

**Sister Sen** Nguyen entered from Denver into the Sisters of St. Francis at Marycrest in 1983 and took her final vows in 1992. She brought with her a passion for choir and continued directing a Vietnamese youth choir she started in 1978 until 1996. Sen had also earned an associate degree in Electronics Technology from the Community College of Denver in 1981. By 1989, she earned Bachelor of Art in Sociology and Religious Studies from Regis College, then took the position of Director of the Magdalen House at Marycrest.

At the end of 1990, she became a U.S. citizen, then accompanied by Sister Monica Witte travel for a month to her home country with Friendship Bridge whose mission was to provide healthcare and opportunities of empowerment to impoverished women and children in Vietnam. From 1992 through 1995, Sister Sen served as a board member for Friendship Bridge and continued to assist them through 1997.

In the fall of 1991 through 1994, Sister Sen served as an Interpreter for the Asian Pacific Center for Human Development. She also served on a standing committee for the National Religious Vocation Conference from 1996 to 1999.

For the school years of 1992 to 1993, she was a teacher for the Denver Public Schools. In the fall of 1993, she started studying as a full-time student at University of Colorado where she earned a Bachelor of Art in Fine Art and Master of Art in Education in 2001. For the school year of 2001 to 2002, she was a part-time religion teacher at Presentation of Our Lady School in Denver.

In 2003, she opened Provide-n-Ce, an international cooperative, fair trade store and art gallery to benefit impoverished and disabled women in Vietnam until its closing in 2009. In 2007, she founded and became Executive Director of **Bridging Hope**, NGO, to benefit under-served women and children in Vietnam. Sister Sen was also part of forming the group Threads in 1992 with Sister Jean Marie to assist women with polio in Vietnam. This program came under Bridging Hope upon its formation. She actively speaks to groups and meets with individuals to raise awareness and funds for those she serves in ministry.



Sister Sen has received several awards, to include, in 2008 she was honored as one of Denver's Unsung Heroes and in 2009 she received the Regis University Humanity Award.