Holt began serving orphaned, abandoned and vulnerable children in Vietnam in 1973. Although adoption from Vietnam to the U.S. was placed on hold in 2008, in 2014 Holt was one of the few U.S. agencies licensed to resume adoptions from Vietnam. Through the years, we have helped thousands of children to remain with their families and united more than 400 children from Vietnam with loving, adoptive families in the U.S.
For many children in Vietnam, international adoption remains the best route to a stable, loving family. While children waiting for families are diverse in many ways, children who have more involved special needs, are older or are part of a sibling group are in greatest need of families. To provide specialized care for children with special needs, many live in government-run childcare centers where they receive routine immunizations and have access to healthcare.

Children With Special Needs

In Vietnam, younger children who are waiting for families may have a range of special needs, often including one or more of the following conditions. While adoptive families that are open to multiple special needs may be matched faster, we can help you and your family determine what special needs you are open to and able to meet. Here are some of the special needs that a child may have:

- Limb differences
- Hearing or vision impairment
- Congenital heart conditions
- Down syndrome
- Mental and/or physical development delay
- Birth family history: birth parent substance abuse, mental illness or learning disability

Eligibility:
Adoptive parents can be up to age 54 at time of application, and older parents can be considered on a case-by-case basis. Couples must be married for at least two years at the time of application, and single parents are also able to adopt through this program. There can be up to four children already in the home.

Learn More:
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