

Name / Họ tên: Trần Lê Kiều Phương

Year of Birth / Năm sinh: 2003

Phuong is the only child of parents who had her when they were both over the age of 45. The doctors diagnosed Phuong with Down syndrome immediately after her birth. During the first 4 years of life, Kieu Phuong would often get sick. She frequently gets pneumonia, vomits when eating, and has low motor development. The whole family consists of her parents and her living in a small hut of 20 square meters made of a tiled roof. This house is built next to her grandparents' house. Her father earns a living by driving a pedicab, but this only provides a minimal income. Her mother just stays at home to take care of Phuong and she sometimes picks wild vegetables to earn more money. This income is not enough to cover everyday expenses, so they are reluctant to take Phuong to school since it is costly and because it is difficult to find the right learning support for someone with a disability.

With the school fee of 1.2 million dongs monthly, the family can only afford to contribute 100 thousand dong / month. To give her the chance to go to school, OG CDC has found donors to support for this special case. Her mother spends most of her time looking after Kieu Phuong at home. Their family condition was getting worse since her mother could not earn money. Since Kieu Phuong can go to school, her mother has been able to work as a hired labourer.

The first time at school, Kieu Phuong was very passive in class and often sat at an angle. She did not want to play with friends and rejected the teacher's guidance. She just spoke in a low and unclear voice when being asked questions. Now, Phuong can care for personal hygiene independently and read, write the letters, and learn vocabulary. She can do simple calculations with numbers up to 5 and write single words. She takes initiative with helping tidy up the room, clean the table and preparing meals.

Kieu Phuong's father died 3 years ago because of lung cancer. They are living in an old house. Her mother does most of the work and she does not instructor request her to do housework. Phuong often visits the neighborhood, but friends do not want to play with her because she does not know how to talk and play with them.

To help the family know how teach Phuong to do simple tasks at home, communicate so she can integrate well in the community. It is her teacher's goal to focus on Phuong's familiar settings and integration into the community to help Phuong at home.

