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FUNDRAISING GALA, SPRING 2024

Fund-The-Future, fundraising program for a Vietnamese American Cultural Center in Connecticut

Newington, CT: Vietnamese Mutual Assistance Association of Connecticut (VMAAC) today announced its relentless effort in trying to meet in person with the members of the board of National Vietnamese Community of Connecticut dba Cộng Đồng Người Việt Quốc Gia tại Connecticut (CDNVQGCT) about the moving of the Fundraising Gala from the planned date of April 27 to a later date in May providing CDNVQGCT honored its promise to pay the event's financial burdens.

To prevent incomplete and out of context exchange of information, we have tried to meet publicly in person to resolve this amicably but were constantly denied. There were two phone calls between two individuals, the Chairman of the CDNVQGCT and the Executive Director of VMAAC. The calls informed VMAAC that we are celebrating on Black April often referred to April 30th and is a day to lament and reflect upon the fall of Saigon and of South Vietnam. We honestly tried to stay away from April 30th but were informed we cannot do fundraising events for the whole month of April, not just the 30th of April. We respectfully empathize and ensured to meet with VMAAC's boards since the Executive Director cannot make the decision himself. We met and gave preliminary responses on the second call and assert to have more conclusive answers with the Board of Directors on the evening of 3/18, yesterday.

As new volunteer members of the Board of Directors and Executive Board, our small, youthful, and energetic group have started and tried many new programs as well as kept those proven successful events to fulfil the missions and conditioned stated in our organization's bylaws and constitution:

"The Association shall be non-sectarian, nonstock, and nonprofit. The Association is to engage in any lawful act or activities for which corporation may be formed under the statutory laws of the State of Connecticut and within the meaning of Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code."

As a 501(c)(3) association we are bound by laws to exist and operate as stated above.

To reassure the Vietnamese communities, we have scheduled a meeting this coming Thursday March 21 but responded with a no, and a resounding "no need to meet". We will wait on that day and will reach out to schedule again to meet 6:30PM on this coming Monday March 25 at our meeting location on 110 Main Street East Hartford CT. 06118 and Zoom (<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/82163316565?pwd=PpwAidrMvTujddjd18ObsgYwUFrioy.1>) (Meeting ID: 821 6331 6565 Passcode: 304304). We are a small nonprofit group with a big goal, please help us build a new future for our kids. We are willing to compromise everything except our principles to achieve this beautiful goal. If there is no response in person or by Zoom on March 25, we will regretfully move on.

About Us: The Vietnamese Mutual Assistance Association of Connecticut aim to promote, encourage, sponsor, and undertake educational, social & community development, cultural, and other activities for the betterment and in the interest of residents residing in the State of Connecticut, and shall foster in its non-profit services the maintenance of the Vietnamese cultural values, traditions, and customs.

Thank you for your generous support to Vietnamese Mutual Assistance Association of Connecticut, a tax-exempt organization under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code.