

Upcoming Events

CHF WINTER CAMP

From January to February, CHF will host its second winter camp in Hefei, the capital city of Anhui Province. Dozens of primary school students under the Chi Heng program will experience a lot of after-school activities then.

THE ANNUAL SPRING FESTIVAL FOOD BAG DELIVERY

Around 10th, January 2008, half a month before the traditional Chinese Spring Festival, CHF is to deliver the food bags to the AIDS-affected families within Fuyang county, Anhui Province, Zhengzhou city and Shangcai county, Henan Province. The cooking oil, powdered milk and sausage are included as well as the stationery for the kids.

TRAINEE PROGRAM TO START IN JAN, 2008

CHF is to launch its first ever trainee program for the university students under the Chi Heng OVC program, in an attempt of offering them working experience as well as addressing needs for manpower. According to the program, CHF is to select 6-8 university students who will be graduated in the summer of 2008 to work as interns in the different offices in Mainland China of CHF for 6 months.



CALL OF AIDS AFFECTED CHILDREN ARTICULATED IN BEIJING

The Chi Heng Foundation (CHF) presented its exhibition on AIDS affected children from November 25, 2007 to December 8, 2007 at Twin Tower, Beijing donated by LG Building Development Company. "Call of AIDS Affected Children," was a part of Chi Heng Foundation's efforts to raise the awareness of AIDS to the general public, and a chance for them to learn more about AIDS affected children as well as to show their support for the cause. There were more than 70 guests attended the opening ceremony, UNAIDS Country Coordinator, Dr. Bernhard Schwarlander and Chung To delivered their speeches to the guests.



UNAIDS Country Coordinator, Dr. Bernhard Schwarlander took part in the exhibition.

BUSINESS TRAVELER ORGANIZES ON-LINE AUCTIONS TO SUPPORT CHF

The Business Traveler magazine holds two on-line auctions each year for the benefit of a charity. The Chi Heng Foundation is honored to have been nominated for two years running to receive proceeds of the two on-line auctions organized by the magazine, one for its Asia-Pacific edition and the other for its China edition.



Ms. Ruby Yang, Oscar-winning movie director, delivered a speech at the ceremony on behalf of Chi Heng.

CHF was introduced as beneficiary at the two award ceremonies held earlier to award the best in class of the travel industry. The first was the Asia-Pacific 25th anniversary dinner held in September at the Conrad Hotel to honor the recipients of the awards with CHF supporter, Ms. Marinah Mahathir, International Congress on AIDS in Asia & the Pacific Liaison, The AIDS Society of Asia and the Pacific, presenting the top awards. Among the many guests on hand to congratulate the magazine's 25th anniversary was Chung To, Chairman of CHF.

The second award ceremony was held in the Westin Hotel in Beijing in November. Ms Ruby Yang (right in the photo), the director who won an Oscar for her documentary "The Blood of the Yingzhou District" depicting the lives of AIDS impacted children, represented CHF at the dinner and also presented the top awards.

CHUNG TO WON RAMON MAGSAYSAY AWARD

Chung To was selected to receive the 2007 Ramon Magsaysay Award for Emergent Leadership in recognition of his proactive and compassionate response to AIDS pandemic and the needs of its most vulnerable victims in China. In September 2007, Chung To received his honor in Manila, Phillipine, accompanied by Dr. Gao Yaojie, who was given the 2003 Ramon Magsaysay award for public service for her bravery and continued fight against the spread of AIDS. After his receiving the award, Chung To donated the prize of USD 25,000 to CHF to help the AIDS-affected children.

CRYSTALLIZATION OF STAR FISH STORY IN CHARITY PENDANT

On November 18, Chi Heng Foundation unveiled a painting exhibition by AIDS-affected children at the renowned Kathleen 5 restaurant inside the Shanghai Art Museum. On the same occasion, Liu Li Gong Fang launched its charity glass pendant tailored for Chi Heng.



Mr. Yang Shaogang delivered a speech.

All the 25 paintings were painted by the AIDS orphans when they took art therapy during the Chi Heng Summer Camps in both cities of Beijing and Shanghai. Being conducted by volunteers with disciplinary background of fine arts as well as psychology, art therapy is a psychotherapeutic discipline that uses artistic expression, such as drawings, essays, or letters, as a means of facilitating the expression of thoughts and feelings that an individual may be unable or unwilling to verbalize. The paintings conveyed not only the hardships they have experienced but also the dreams held deep in their hearts.

Among the honorable guests were representatives from government, business, academia and press, including Shanghai CDC, Standard Chartered Bank, American Chamber of Commerce who have been extending their constant supports to Chi Heng's cause. Mr. Yang Shaogang, councillor of Shanghai municipal government delivered a speech singing high praise for Chi Heng's efforts for the AIDS-affected children. The most touching of the speakers was Ah Liang, a university student under the Chi Heng program, who shared audiences his personal development from an aids-affected child to a now undergraduate, thanks to his own strong wills.

Liu Li Gong Fang, a prestigious glass ware producer, launched its glass pendant tailored for Chi Heng. Taking a shape of star fish and color in light blue, the pendant is nicely designed and demonstrates the concept of the star fish story, an essence of Chi Heng's philosophy (referral found at www.chfaidsorphan.com). Limiting the edition to a total of 999 pieces for the production line, the producer is to donate a sum of RMB 540 to Chi Heng when each piece sold on market. Two student laureates of a modeling contest at Fudan university presented the pendant in front of the guests and draw much of their attention.

Both Chi Heng and Liu Li Gong Fang sang high praise for the creative mode of collaboration. According to Chung To, the collaboration not only helps raise fund for Chi Heng but also find companies an access to practices of Corporate Social Responsibility.

THOSE BEIJING HELPED HELP OUT

On August 18 and 19, a total of 30 university students who took summer jobs with CHF and CHF staff gathered to review their summer jobs in Hangzhou.

All of the 30 university students were sponsored by CHF and became university student thanks to their own strong wills. This summer, they went back to their home

villages to help CHF staff visit the families were suffering from AIDS and deliver the nutrition bags to the children. Compared with other volunteers out of the village, they can better address the needs of the families under this program and inspire the children younger than them to study hard. During the meeting, the students summarized what they have learned as well as proposed plans for the future. Chung To, chair of Chi Heng Foundation also attended the two-day gathering.



(The author A. Liang is a college student under the Chi Heng program, this article is part of the speech he addressed on the opening ceremony of painting exhibition by kid painters from Chi Heng held in Shanghai)

BEHIND THE RAINBOW

Distinguished guests, dear friends:

Good afternoon! First of all, I'd like to thank Mr. Chung To and Chi Heng Foundation for offering me the opportunity to meet everybody here. My name is A. Liang and I am a college student under Chi Heng program.

Attending today's painting exhibition means a lot to me for every painting was made by the younger children in the similar situation with me, and myself had been involved in it.

I'm familiar with most of these children because I had assisted CHF staff paying home visits in my home village last summer. During two months of work, I visited hundreds of families and talked with hundreds children face to face. The eyes of the children with sensitivity, fear and despair impressed me very much, I couldn't forget them for ever. When they were in Shanghai for their painting lessons, these children thought about to draw a rainbow which implies tempest followed by a sunny day. They finished it together.

Aunt Li who presided over the painting lesson is a volunteer from Hong Kong. She gave each of us a hand made bookmark. I cherish it very much and it always reminds me of those uncles and aunts who offered us with cares and supports.

As an older brother of my litter siblings, I'm now a senior college student. During the past 6 semesters, I worked so hard that won scholarship for five times from my university. Have being recommended to be the excellent undergraduate of 2008 by my professors. I'm still studying hard right now because I seized a narrow chance to study at university. I hope to equip myself with as much knowledge as I can, it's not only for my future, but also for the thousands children in need in my hometown. I wish I would have the opportunity to work with Mr. To to help them. I'm preparing for National Graduate Examination, and the university I applied for is located in Shanghai.

FAMILY IN SHADOW OF AIDS

I've been working for ChiHeng Foundation for three years on the AIDS Orphans Aid Program. I've visited several miserable families in which parents died of AIDS leaving their children trembling in cold wind. I'll never forget what I've seen.

I visited Chen Zheng's home in ShiLiPu Village recently. One of his neighbors told me sad stories about this unfortunate family. Chen's father died of AIDS several years ago, his mother is too ill to take care of herself, his little sister is still in her infancy and even himself is only a kid should have enjoyed his happy childhood. But now, Chen has no choice but to take the heavy burden of supporting his family. Everyday in the morning, Chen has to get up before the sun rises to prepare breakfast, and wash dishes before leaving for school. After school, Chen has to do farm work. Life doesn't treat him kind and time seems always insufficient for homework, but that didn't prevent him from getting good marks.

"I really admire him", a middle-aged villager said. I just couldn't help rushing to meet the diligent and poor boy.

That was Sunday, I thought Chen should be at home that day. When I arrived there, his

mother was washing clothes besides a well in the yard full of trash. The poor woman is suffering severely from a strange disease which makes her trembling all the time.



Ms. Liu Li, staff member in Henan Province.

A very small room at the corner of the yard caught

my eyes. That must be Chen's room, because there is a desk with many books in different subjects tidily piled up on there as well as a small bed. But Chen was not in his room. His sister told me Chen had gone to town to buy some daily necessities. What a pity I couldn't see him! "My brother likes learning very much", she said, "He studies every night and always go to bed very late". I think it is the eagerness for learning that makes him so strong in hard life.

Not all of students in similar situations have the same brave heart and strong will as Chen does. Some of them just complain that life is uneven, they lost their strong will for going to school. Some of them have stopped schooling and gone to work even before their 18th birthday. I really want to try everything possible to help them.

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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.