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Chi Heng Foundation Joint Efforts to Help AIDS-Impacted Children

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Upcoming Events

Walk for Chalk 2007

CHF will host its second annual mountain trek fundraiser in scenic Lijiang, Yunnan this fall. For details, contact walkforchalk@chihengfoundation.com.

CHF Christmas Card Sale

Chi Heng's annual sale of holiday cards with artwork by AIDS-affected children will launch in September. To view the designs and place your order, contact info@chihengfoundation.com. Custom messages available for bulk orders.

"Give for Chalk" Gift Campaign

Send a unique gift to your family and friends this Christmas and provide a little extra cheer to AIDS-affected children. Watch this space for more details on Chi Heng's holiday "Give for Chalk" Gift Campaign, to be launched this October.

CHF BUILDS A READING ROOM IN ANHUI

The newly constructed Xilaojia Primary School Reading Room in the village of Xilaojia, Anhui recently opened its doors to students and the public. The Chi Heng Foundation sponsored the one-room building's construction and furnished the Reading Room with desks, chairs, books and bookshelves. With support from the Funan County Women's Union and the Xilaojia Primary School, the 40 square-meter facility is the school's first study space with books available for checkout. CHF sponsors the education of over 90 AIDS-affected students in the school.



The Xilaojia Primary School's new, CHF-sponsored Reading Room.



AIDS-affected children and youth pose with Yao Ming, Scottie Pippen and more at an NBA-sponsored AIDS awareness event in Shanghai.

CHF STUDENTS MEET NBA LEGENDS YAO MING, SCOTTIE PIPPEN

Nine CHF-sponsored AIDS-affected children and youth were invited by the National Basketball Association (NBA) to attend "Breaking Down Stigmas: HIV/AIDS will not Affect our Friendship" an

AIDS-awareness event held at the 2007 Basketball Without Borders camp in Shanghai. Along with young representatives from three other AIDS organizations, a CHF graduate student spoke about his experience losing his parents to AIDS and the positive impact Chi Heng has had on his life. CHF's Chung To further spoke of the need to support China's AIDS-impacted children.

Several NBA players, including Yao Ming, Scottie Pippen, Adonal Foyle, and more, were in attendance and exchange gifts and t-shirts with the children. The group then had a rowdy session of "shooting hoops" on the basketball court. Our thanks to the NBA for this rare and exciting opportunity!

CHF SUMMER INTERNSHIP PROGRAM UNDERWAY

The Chi Heng Foundation's annual summer internship program for AIDS-affected university students launched on July 14 in Zhengzhou, Henan. CHF-sponsored college students are accompanying CHF staff on home visits to AIDS-impacted villages throughout central China. The interns will deliver food bags to local families and mentor and tutor other AIDS-affected children throughout the summer.



"Mother and child's love." Artwork by a CHF-sponsored child.

Thanks to Our Partners...

Shanghai's K5 Restaurant Hosts 2nd Annual AIDS Candlelight Memorial

On May 19, Kathleen's 5 Restaurant held an AIDS Candlelight Memorial dinner and auction in Shanghai. Over 130 guests from companies, chambers, consulates and more attended the event, and Chung To spoke to guests about the work of the Chi Heng Foundation. Proceeds from the evening's auction were donated to CHF and the Shanghai Red Cross.



Guests at the K5 AIDS Candlelight Memorial bid on auction items in support of CHF and the Shanghai Red Cross.

The International AIDS Candlelight Memorial is a worldwide day of remembrance and support for those affected by HIV/AIDS. The Shanghai dinner was K5's second annual AIDS Candlelight

Memorial event. Many thanks to K5 and all the event's participants for their generosity and support!



"The Blood of Yingzhou District" Charity Screenings

"The Blood of Yingzhou District" recently received the Oscar for Best Documentary Short Subject at the 2007 Academy Awards®. The film explores the life and challenges of a young AIDS-affected child in rural Anhui province.

On May 15th, the Chi Heng Foundation hosted a special screening of the Oscar-winning documentary at the Grand Ocean Cinema in Hong Kong. With sponsorship from Standard Chartered Bank (HK) Ltd. and courtesy of the film's producer Thomas Lennon and director Ruby Yang, over 500 Chi Heng supporters gathered to view the film. As the event's special guest, Ms. Yang shared her thoughts on the making of the film with the audience.

Later that evening, another group of CHF supporters also met Ms. Yang at a film & dinner event sponsored by a CHF donor at Club Lusitano in support of the CHF AIDS Orphan Project.

Special benefit screenings were also held by Standard Chartered Bank (HK) Ltd. for its employees and by the Friends of the Chi Heng Foundation - Canada (FOCHFC) in Toronto during the month of May.

The screenings helped raise over HKD\$550,000 for the AIDS Orphan Project. Many thanks to Standard Chartered Bank (HK) Ltd., Mr. Lennon and Ms. Yang, Ms. Dorothy Lam, and FOCHFC for their generous sponsorship and support in making these events possible.



"The Blood of Yingzhou District" director Ruby Yang and CHF volunteers at the post-screening dinner in Hong Kong.

Standard Chartered Bank Beijing Branch Hosts Memory Book Exhibit

In honor of World AIDS Orphans Day on May 7, Standard Chartered Bank Beijing Branch launched an exhibition of excerpts from the CHF Memory Book Project and auctioned prints of CHF Art Therapy artwork by children in Chi Heng's programs.

The CHF Memory Book is a therapeutic workbook for AIDS-affected children to record memories of their parents, their feelings about their parents' sickness, and their hopes and plans for the future.

Standard Chartered Bank Beijing Branch posted copies of Memory Book pages from several children's books throughout their offices to provide customers and employees alike with glimpses into the thoughts and lives of China's AIDS-impacted children.



Excerpted page from a CHF Memory Book.

Voices from the Children

Dear Uncles and Aunties,

Hello! First of all, I would like to express my gratitude for all your love and care, as well as your help. Without you, I would be worrying about expensive (school) tuition again at this moment. It is you who have set me free from worries to stay here and study. I am extremely grateful for that!

People said that children without parents are unfortunate, but I still believe that I am the lucky one. Although I've lost my parents, I have many good people who care about me and help me. How can I not feel satisfied?

Compared with those kids who roam around, I can study, I have a place to

stay, I have food to eat. I feel that I am already much more fortunate than they are. Although I do not wear clothing as nice as others' and my daily necessities are not as nice, I don't think this is important. The crucial thing is one's attitude toward life. I have a strong belief that my hands create my fate, and others cannot feed you for your whole life. Therefore, I do not envy other people who have nice meals and clothing. The only thing I am jealous of is that they all have a complete family. Sometimes when I watch the scene of my classmates' reunions with their family, I cannot stop crying. I desperately want my mom and dad. I know it is impossible. But I dream over and over again that they come back and stay by my side, because I am just a little daughter who thirsts for love.

Uncles and aunties,

I do not know how to express my thankfulness. The only thing I can do is study hard to get into a good university. This is the only way I can return your anticipations. This is the only way that I can be a better person to help others!

I'll stop writing here now.

Peace and good wishes to all my uncles and aunties.

Xiao Zhou

Child receiving support from the Chi Heng Foundation
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'My Village' - by a CHF-sponsored child.

CHF NEWS IN BRIEF

- CCTV10 aired "Chung To - The Lucky Star of AIDS Orphans" on May 15, a program about Chung To and the Chi Heng Foundation.
- At Wuhan University on May 20, Chung To spoke at a conference for professional Chinese journalists on the situation of AIDS in China.
- On May 27, students from the Beijing International Studies University Red Cross student group hosted a lecture for university students from across the city with Chung To. The talk was accompanied at the school by a CHF-sponsored, two-week poster exhibition on AIDS orphans.
- On June 23, I-Cable TV in Hong Kong aired a special program about NGO activities in Mainland China, using CHF's work as a successful example.
- On June 28, China Radio International aired a radio interview with Chung To about the AIDS Orphan Project.

Voices from Our Staff

By Ding Hao, CHF Field Officer in Henan

I once went (with a social worker) to visit a child who was infected with AIDS. Both of his parents had passed, so he lived with his grandmother...

Far ahead on the side of the road, we could see a small, sickly child with an old, worn down bike beside him... he smiled shyly to welcome us. Children from the countryside are not very good at communicating. So often when confronted with others, they lower their heads, avoid eye contact, sway uncomfortably, and sometimes even run away. Despite acting this way, they still exude a kind and friendly feeling.

The boy quietly walked beside me. I talked to him with gentle words and he wordlessly responded with a movement of his head or an "en" in recognition of understanding.

In the living room (of his home) there were photos of the child's parents who had passed. Around each photo frame was yellow paper with his parents' names written on it... I could see

stains on the papers where tears had fallen.

The social worker checked the young boy's medical records, gave him his next supply of medicine and reminded him to take his medicine regularly and to take care of himself. The boy lowered his head in understanding, still wordless.

On our way out of the village, the boy walked by our sides quietly. Suddenly, I felt a small hand lightly hold my finger. I didn't look at the boy, but I knew that it was he.

To stop my tears from falling, I tilted my head back and looked away from the child. Then I put the small hand in mine and held it. No words were exchanged, but we were sharing a connection with one another.

As our car left the village, we could see the arm of the frail boy, waving goodbye to us through the dust until he disappeared from sight.



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About Us

The Chi Heng Foundation is a charity registered and based in Hong Kong. Since 2002, CHF's AIDS Orphan Project has provided education and care to 4,000 AIDS-impacted children across central China. A mere HK\$250 can pay for one child's primary schooling for an entire year.