

*Are you facing a wardrobe/storage space crisis?
Have you ever wished that HCMC had a better recycling system?
Would you like to help people who are less privileged in HCMC?*

This fall LIN is giving a new meaning to the old saying “*One Man’s Trash is Another Man’s Treasure*” by piloting **Second Chance Store!**



Second Chance Store will provide the HCMC community with a way to effectively channel good quality used items to local nonprofit organizations and their beneficiaries. Anyone can donate items, which will be sorted and accessibly priced by the LIN team. All proceeds from our sales will cover operating costs and any additional amount will be invested into LIN's community programs supporting local not-for-profit and charity organizations.

For the remainder of 2012, LIN will be accepting donated goods at different locations in HCMC. Each month, we will organize one Saturday morning sale. Although anyone can come to purchase items on the sale day, LIN will heavily market the opportunity towards the staff at local not-for-profit organizations (many of whom are volunteers or on low incomes) and the disadvantaged people they support. Given enough interest, LIN will seek a permanent venue to operate the exchange on a regular basis in 2013 and onwards.

Interested in donating items?

✓ *Drop-off locations/schedule:*

- District 1 (Home): 12/4E Nguyen Thi Minh Khai, Da Kao Ward (9am to 5pm, Mon to Fri)
- District 2 (Business): OUT-2 STUDIO, 97B Thao Dien Street, District 2 (9am to 5pm, Mon to Sat)
- District Binh Thanh (Home): 54/3 Le Quang Dinh, Ward 14 (Anytime!)

✓ *Deadline:* We are accepting donations for the pilot program from today through **December 5th**. Our first exchange day will take place on **October 6th**. The last exchange in 2012 will take place on **December 8th**.

✓ *Acceptable items:* Due to space constraints, and based on needs, we can only accept the following items:

- Shoes and clothing for men, women & children (clean/washed, no stains, tears or missing buttons)
- Bags & accessories
- Small home & kitchen appliances, clean and in working condition (microwave-sized items or smaller)
- Children’s toys (NO stuffed animals) & games (no missing parts)
- English & Vietnamese books (NO outdated textbooks) and educational magazines (e.g. National Geographic) in good condition
- Fabric
- Hangers and clothing racks (for the Second Chance Store)

For more information about donating items, the **Second Chance Store**, locations, or other LIN activities, please contact Ms. Truc at: info@linvn.org or visit www.linvn.org.



LIN empowers local not-for-profit organizations (NPO) while promoting the spirit of community engagement in HCMC. We do so by providing free trainings and consultations for the NPOs, bringing together NPOs and HCMC community members at networking events, helping NPOs find skilled volunteers, and supporting corporate and individual philanthropists with their giving. LIN has over 90 local NPO partners and maintains contact with over 200 NPOs working in HCMC. These NPOs, in turn, support a wide range of people in need from urban poor to neglected children to migrant workers and people with disabilities. By building the capacity and network of these NPOs we enable them to provide better services and help more disadvantaged people in HCMC. Together, we can build a strong community!