

Fundraiser Luncheon September

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Planet Smile for Kids Fundraiser Luncheon to raise funds to buy specialized audiology equipment for the National Hospital of Odonto-Stomatology.



Why it's important to fundraise for the audiology equipment:

Many infants and children with cleft palate are at risk for having fluid in their middle ears which affects their hearing. When the middle ear is filled with fluid, the eardrum and the tiny bones in the middle ear cannot move properly. This makes it harder for sound to get to the inner ear and causes the sounds to be softer and muffled. When hearing loss in children is untreated, it can result in learning difficulties, low self-esteem, behavioural problems and delayed speech and language development. In order for children to learn to speak clearly, it is necessary for children to be able to hear speech sounds clearly. By identifying children with cleft palate who are not able to hear properly, we can help get them the treatment they need and give them the best chance at developing clear speech.

Currently in Vietnam there is no comprehensive audiological (hearing) care for children with cleft palate. Specialized hearing equipment including an audiometer and tympanometer will help to identify the presence of middle ear fluid and test the hearing of children with cleft palate.

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