

Greetings from the Laurie Schoendorfer Endowment for Education (LSEE).

We are pleased to announce our name has changed to Laurie's Scholars. We continue to grant scholarships to wheelchair bound individuals in developing countries. We believe Laurie's Scholars better describes the vision that Laurie Schoendorfer (the late wife of Don Schoendorfer, and cofounder of Free Wheelchair Mission) had to further assist mobility and financially challenged people by providing scholarships for college or vocational training.

Free Wheelchair Mission helps us find applicants with potential to gain financial independence through education but lack the resources to do so. Scholarships range from vocational school (1–6 months) to university programs (up to 5 years). Scholarships ranges from \$500 to \$1,800 for vocational school and \$3,000 to \$5,000 for university programs.

We are excited to announce October 26, 2022, as the date for our next virtual event.

Save-the-date announcements will be sent shortly.

We are proud of our 6 employed graduates and 10 scholars actively engaged in their educational pursuits. If we total the annual starting salary income for these 6 employed graduates and divide this amount by the sum of their scholarships, we get a \$3.90 return per year for every \$1 we gave!

This newsletter will focus on two of our graduates and one of our active scholars.

-Don Schoendorfer

LSEE Co-founder & Board Member



Phuoc, Ha Trung District

Phuoc is a scholar. He is 24 years old. His family have been humble rice farmers for generations. He has 4 siblings. Twelve years ago, Phuoc was in a traffic accident and damaged his spinal cord. His legs are paralyzed. He often considered committing suicide. Phuoc's parents gave Phuoc's siblings small parcels of land to farm. The family looked down on Phuoc. Rather than providing Phuoc with land, his parents took him in to live with them. Phuoc taught himself basic computer skills on computers around the neighborhood. He learned how to install networks and run basic software. Our Vietnam partner (Giving it Back to Kids) recognized Phuoc's potential and encouraged him to apply to LSEE for a scholarship. His dream was to take an intensive six-month course in web programming. Phuoc was

accepted, but lacked the \$1,700 needed for the course tuition and a computer. LSEE awarded him this amount. He is taking the course remotely from his home. He is halfway through the course, learning HTML, CSS, and JAVA Script. He already has a job offer. Since this turnaround, his parents provided a small parcel of land for him to build a home. Once he starts working, he will be able to earn enough money to build it. He may make more money than his entire family, combined!

Cu is a Graduate. He is 34 years old. In November 2021 we granted him a vocational scholarship to learn Electromechanical repair. His goal was to gain a career with an income adequate to raise a family. He learned to repair rice cookers, electric fans, and various household appliances. He also maintains his electric wheelchair. He now makes \$220/month, enough to support his new wife and their baby daughter.



Le Van Cu, Tam Binh District

Dao is a graduate. She is 24 years old. Her parents own a rice field and own a small market near their home. Dao has congenital myelitis and cannot walk. She depends on a wheelchair. Her parents borrowed enough money to get her through high school and start her college education. Her goal is to become a web designer and app developer. Her parents are unable to borrow more money. Dao thought she had to drop out of the university. LSEE granted Dao the funds to pay the remainder of her tuition. Dao graduated this spring and is now earning \$270 per month. She can now afford to pay off her parent's debt!



Dao, Dan Phuong District

We hope you are happy and excited about these three scholars, and the progress they made in just a few months. Their success is all because of you and your generosity. Together, we help men and women reach their potential.

Please join us on October 26.

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