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ATTENTION: LUCIANA

Dear Amanda,

Thank you for permitting me, (Christine) Hien Thi Thanh Do, the opportunity of speaking for this young man, Hai Duy Nguyen. Hai came into my life through his sister (Cindy) Chau Thi Minh Nguyen who works in my salon. My philosophy in life and work is that we are all “family” and must try to learn about each other and help one another where and when we are able.

I arrived from Vietnam at the age of 16 in 1991 and have deep memories of going without food or basic needs. Like all Americans I am proud and awed by my country and what we are able to accomplish when we unite; so I write to you (with the aid of a friend) on behalf of Hai who desperately needs our help.

Hai became disfigured at an early age and was diagnosed with a “blood born cyst”. He left school at the age of 11 when his deformity became too difficult to cope with. Hai is now 29 years old (nee 1980) and completely disabled by his disease; trapped inside not only his body but his home. What follows are the facts as we know them:

FAMILY HISTORY:

all normal healthy individuals with no significant medical histories

Mother - Con Thi Nguyen (1951)

Father - Tho Van Nguyen (deceased 1997- pneumonia)

Brothers - Lam Duy Nguyen (1976)

- Tung Duy Nguyen (1978)

- Sang Duy Nguyen (1983)

Sister - Chau Thi Minh Nguyen ((1972)

LANGUAGE: Vietnamese/ Cindy speaks English with some difficulty but

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has the support of the Vietnamese community and friends here in Florida

ECONOMICS :

The family in Vietnam is extremely poor(mother and 2 brothers) is supported by Cindy and her husband. Medical care must be paid for in advance or no care is provided.

LOCATION:

26/30 nha Chung Da Lat
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MEDICAL HISTORY HAI:

- early in disease diagnosed with “blood born cyst” - no treatment provided
- at age 11 years the abnormal tissue growth became such that Hai could no longer attend school or ambulate normally
- in 1997 Dr Ca Van Dinh amputated Hai’s right leg at the hip and the mass that had grown to be 25kg
- 2002 spinal injuries requiring surgical intervention were stopped when massive bleeding threatened Hai’s life
- 2003 spinal injuries had to go untreated due to threat of massive bleeding
- Hai currently ambulates by dragging himself on the ground using his hands/fists in straight arm motion
- he eats small meals 4-5 times daily
- toileting (1-2 times daily)is very difficult as it takes time to move from one place to another ambulating by dragging his body so frequent accidents are the norm
- Hai sleeps only 4-5 hours per day due to discomfort
- the mass has regrown on his right side and now weighs 50kg - Hai’s total body weight is approximately 100kgs
- increasing illnesses leave Hai bedridden
- winter and cold weather increase his pain and again he is bedridden

Hai has not left his home in over a year and the visits from neighbors or friends and lying down watching a movie at home are his only enjoyments

in life. Hai's hope of receiving medical care for his condition is completely outside of his control and the need for an advocate is desperate. Hai's dream is to receive medical care that allows him to live more normally. He would like to train for some type of work and support himself financially; as he feels he does not contribute to his family.

Our hope is that the Tree of Life Foundation can provide the access to medical care Hai desperately needs. We look forward to hearing from you and thank you, in advance, for your time and interest in our friend and family member Hai Duy Nguyen.

With kindest regards,

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