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*"Right now I feel so wonderful, like a bird floating on a cloud and flying in the sky freely and happily. I am very grateful to receive this award because it was such an inspiring project and I think inspiration has always played an important role in my life. I am very proud to have Vietnamese blood in me because I am Loan's mother's daughter."*



*Writer Isabelle Müller with the 2023 Community Action Award.*

1 /In choked emotions, the French female writer - Isabelle Müller exclaimed like that. Because the Loan Fund (Loan Stiftung) - founded by her in the name of her biological mother to help poor children in Vietnam - has just been honored in the Inspirational Project Category at the 2023 Community Action Awards Gala. .

For seven years since 2016, Isabelle Müller has been present in remote areas to help many children who are thirsty for every grain of rice and letters. Up to this point, the fund has invested more than 1.5 million USD in 39 projects with educational works; Nearly 5,000 disadvantaged children received direct help and dozens of orphans and other children found sponsors from Germany. When asked what motivated her to work so tirelessly, Isabelle gently shared, first of all, the promise of her deceased mother's wish to do something for poor children in her homeland. Second, she had Vietnamese blood flowing in her body and that motivated her to return.

Few people know that behind those noble gestures is a tragic and emotional story of a Vietnamese-French mother and daughter. Mrs. Dau Thi Cuc (her name is Loan) is from Ha Tinh. In the 1930s, like the fate of many other women, her dignity was despised and even trampled on. Overcoming fate, she found every way to access education. Coming to France in 1955, although her life was still in extreme poverty, she still raised her five children to adulthood and Isabelle Müller was the youngest daughter whom she loved and protected with all her heart.



The project representative received the Human Act Prize 2023 award of the year.

2 /In her youth, Isabelle twice wanted to end her life because of impasse due to events that seemed insurmountable. But she was still lucky that her mother sent her to school at all costs, because her mother Loan believed that "Education is a privilege." And with the power of education inspired by mother Loan, Isabelle Müller overcame her fate, succeeded and took control of her life.

In 2003, Loan's mother passed away in France. After more than 10 years of preparation, Isabelle kept her promise and established a charity fund named after her mother - "Loan Fund" with 100% of activities to help children. poverty in Vietnam through education. The Loan Fund is receiving more and more support and companionship from benefactors. The fund's activities also arouse the love for the homeland of Vietnamese expatriates, urging them to work side by side to help poor Vietnamese children.

The life story of female writer Isabelle Müller is also an example for people in difficult circumstances to learn and follow. She has published two books "Loan - The Phoenix Reborn" and "Daughter of the Phoenix - Hope is my

path". This is the story of mother and daughter, who are miraculously "reborn" after being seemingly burned by the cruelties of life. And Loan's work won one of the five best books in Germany in 2015. Sharing with Thoi Nay reporters, Ms. Isabelle said, there are times when publishers, especially in Europe as well as in Germany, told her that they would not publish "Loan - The Phoenix Reborn" because Loan's mother was not an important character at all. She told them that maybe not yet, but one day she would be. "And when I return to Vietnam to do the work of the Loan fund, I think my mother will be very proud because she has become an important person in her country, I am really proud of that," said the female family member. confessional writing.

It was very touching to witness the image of Isabelle trembling kissing the face of the statue on the award trophy she had just received, feeling like she was giving a kiss to her own mother Loan. A beautiful ending to the journey that mother and daughter went through.

**The award is organized by Nhan Dan Newspaper, with the companionship of the Ministry of Labor, War Invalids and Social Affairs, the Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment, the Ministry of Science and Technology, and the coordination of the Joint Stock Company. part of VCCorp and sponsor Bac A Bank Diamond. Among the 28 projects and excellent ideas honored, five projects were awarded the Year's Award. That is the Vinamilk Pathways to Dairy Net Zero Action Program (Vietnam Dairy Products Joint Stock Company); Community Fund for Natural Disaster Prevention; For a better life (L'Oréal Vietnam); Action to overcome the consequences of landmines and bombs after the war in Vietnam (Norwegian People's Aid (NPA) Vietnam) and Project on Changing the Nature of Vietnam's Dairy Industry on the Foundation of Sustainable Development, for Health community health (TH Group Joint Stock Company).**

3 /The first year of organization, the Human Act Prize aims to honor individuals and organizations that have made positive contributions to society through prestigious community initiatives and projects. brings long-

term and sustainable results. The theme of 2023 is "Pioneer Marks" with the following categories: Timely projects; Prospect Project; Project Persistence; Inspiring Projects and Sustainable Projects.

Those "Pioneer Marks" are the Fas Angel volunteer rescue team, regardless of cold wind or heavy rain, standing on the streets, ready to rush to save people at any time. This is the result of nearly 100,000 highland children being fed lunch with 60,000 foster siblings across the country under the "Raising Children" project. These are proofs of what they can do for society by very young people in the Fly To Sky Project, which founder - Le Van Phuc started implementing this project when he was only 16 years old. Then, after 5 years, Fly To Sky has implemented 27 projects spanning 22 provinces and cities, with a total budget of up to 10 billion VND. The project has helped more than 16,000 children use clean water when going to school, contributed more than 50,000 books, and managed 33 libraries nationwide.

4 /Journalist Le Quoc Minh, Member of the Party Central Committee, Editor-in-Chief of Nhan Dan Newspaper, Deputy Head of the Central Propaganda Commission, Chairman of the Vietnam Journalists Association, Head of the Organizing Committee of the Award, said that the award is not only sought after. receive timely supportive projects, projects that have the ability to spread and inspire widely, but also find pioneering units that dare to take the first steps to find a development model towards innovation.

Sustainability creates a change in the appearance of an entire region and an economic sector. Even further, they have put Vietnam's name on the world's sustainable development map and become a model for many other countries to follow.

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