



Dear Friends,

I'm writing to you because of your kindness and generosity for the children at Anh Linh Love School and Viet Anh Primary School in Vietnam. Your love and support has changed the lives of hundreds of children over the past 15 years and I hope it will continue.

As of my 75th birthday, I have officially retired from management and board responsibilities at Bridges to Learning. Although my heart continues to love and support the kids, teachers and schools, my body says it's time to slow down. So, that's what I am doing. It's actually kind of a surprise that my body is actually calling the shots. I want to be around for a lot more years to make sure that many more impoverished children in Vietnam get an education and opportunities to build a future for themselves and their families.

Bob Mac Murdo, my dear husband and co-founder of Bridges to Learning, will be staying on in his role as treasurer and CFO. It's a job he has invested a great deal in over the last 15 years, and will continue to assure that the finances will be transparent and your generous donations go exactly where they're supposed to go.

My role will change, but I'll be around to more informally lend perspective and experience to decisions going forward. But the board will ultimately be the decision making entity.

We have a great, young board of directors that is invested in moving Bridges forward in a way that will continue to support our mission. Linh Phan is our board chair and Joe Hellman is our Vice Chair and they are committed to our kids and making their future hopeful. We also have a wonderful, smart and effective Director of Operations, Stacy Phan who keeps the administration of B2L on track. We are very lucky to have this talent and commitment. And the board is always growing and engaging new members who bring energy, ideas and love to our work.

I look forward to seeing you at future Bridges to learning functions—fundraisers, dinners, golf events, wine tastings, etc. etc. As many of you know, we have some great times at these activities. You will hear about future events over the next weeks/months. I look forward to seeing you at them!

Your support and kindness continues to be critical in the lives of our school children in Vietnam. When I saw them in January I was overwhelmed at what our schools bring to these kids in terms of preparation and hope for their futures. You would've been so proud to see what your generosity has created.

With love and appreciation and gratitude.

Jerri Hirsch

Founder, Bridges to Learning, Inc.