# Chi Heng Foundation Newsletter of Chi Heng Foundation

### SYB 5th batch: GO GO GO!

On September 1st, Shanghai Young Bakers (SYB) welcomed its 5th batch of students into the SYB family! After lunch, 22 new students headed to the classroom in Caoyang Technical School where they were oriented to their curriculum and internship schedule. Members from Compassion for Migrant Children, one of our partner NGOs, introduced the life skills



program of the curriculum and organized ice-breaking games so that the students could get to know each other better. The Project Manager of SYB, Floriane, said, "These young people have faced a lot of hardship in their lives, and this is the first time they have left their hometown. I had expected them to be shy and lost in front of strangers. On the contrary, I have found most of them to be open and friendly, and can communicate politely with others with smiling faces. I hope they can finish the year learning happily."

#### **Once University Students Now Volunteers**

On the 15th September, 25 Chi Heng staff and 18 university graduates who were sponsored by Chi Heng joined a gathering The graduates are all in Zhengzhou. working and contributing in various industries, but they have never forgotten Chi Heng, nor the people who have helped them along the way. Now, they are back at Chi Heng with a new role---that of a volunteer, and are themselves helping people in need.



Leadership training for Chi Heng Managers

# 2012 Mid–Autumn Festival Gathering and Discussion Session

On the 22nd of September as the Mid-Autumn Festival drew near, Chi Heng's Beijing office organized а gathering for its university students and volunteers, and to extend welcomes to new members of the office. During the gathering, a discussion session was arranged along three themes: "Changing Jobs", "Promotion and Advancement", "Sincerity Counts", whereby and volunteers discussed various topics on campus life, interviews, employment, and career planning with university students. Students queries and doubts were also addressed in the session.



# Mid Autumn Blessings from Hong Kong: volunteers visit Anhui

On the 22nd September, the Chi Heng Anhui office welcomed a self-organized group of 17 volunteers from Hong Kong. Canton-style mooncakes, lanterns, sweaters, story books and stationary were brought for the Anhui children as Mid–Autumn Festival gifts. Volunteers also took the time to play outdoor games with the children, who were touched by the love and care they received.



#### Charity Day with VMware

On the 21st September, a charity day was co-organized by Chi Heng and VMware, with joint participation of three other NGOs. The theme of the day was "It' s a small world". We introduced Chi Heng and its work, explained the possible routes of transmission for HIV, and shared stories on our work. Games were also organized to help the public understand more about HIV/AIDS prevention.



On the 13th and 14th September, a two-day leadership training was given by volunteer trainer Miss Fiona Ma, and held for 18 Managers of Chi Heng Foundation in Zhengzhou office. Using the the "Training to Support methodology of Participation" Ma imparted Miss knowledge on leadership, communications, delegation. results motivation, and orientation, and explained how to employ such skills in practice. Not only did participants gain knowledge on management, they were able to identify their own management weaknesses and developed goals and action plans to overcome them. The training greatly enhanced the management ability of Chi Heng's Managers.



#### Chi Heng 2012 Biannual Meeting

During the 15th - 17th September, Chi Heng's biannual meeting was held in its Zhengzhou office. Representatives from each branch office summarized their work over the first half of the year, and shared their experiences. They also reported on their work plans and objectives for the second half of the year. Potential problems were identified and analyzed, and solutions developed and discussed.



# Chi Heng Participated in CSR-Asia Summit 2012

From the 18th - 19th September, the CSR-Asia Summit 2012 was held in Pullman Beijing West Wanda. It was organized by CSR Asia in partnership with GBC Health. With a theme of "Local Innovation for Global Challenges", over 500 delegates attended the conference to discuss CSR challenges, opportunities and solutions faced by corporations in China, Asia and beyond. Chi Heng, as a beneficiary organization was invited to join the charity gala dinner "All For Health". Along with 50 other selected non-profit organizations (NPOs), Chi Heng also took part in the CSR Innovation Fair, and was given a chance to understand other outstanding welfare projects.

#### Hope---Home visit

Roads were clean after the rain. Xiao Zhen's father was waiting for me at the intersection. He smiled upon seeing me. He then led me into his house. Xiao Zhen' s mother gave us a warm welcome and started talking about the family' s situation, "The kids' father has AIDS and he is now on medication. We have 20 acres of farmland which allows us to meet our basic needs. But due to prolonged farming, my husband now has a prolapsed disc. We

have got three kids. The eldest child originally wanted to drop out of school to help with farm work, but was convinced to go back to senior high. Town government has now taken over our land and we got this house in exchange. Life has been getting better now..." From her smiles, I could see that hope is truly lying ahead.

Chi Heng staff---Wei Xueyin





Chi Heng Participated in an NGO Conference on HIV Awareness and Prevention

On the 25th September Chi Heng, along with nearly 20 other NGOs, were invited by Yew Chung International School of Beijing to showcase charity programs. The aim was to raise awareness amongst the high school students on social issues, and encourage them to make contributions to society. Chi Heng was the only NGO focused on HIV/AIDS and was able to draw teachers' and students' attention to this important issue.



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