

## TriState Relief Sale July 14 & 15, 2017

P O Box 824, Grantsville, MD 21536

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### Care and cows to provide relief in Vietnam

The 2017 My Coins Count project is to provide relief to families in Vietnam who live with disabilities, most associated with Agent Orange

(Dioxin). In Quang Ngai Province alone, 25,000 are affected.

The province was sprayed heavily with Agent Orange to clear vegetation during the Vietnam War, affecting civilians and soldiers on both sides of the conflict. And the horror continues, with birth defects, cancers and neurological disorders affecting young people born long after the war ended.

Collective evidence from multiple studies have led scientists, doctors and others, including the U.S. Department of Veteran Affairs, to associate a variety of health conditions with exposure to Dioxin (Agent Orange). The effects can be passed on from parent to child and can even skip a generation.

MCC is responding by supporting two initiatives in partnership with Vietnam Association for Victims of Agent Orange (VAVA) — a daytime care center and a cow bank program.

MCC provided a clean water system and exercise equipment for the daytime care center and funding for local doctors to train staff and families in physical therapy techniques. A new MCC worker, who is an occupational therapist, is scheduled to begin working with the center.

The cow bank that MCC supports through VAVA started with another small spark in 2015, with just 20 families who received a female cow, a larger investment than families could make on their own. When that cow has its first calf, its owner gives the calf to repay the loan. Female

calves are given directly to other families affected by Agent Orange. VAVA sells male calves to help purchase a female calf for a family. This project will help families better support themselves now and increase their economic capacity for the future. “Even though the investment of the cows is very small, it has a lot of meaning,” says VAVA Chairman Long. “The final results will become very big.”

Our small coins can make a HUGE difference in these people’s lives. Please support these vitally important projects this year to show God’s love and compassion to those who are suffering in Vietnam.

<https://mcc.org/stories/vietnam-mcc-cow-bank-helps-victims-agent-orange>

Watch for more information on a **Music Program Fundraiser.**

**Quilts, Wall Hangings and Vintage items must be submitted by May 30 to be included in the 2016 auction, enabling us to promote the item to its best advantage. Yvonne Devers at [bldevers@atlanticbb.net](mailto:bldevers@atlanticbb.net) or 814-479-4827 with any quilt related questions.**

Donated items to the Market Place can be handcrafted, or gently used, such as household items, linens, knickknacks, decorative and Christmas items, doilies, plants and miscellaneous items. If you have questions or need to contact her to arrange for pick up or dropping off items for the TriState Sale at World’s Attic, contact **Joni Duppstadt at 814-267-5305.**

**The Auction is looking for** woodwork, artwork, family outings, quilts and comforters, both small and large pieces, and antique/vintage items. Please contact **724-787-6541** when you know what your donation will be.

**The Silent Auction** is interested in glassware, antiques and collectibles, and new items in the following categories: dining and entertainment, service, books and music, food, decorative, home and garden, children’s Christmas, and fabric. Questions or donations? Contact **Phoebe Wiley 814-662-4104** or **Carol Tice 301-689-2641**

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**Donations to TriState Relief Sale can be sent to Treasurer Dale L. Miller, 415 Manor Harrison City RD., Harrison City, PA 15636**