

Bach Mai: Emergency Relief Fund

What is the purpose of the Fund?

The purpose of the Bach Mai Emergency Relief Fund is to collect the money necessary to rebuild, re-equip, and resupply Bach Mai so that it can once again provide vital medical services to the Vietnamese people.

Who is sponsoring the Fund?

The Bach Mai Emergency Relief Fund was initiated by Medical Aid for Indochina which raises money to buy medical supplies and equipment specifically requested by the Red Cross Societies of the areas of Indochina that have suffered from U.S. bombing. The Fund is sponsored by a wide cross section of concerned Americans, including former US Attorney General Ramsey Clark; Methodist Bishop of Washington, D.C. John Wesley Lord; Roman Catholic Bishop of Detroit Thomas Gumbelton; Episcopal Bishop of New York Paul Moore, Jr.; Rep. Philip Burton, Cal.; Rep. Bella Abzug, N.Y.; Rep. Robert F. Drinan, Mass.; Moe Foner, Executive Secretary of Hospital and Drug Workers' Union 1199; Dr. Charles Mayo III; Dr. Charles Janeway; Dr. Morris Simon; Julian Bond, Georgia Legislator; Very Rev. Michael Allen, Dean of Yale Divinity School; Dr. Albert Szent-Gyorgi and Dr. Salvatore Luria, Nobel Laureates; and Prof. Noam Chomsky, MIT.

Who contributes to the Fund?

The Fund draws support from all sections and all segments of American society. Newspaper ads in Boston, New York, San

Francisco, and Los Angeles raised \$100,000; and mass mailings have raised over \$175,000. Some people have sent in checks for \$1000 and more, but most have sent \$5 and \$10 contributions. School children have sent in nickels and dimes to help their Vietnamese brothers and sisters. Thousands have given a quarter or two at sidewalk collection stands. In several towns and municipalities, city councils have passed resolutions endorsing Bach Mai drives, and faculty groups at a number of universities and colleges have done the same. In New York City, Mayor John V. Lindsay presented a proclamation designating a "Medical Aid for Indochina Week". Door-to-door canvassing was organized in Lexington, Kentucky and Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. In Philadelphia, a city-wide "Walk" was held by high school students. Prisoners at Concord State Correctional Facility contributed a month's salary. Theaters in New York City donated an evening's receipts. A MAI travelling Vietnamese Art Show has raised money auctioning prints, paintings, and crafts. Many communities have organized fasts, dinners, and activities which have raised thousands of dollars.

What can you do?

Contact people in your community and set up your own group to organize projects for Bach Mai.

Distribute this leaflet in your community, door-to-door, on sidewalks, in shopping centers, churches, and synagogues.

Discuss the situation in Indochina and the ways in which you can help reconstruction. MAI can provide films, speakers, literature, slide shows, and other resource materials.

Ask your local council, college, union, synagogue or church, civic group, veterans' association, or social club to sponsor a fund-raising event.

Organize a fund-raising drive in your community — a fast, a dinner, a film, a walk, a blood drive, or neighborhood canvass.

Bach Mai Hospital Emergency Relief Fund
65A Winthrop Street
Cambridge, Mass. 02138
(617/492-0205)

I enclose a check for: \$50____, \$20____, \$10____, \$____

Name _____

Address _____

City/State _____ Zip _____

Tell me how I can help in my community ☐ 11/73

Contributions are deductible for tax purposes.

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