

Summer Work Program Back at Home

Over the summer holiday, around 150 Chi Heng sponsored university students from Central and Southwest China went back to their home towns to help their younger counterparts. The university students conducted home visits, documented their information, and organized extracurricular activities for the children. In total, they visited around 6,000 households and held extracurricular activities for nearly 1,000 children. Through helping the younger students from their home town, the university students underwent a time of personal growth.



We ended the summer work program with a review meeting on August 20th–25th. 114 students participated in the meeting, and discussed the challenges they faced in the field, shared their thoughts on the summer work program, and gave suggestions on the program for the future. Chi Heng staff also prepared a two-day teambuilding session for the students, building on team spirit and broadening their horizon.

The children had a great summer. Our university students tutored them in Chinese writing and English, and took them climbing, to picnics and outings. As confident, positive and optimistic young adults, they became the role models for the children, as well as a living example of how Chi Heng's work benefits the children it helps.

“Our World” Charity Auction

“Our World” charity auction of children's paintings co-hosted by Chi Heng and the Creative Concepts Center of the Shui On Group went successfully on August 10 at the Chongqing Creative Concepts Center–Me. Among the 30 paintings displayed, 5 were auctioned on site, and the rest were available to our supporters afterwards. The creativity and encouragement of the Shui On Group made it possible for the AIDS-impacted children to express their talents and hopes through the paintings. The event also increased public awareness in Chongqing of children and young people affected by AIDS.



Volunteer Visit by The Youth Arch Foundation's Ten “Outstanding Students”

To tap sustainable income resources and create jobs for the families we sponsor, Chi Heng developed a social enterprises programme. The Eco-bag Workshop and the Volunteer Visit project are two examples. The two-year-old Volunteer Visit project invites volunteers to visit the families of the AIDS-impacted children, where they interact with the children and bring care to them. The volunteers bear all the costs of the visits and donate to the children's education programme at the same time.

Ten recipients of the Youth Arch Foundation 2012 Outstanding Student Award joined this year's Volunteer Visit on August 10th and 11th. The students took the children to parks, painted and played games with them, and visited some of their families to know more about their

conditions. In the sharing session afterwards, the students told us that they were most impressed by the positive attitude of the AIDS-impacted children. They also believed that the children were very caring and resilient, and should not be discriminated against.

On August 25th to 30th, the ten recipients of the Youth Arch Foundation 2011 Outstanding Student Award revisited the CHF-sponsored families they had visited last year. They spent three days together with the children in tutoring class, and visited the primary school they had been to last time.

The Volunteer Visit gave our supporters a glimpse of the world of the children we help, yet what touched them most was the genuineness they saw in the children.



SYB students teach baking to blind youth in Tibet

In 2011–2012, Shanghai Young Bakers welcomed Basang Lamu and Tse Drolkar, two staff of Tibetan NGO Braille Without Borders (BWB), to study baking with SYB. After graduation, on July 22nd, a team of 16 SYB graduates and teachers set off to Tibet. Thanks to Shanghai Business International Travel and Huaqiao Foundation, who sponsored the trip, they spent 6 days helping local NGO Braille Without Borders (BWB) develop their bakery training program for blind Tibetan youth. They helped Lamu and Drolkar review BWB's baking facilities, purchase new equipment, rearrange the kitchen, source local ingredients, and develop new products. On the last day, the teachers and graduates held a baking and pastry class for BWB students and staff. Thanks to BWB's warm welcome, the SYB team learnt that through trust and expertise, the possibilities are unlimited.

To know more about SYB-BWB cooperation, join us on Sunday 23rd September at 14:00 at Huaqiao Foundation office!



Successful Summer Camps in Shanghai and Guangzhou

22 students from Anhui Province joined CHF's “Positive Energy in Summer” Camp from July 30th to August 5th. Chi Heng staff and partners looked for and recognized a special spark in each child throughout the camp. The campers shared their feelings with the guests at the closing ceremony on August 4. Touched by the Song of Zhangsan performed by the children, one of our guests Ms. Olive LENG, CSR Manager of KPMG Shanghai, said that the ceremony was the most moving one she had ever been to. Decathlon, Abbott China, and Shanghai Chinese Orchestra all came to this year's Camp as our new partners.

24 children sponsored by the Chi Heng Foundation in primary and middle school joined the Guangzhou Summer Camp, together with 10 students from Hong Kong on July 25th to 30th. The camp was carefully

arranged by our corporate partners and volunteers, and the children visited the sea, the zoo, and Sun Yat-sen University for the first time. They also visited a glass factory to learn the secret of glass-making, and the former residence of Dr Sun Yat-sen in Zhongshan to learn about the universal compassion Dr Sun advocated. A variety of special activities were organized in the hotel visits, and the campers shared what they learned and felt with the supporters of CHF at the closing ceremony. The short trip was rewarding for the children, who learned and shared and had a lot of fun together. The Summer Camp was greatly enriched by the generous support of the Guangdong Lion's Club, Yantian International Container Terminals, Standard Chartered Bank Guangzhou Branch, Guangdong Yu Feng Glass Group, China Hotel, The Garden Hotel Guangzhou, Youth Arch Foundation, and Southern Metropolis Daily.



Summer Activities for Middle School Graduates

Feedback received from the home visits conducted by our university students showed that many children in their last year of junior and senior middle school want to drop out and seek jobs. To work at keeping them in schools, Chi Heng hosted a two-day activity in Henan on August 12th and 13th. During the two days, the students played ice-breaking games, tried white water rafting, and watched movies together. The staff took the opportunity to listen and talk to the children, and to encourage them to stay in school. Among the 34 students who joined the activity, 4 who planned to drop out decided to go to high or vocational school, and the rest of the students renewed their commitment to continue their studies.



Fundraising Event with Best Seller Author Liz Li

Best selling author Liz Li met the audience on August 5 at the Yilun Hall of Guozijian (the Imperial College) to raise funds for the Chi Heng Foundation. Through admission fees, sales of Chi Heng eco bags and bookmarks, and general donations, Liz's fans supported the work of CHF, and many of them joined our volunteer team on learning more about our work.



Mid Autumn care from Chi Heng

Chi Heng ran its Annual Moon-cake Fundraiser in Hong Kong with the support of Maxim's Caterer's Limited. The response this year was excellent, with many individual and corporate orders. Net proceeds of the sale go towards CHF's education sponsorship program. Many of our sponsors this year not only chose to buy their moon-cakes through us, but chose to donate their moon-cakes to families in Central China. Chi Heng volunteers will be personally delivering these boxes of moon-cakes to AIDS impacted families closer to Mid-Autumn Festival time.

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