Forty years after the end of the Vietnam War, Vietnamese people are still experiencing the direct and genetic effects of Agent Orange, a toxic herbicide the U.S. military used during the war.

Between 2015 and 2017, MCC and its partner Vietnam Association of Victims of Agent Orange (VAVA), are giving one cow each to 60 families who have a family member affected by Agent Orange. Once the cow has a calf, the cow’s owner gives the calf to another family living with the effects of Agent Orange as payment of the original loan. After that, the owner can decide to sell the cow for a profit, use the cow as collateral to take out a loan, breed it again and sell the offspring or start a small herd of cattle. This project is designed to increase the family’s financial reserves, so they can pay for medical care, housing and education.

Le Thi Xeran Thri, 39, will use the cow she received from VAVA to provide for her 15-year-old son who is a victim of Agent Orange. Her son’s father fought in the south against the Viet Cong, and was exposed to Agent Orange. When his child was born with deformities, he abandoned the family. The cow she received is especially important to her now that she is the sole supporter of her family.
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**Registration & Risk/Waiver Form**  **MCC Bike Michiana**  Sept. 15-17, 2017

I acknowledge that participation in the MCC Bike Michiana tour is a potentially hazardous activity. I will not participate unless I am medically able to do so, I am properly trained and have resources to cover medical cost for injuries that may occur. I assume responsibility for the risks associated with participation in this event, including accidental injury or death resulting from falls, contact with other riders, and contact with traffic along the route. I will pay my own medical expenses in the event of an accident, illness or other incapacity and will not hold MCC, Amigo Centre and the ride organizers responsible for those expenses or other losses I, or my family, may incur if I am injured. I waive any and all additional notices of the existence of dangerous conditions associated with the Bike Michiana tour and assume responsibility to exercise my own judgment in evaluating those conditions.

With knowledge of these facts and in consideration of the acceptance of this entry application, I, or myself, my heirs, and anyone acting in my place or on my behalf, discharge and release MCC and Amigo Centre and the ride organizers from any and all claims and actions at law for damages or monetary awards arising out of my participation in the Bike Michiana tour including injury to my person or property caused by any act or failure to act by the above entities and persons. I will wear a helmet and obey the rules of the road. By signing my name below, I intend to be legally bound by all the terms and conditions of this assumption of risk and waiver of claims.

_X_  Rider Signature (or parent if under 18)  Date

Name _____________________________

Address ___________________________

Phone _____________________  Age _____

Email ______________________________

**Cost:**  ___$125 per adult and ___$40 per child

**Room Upgrade:**  ☐West Shore ($20/person)

☐Retreat Center ($150/room)

☐Cozy Cabin (no extra charge)

___Yes, I’ll be there for dinner Friday night ($9)

Food Allergies?:________________________

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Adult T-shirt size:  S    M    L    XL    XXL

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