

## ABOUT CPP

### uNAVSA's Collective Philanthropy Project

uNAVSA established the annual Collective Philanthropy Project (CPP) in 2005 to provide a medium for students and youths across North America to join together behind one charitable cause, while also building leaders, relationships and forming a foundation for the Vietnamese American Community.

uNAVSA is proud to present the CPP beneficiary for 2009-2010 to The Vietnamese American Heritage Foundation for the "500 Oral Histories Project".

[www.cpp.unavsa.org/2010/](http://www.cpp.unavsa.org/2010/)

## ABOUT THE 500 ORAL HISTORIES PROJECT

### Vietnamese American Heritage Foundation

The goal of the 500 Oral Histories Project is to document over five hundred interviews in an effort to preserve the unique and diverse experiences of Vietnamese Americans across the country. In the future, these interviews will be developed into an anthology, web archive, traveling exhibit and documentary film highlighting a selection of these amazing stories.

[www.vietneseamerican.org/projects.php](http://www.vietneseamerican.org/projects.php)

## 3 EASY WAYS TO HELP

- At a VSA EVENT?  
You can donate directly to the VSA via cash or check.
- At HOME?  
You can donate via PayPal on our website:  
[www.cpp.unavsa.org/2010/](http://www.cpp.unavsa.org/2010/)  
  
OR you can mail a check to:  
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P.O. Box 433  
Westminster, CA 92684-2069
- At WORK?  
If your company has a donation matching programs, please let us know!  
Please contact:  
[Lisa.Nguyen@unavsa.org](mailto:Lisa.Nguyen@unavsa.org).

### WHO TO WRITE CHECKS OUT TO:

Since VAHF is this year's beneficiary of the uNAVSA's annual CPP campaign, **please write checks out to: UNAVSA** (and please note in the check's memo: "CPP-VAHF").

Thank You for your Support!

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## CHAPTERS OF US

uNAVSA's 2009-2010 CPP Campaign

[CPP.UNAVSA.ORG/2010](http://CPP.UNAVSA.ORG/2010)



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## The 500 Oral Histories Project



# UNAVSA - VAHF PARTNERSHIP



The Union of North American Vietnamese Student Associations (UNAVSA) is a 501 (c)(3) non-profit, non-partisan, community-based organization founded in 2004. Grounded in the leadership and personal advancement of Vietnamese youth, we are dedicated to the development of tomorrow's leaders in the Vietnamese Community. We serve to represent the collective Vietnamese youth voice as the national umbrella organization for Vietnamese youth-based groups.

<http://unavsa.org/>



The Vietnamese American Heritage Foundation celebrates and promotes our pride as Americans of Vietnamese descent. The Vietnamese American Heritage Foundation provides opportunities for Vietnamese American individuals or organizations to contribute to the betterment of the American society and Vietnamese American community through the understanding of our unique history and heritage.

[www.vietnameamerican.org/](http://www.vietnameamerican.org/)

## THE VIETNAMESE AMERICAN 500 ORAL HISTORIES PROJECT

*"Even if we are speaking English,*

*Even if we are very successful Vietnamese American citizens in this country,*

*Please never forget our heritage, our origins, our culture."*

-Dr. Duc Tran, retired physician

### Closing the Gap between Generations

By facilitating critical discussions between the young & old generations of Vietnamese Americans, students can learn about their history and heritage while connecting on an emotional level. Throughout the course of conducting personal interviews, the 500 Oral Histories Project will narrow the cultural barrier that often divides the young and the old.



### Closing the Gap in the History Books

Accounts of the Vietnam War era are predominantly from the American perspective. There has yet to be a large scale effort to collect & preserve the first-hand experiences of Vietnamese Americans' during and after the war. By gathering these compelling stories from Vietnamese Americans, this project can bridge the gap between two critical historical eras of the overall Vietnamese American narrative.



### Closing the Gap between Vietnamese Student Associations (VSAs)

Rather than being isolated from one another, uNAVSA's CPP provides a unique opportunity for VSAs across the nation to unite under one common cause. In a national effort to preserve the very stories that define their collective identity as Vietnamese Americans, the campaign allows VSAs in various regions to close the gap between one another as they work towards one goal.

