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## PANDEMIC RELIEF EFFORT

The metropolitan city Saigon was seriously affected by the pandemic. Friends of the Underprivileged (FOU) provided 5000usd for relief efforts recently.

- Fresh daily meals. Food supply chain was interrupted due to strict quarantine into the city. A total of 4000usd was forwarded to Tuong Nguyen pagoda (chùa Tường Nguyên, <http://tuongnguyenthientu.com>) for preparing and delivering both vegetarian and non-vegetarian meals to patients and workers at makeshift hospitals.
- Protective medical supplies. At Covid medical centers the face shields, gloves, protective masks, hand sanitizers... are prioritized for the frontline workers like doctors, pharmacists, and nurses. The labor workers at some hospitals, who provide daily cleaning and maintenance at these overloaded facilities, have limited access due to shortage of protective medical supplies. Working with the Society of Mothers (Hội Quán Các Bà Mẹ, HQCBM, <https://www.facebook.com/hoiquancacbame.com.vn>), FOU donated 1000usd to purchase and deliver the needed personal protective supplies to 50 hospital workers at the 115 Hospital in Saigon.

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Fig. 1. Food supplies and daily meal preparation /delivery to makeshift hospitals. Tuong Nguyen pagoda.



Fig. 3. The nuns and volunteers are preparing vegetarian and non-vegetarian meals. Tuong Nguyen pagoda.



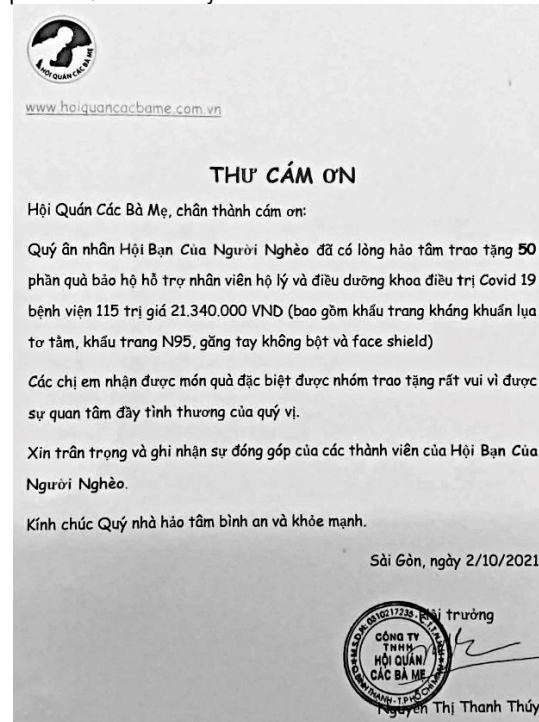
Fig. 4: Acknowledgement from Tuong Nguyen pagoda: 2000usd on 30 Aug. and another 2000usd on 26 Sep.



Fig. 5. Gifts to workers at 115 Hospital. HQCBM society.



Fig. 4. Gloves, N95 disposable masks, reusable masks, and face shields to hospital laborers. HQCBM society.



HQCBM acknowledged receiving 21,340,000vnd (1000usd) for medical personal protection items to 50 employees at 115 hospital. 2 Oct 21.