



Werribee Rotary Club's #2 wheelchair donation goes to Huong (43) in HCMC

During 2016 Werribee Rotary Club donated \$300 to the NTCM Charity in Ho Chi Minh City for the purchase of a Kien Tuon Tricycle wheelchair, the second such donation the Club has made to NTCM. A key person in NTCM is Anh (Nguyen Hong Anh) who is able to ensure that each donated wheelchair is distributed to very deserving recipients.

Huong (Mai Thi Huong) was born in 1974 and her left leg is very twisted and deformed. Her leg muscles have atrophied, walking is very difficult, she has constant soreness and relies on crutches to move about and travel outside. In Vietnam she has been unable to receive corrective surgery and rehabilitation.

Huong has difficult family circumstances. Her husband divorced her four years ago and she has to care for her 5 year-old daughter. She rents a single room, pays for kindergarten and school costs plus buys food for them both – for a total of about \$140/month. Her only source of income is by selling lottery tickets on a commission basis. She works for 7 hours each day – and needs to sell 200 lottery tickets a day to meet her daily living costs. On a bad day she may sell only 150 tickets.

During February 2017 the NTCM Charity was able to present Huong with her new Tricycle Wheelchair donated by the Werribee Rotary Club. Now she can travel quickly and easily to the market where she sells lottery tickets. She is now much more visible, sitting in her tricycle wheelchair with its distinctive blue awning on top. Lottery buyers can spot her easily.

As Huong sells more lottery tickets each day, her income will increase. With her new wheelchair Huong's life will become much easier and more secure.



Huong and her daughter live in this single room