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BIOGRAPHIES



Mrs. ĐẶNG HỒNG NHỰT, born on December 12, 1936, married in 1959 and gave birth to a healthy son in 1960.

Between 1961 and 1966 she joined the resistance forces in the Southeastern region of Vietnam (included Tây Ninh, Bình Dương, Củ Chi), which was heavily sprayed with Agent Orange. She was directly exposed to Agent Orange and suffered from skin rashes and diarrhea. Between 1966 and 1972 she was arrested and imprisoned by the US-supported government.

In 1973 and again in 1975 Ms. Nhut suffered miscarriages early in her pregnancy. In 1975, she again suffered a miscarriage. In 1977, she gave birth to a congenitally deformed still-born child. In 1980, she had another miscarriage. In 2002, she had surgery to remove an intestinal tumor. In 2003, she underwent another operation to remove a tumor from her

thyroid. She now has cancer.

Ms. Nhut's husband was a resistance fighter in the same region between 1960 and 1975 and was also exposed to Agent Orange. He was later diagnosed with intestinal cancer, metastasizing to the lung and the liver. He died in May, 1999.



Ms. TRẦN THỊ HOAN, born on December 16, 1986 in Đức Linh district of Bình Thuận province in Central Vietnam. She is a second generation victim of Agent Orange. Her mother was exposed to Agent Orange as a result of the war. She was born without two legs and one hand is seriously atrophied.

From the time she was 12 years old, Hoan has lived in Peace Village II, the Agent Orange center at Từ Dũ Hospital, Ho Chi Minh City.

Hoan is now a college student in computer science in Ho Chi Minh City and is fluent in English. This is her first visit to the U.S.



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