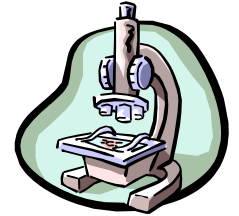


Dr. Nguyen Minh Chao – Survivor/Advisor/Healer



Dr. Nguyen Minh Chao is a great inspiration for the Vietnamese refugees in Chicago who sacrificed everything when they left their homeland for freedom. Dr. Nguyen was born in 1926 in My Tho, South Vietnam. He graduated with honors from a French university in Saigon and then attended French medical school. Dr. Nguyen joined the army to practice medicine so he could help his people.

In 1956, he was chosen to serve at Walter Reed Army Medical Center in Washington, DC. Later he returned to Vietnam and took the position of Deputy General at General Hospital in Saigon. After the fall of Saigon in 1975, the Communists took over and sent him to prison camp. He spent time in several prison camps; Long Giao, Xu Mau and Chi Hoa. In 1991, Dr. Nguyen found freedom in the U.S.A. through the Humanitarian Organization. Today he is devoted to helping his community in many ways:

- serving as President of the Vietnamese Senior Association
- as an advisor to the Vietnamese Veterans Organization
- President of Vietnamese Parents Organization
- and an advisor to Truc Lam Buddhist Temple

He received the “Outstanding Leadership” award from the Chicago Vietnamese community in November 2001. He is recognized for his inspiration and dedication to helping his people. He gives them guidance and hope in their new homeland.



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