborated with corporate partners to organize 3 interactive workshops.



In workshop "From Design Basics to Real World Thinking", students learned design principles and effective brief processing directly from KMS Technology design experts. The session featured practical perspectives and engaging case studies where students collaborated to solve real-world design briefs.

Workshop "Beyond Language, Beyond Limits" led by a YOLA English teacher, focused on Growth Mindset and Critical Thinking in English learning attracted 50+ participants, joining offline and online. Additionally, 30 outstanding VietHope students from Ho Chi Minh City, Hue, and Can Tho were awarded full English scholarships from YOLA.



In workshop "Touching the F&B Industry - Opening Career Paths", students explored the modern F&B landscape, covering operations and career development. The highlight was a hands-on pizza-making experience at Pizza Hut headquarters, emphasizing the discipline and teamwork essential in F&B.

# VSDP STORIES & SCHOLARSHIP AWARD CEREMONY

In 2025, it was held for the first time in three regions.



Ho Chi Minh City



Ceremony in HCM city



Hue city



Ceremony in Hue city



Can Tho city



Ceremony in Can Tho city



## MAI CHI BAO – VIETHOPE SCHOLAR IN 2025

First-year student in Marketing Technology, University of Economics Ho Chi Minh City

“From early family hardships after losing my father, I learned not to give up and to stand on my own through my own efforts. The VSDP scholarship came at the right time, strengthening my confidence in continuing my education. It is not just financial support, but a source of companionship that helps me move forward, and one day, give back to others.”

## HO THI KIM TRANG – VIETHOPE SCHOLAR IN 2024

Second-year student in Social Work at Hue University of Sciences

“Beyond financial hardship, I navigate daily life without sight, so I know education is my path forward. VietHope feels like home, a place where I’m supported and truly belong. It has become my “eyes” in training programs like Summer Summit, giving me the confidence to fully participate.”



Ceremony Video in 3 regions

# MERIT DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM (MDP)

Merit Development Program (MDP) helps high school students to stay in school rather than having to work early and helps them become well-prepared for the future with:

- Scholarships
- Soft Skills Development
- Career Compass



## Scholarships

160 Scholarships

Awarded to students from 4 high schools in Hue and Can Gio.

### Home visit as a scholarship process

In 2025, VietHope introduced its first online scholarship application system. As part of our long-standing practice, our volunteers also conduct home visits to better understand each student's circumstances, traveling directly to applicants' homes in Hue and Can Gio.



Home visit video



Scholar story



# Soft Skills Development

The **STEM Day** themed "**Me in a Multipolar World**" was a collaborative activity between VietHope and Kidspire Vietnam. This was a special opportunity for Merit Development Program (MDP) scholars in Hue to access and deeply explore the fields of Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics.

The event took place on August 5-6, 2025, at Quoc Hoc Hue High School. This event successfully:



## Unlocking Student Potential

Students discovered their strengths through the Theory of Multiple Intelligences, gaining clarity on their unique abilities.



## Navigating Future Pathways

Students explored academic and career directions by reflecting on their personalities, strengths, and aspirations.



## Turning Ideas into Action

Through hands-on projects, students collaborated to transform ideas into real solutions, building confidence and creativity.

# VIETHOPE FELLOWS PROGRAM (VFP)

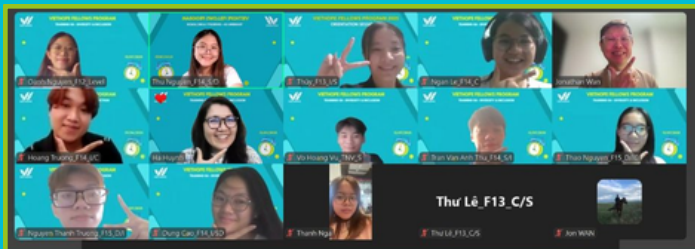
VietHope Fellows Program (VFP) is a 12-month service-based learning program where VietHope volunteers (also VietHope scholars) carry out community projects while receiving professional skills training to enhance career opportunities through youth volunteerism.

## TRAINING AND LEADING PROJECTS

**16**  
Fellows Led community projects through youth volunteerism.

**10**  
Professional Skills Trained to enhance career opportunities.

**10**  
Trainers Guided the volunteers throughout the 12-month program.



In July 2025, “Diversity & Inclusion” session by Jonathan Wan, an international expert from Singapore, guided fellows on personal development and teamwork in diverse environments using DISC tools.

## FROM REFLECTION TO ACTION: ALIGNING FOR IMPACT



In March 2025, VietHope’s retreat in Can Tho transformed collective reflection into a strategic roadmap for 2026. By aligning on our dual pillars, Grow Bigger and Impact Greater, we moved from sharing stories to setting concrete action plans.



Following the VFP 2025 Closing Ceremony honoring 16 outstanding Fellows, our community stands unified and ready to scale our impact across Vietnam.

# Community Engagement and Partnership

We connect our alumni and build strong relationships with partners. Together, we share the dream of education and create more opportunities to support disadvantaged students in Vietnam.

## VIETHOPE ALUMNI REUNION 2025

VietHope Alumni Reunion is an annual gathering for generations of alumni to return to their shared home, not only to reconnect but also to mentor, guide, and create opportunities for the next generation of VietHope students, carrying forward the spirit of giving back.

On July 6, 2025, 60 alumni from generations F1 to F11 and long-time volunteers gathered for an intimate reunion, sharing heartfelt reflections on their journeys and the core values VietHope has nurtured over the years.



Reunion video



## ALUMNI NETWORK: PAY-IT-FORWARD

Established in 2024, the VietHope Alumni Fund (VAF) was created through the joint efforts of alumni who were once VietHope students.

Beyond financial contributions, our alumni broaden their impact by actively supporting the next generation in diverse roles, serving as mentors, speakers and program advisors. This comprehensive network spreads the pay-it-forward spirit, empowering new students to attend school and thrive.

## VIETHOPE AT THE 2025 U.S. VIETNAM FRIENDSHIP FESTIVAL

This event is part of the 30th-anniversary celebration of U.S.-Vietnam diplomatic relations, aiming to introduce cooperative programs and strengthen connections between the two nations. It took place on September 6, 2025, in Ho Chi Minh City, and on September 13, 2025, in Can Tho.

As a proud highlight, VietHope was honored as one of 12 NGOs selected by the U.S. Consulate General in Ho Chi Minh City to participate, and we were proud to welcome U.S. Ambassador Marc Knapper to our booth. This milestone strongly motivates us to continue empowering the younger generation of Vietnam.



## MOU HANDOVER CEREMONY

VUFO CẦN THƠ & VIETHOPE

Can Tho, October 12, 2025



## GOVERNMENT RELATIONS

We officially partnered with the Can Tho Union of Friendship Organizations (VUFO Can Tho) through a new Memorandum of Understanding (MOU). The signing event took place on October 12, 2025.

This 2025-2029 collaboration co-implements the Vietnam Student Development Program (VSDP) at Can Tho University, offering a comprehensive \$62,500 scholarship package (\$1,000 per student) that combines financial aid with capacity building.

# FIRST CO-BRANDED SCHOLARSHIP WITH A MULTINATIONAL CORPORATION PARTNER IN GRABSCHOLAR 2025

VietHope proudly partners with Grab for the GrabScholar program in Vietnam. Together, we stand by resilient students who bravely face financial hardships. More than just a scholarship, this is our shared promise to ease their families' burdens and keep their educational dreams alive.

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**MONTHS**

A **meaningful journey** of program implementation

3000+

**CANDIDATES**

Applied for **GrabScholar**

6

**OUTSTANDING STUDENTS**

Awarded **full scholarships**

300

**STUDENTS**

Awarded **financial support nationwide**

On November 26, VietHope and Grab hosted the GrabScholar 2025 Award Ceremony, marking a successful first year.



# PARTNERS AND SUPPORTERS

## University partners



Univ of Sciences,  
Hue University



Hue College of Economics,  
Hue University



Hue University of  
Agriculture and Forestry



University of Science  
VNUHCM



University of Social Sciences &  
Humanities, USSH – VNUHCM



University of Economics  
Ho Chi Minh City



Can Tho University



Saigon University



**Tran Nam, M.A.**  
Head of Student Affairs Office, University of  
Social Sciences and Humanities, VNU-HCM

“We are grateful to VietHope for helping and motivating many of our students on the journey to realize their dreams. The scholarships and capacity-building training programs awarded by VietHope are a testament to a sustainable approach. From here, many young people have become confident on their journey of learning, researching, and building a beautiful Vietnam.”

## High school partners



Can Thanh High School -  
Ho Chi Minh City



Nguyen Chi Thanh  
High School - Hue City



Phan Dang Luu High  
School - Hue City



Quoc Hoc High School for  
the gifted - Hue City



**Tran Thanh Dung, M.Ed**  
Principal, Phan Dang Luu High School, Hue City

“Looking back at our journey with VietHope, the school and I continue to trust and partner with them year after year because of their humane approach. They deeply respect and empower disadvantaged students who have a strong determination to learn. We have witnessed their positive impact through the remarkable progress of our students and the sustainable, life-changing results they create. Our faith is continually reinforced by the tangible outcomes VietHope has consistently delivered over the years.”

## Public sector partners



Can Tho Union of Friendship Organizations



Thua Thien Hue Union of Friendship Organizations



Ms. Le Thi Thanh Giang  
President, Can Tho Union of Friendship Organizations

“VietHope organization is a gathering of individuals sharing the common goal of contributing to society without prioritizing financial gain. The humane value that VietHope has brought to the non-profit community is contributing to nurturing a capable and idealistic young generation, elevating the quality of human resources, and actively contributing to the sustainable development of society.”

## Corporate partners



Cantho Eco Resort



Mr. Du Nguyen  
Deputy General Director, KMS Technology

“Through KMS Gives, we practice integrated philanthropy by pledging our resources to drive meaningful change. Our partnership with VietHope perfectly mirrors this commitment, creating a lasting ripple effect that empowers students and strengthens the very communities where we live and work.”

# Our Commitment for 2026

## Go Further, Together

Every student we've reached has a name, a story, and a dream that almost didn't get the chance to continue. In 2026, we're going further, so more dreams move forward, and more stories are written.

We are not only helping students stay in school; we are helping them build confidence, resilience, leadership, and brighter futures for themselves, their families, and their communities. Together, we will:



**Deepen student impact through holistic development**



**Expand access to scholarships and opportunities**



**Strengthen VietHope's capacity for sustainable growth**



**Empower more alumni to become future changemakers**

# Our Impact Statements



Poverty tells a bright child that their dreams are a luxury they cannot afford. VietHope rewrites that story.

We become a “second family” for resilient students, combining financial support with holistic development, real-world skills, and an empowering, 'pay-it-forward' culture, giving them the confidence to step out of hardship and into their full potential. We turn underprivileged students into self-reliant leaders who return to uplift their communities.

Because when you give a student access to education, you don't just change one life. You break the cycle of poverty for generations.



One scholarship. Countless futures transformed.



Join VietHope  
in empowering the next generation  
through the **power of education!**



**Invest in students.  
Support VietHope!**



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