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**Chi Heng Foundation**  
Joint Efforts to Help  
AIDS-Impacted Children

Upcoming events ▼

## CHF 10th Anniversary Gala Dinner

Date: 3 May 2008

Venue: Jumbo Kingdom, Wong Chuk Hang, Aberdeen, Hong Kong

Theme: "PASSION · IN ACTION" - A night of vitality, health, love and care

A charity gala dinner is to be held for the first time with Melco Group as the major sponsor. It aims to raise funds in support of our AIDS Orphans Program benefiting AIDS impacted children in China, on the 10th anniversary of Chi Heng.

## Art Exhibition in Vancouver

Date: 16-18 May 2008

Venue: Lansdowne Mall, Richmond, B.C., Canada

It's the first time to bring the drawings made by the HIV/AIDS affected children in mainland China to Vancouver for art exhibition.

## 25th International AIDS Candlelight Memorial

Date: 17 May 2008 evening

Venue: Kathleen's 5 Restaurant, Shanghai

Chinese AIDS Candlelight Memorial is organized by the K5 Restaurant in Shanghai since 2006, in memory of those lost to AIDS, and to demonstrate support for those living with HIV/AIDS. Chi Heng is the beneficiary of this event for three consecutive years.

To date, the number of students that CHF sponsored exceeds 7,500, including over 200 college students. The provinces under the sponsorship program now expand to six, including Henan, Anhui, Shandong, Guangdong, Guangxi and Yunnan.



◁ The children experience the McDonald's food with CHF staff and volunteers

## The award for outstanding students —winter camps held in Hefei and Zhenzhou

In order to award and encourage primary school students affected by AIDS to study hard, Chi Heng organized two winter camps for them in early February. 41 village students spent three happy days in Hefei and Zhenzhou.

Programs of the winter camp included visits to museums, zoo, aquarium and renowned universities, as well as art therapy, hoping to widen the exposures of the children and enhance their knowledge. Children from Anhui drew pictures under the theme "my dream". In the pictures, they depicted vividly their ideal professions: teacher, painter, basketball player, policemen, pilot, and doctor etc. The pictures revealed the children's optimistic attitude towards their lives. CHF staff in Henan invited the host of children's channel of China Central Television to play games with the children.

The three-day trip was short, but the smiling faces of the children clearly revealed that they had a good time and were greatly encouraged by the enthusiasm and warmth of CHF staff, the volunteers and other people. 智

## Spring Festival Food Bags delivery to 7,000 AIDS affected children



△ The villagers stand in a line to get the food bags

Giving children presents during the Spring Festival is a Chinese tradition that spans several thousand years. CHF gave out food bags to 7,000 children affected by HIV/AIDS in Henan and Anhui Provinces days before the 2008 Spring Festival. Cooking oil, powdered milk, sausages and stationeries with cartoon star-fish pattern are put inside a dark blue recycle bag.

When grandpa Li from Shangshui County, Henan Province received the three food bags for his three grandchildren, he was very impressed and said, "Chi Heng Foundation is really great, always think of us even in the Spring Festival. My three granddaughters are indebted to Chi Heng." His oldest son died of AIDS,

leaving the three girls to live with their grandparents. At present, the eldest girl is studying in a Women's Vocational College and the other two are in primary school. As they do not have any source of income, they live in stark poverty, and they are very grateful for CHF's subsidies.

The heaviest snow in decades had caused great difficulties in delivering the food bags. Thanks to the help of local authorities, such as the Charity Federation of Shangshui and many volunteers, these food bags were delivered to the children in time. We are sure that when the children receive the gift, they would feel the warmth and support of the whole society. 福

Our signature fund raising event,

Walk For Chalk 2007, was successfully held for the second time from Oct 27-31, with 30 participants. Chi Heng Foundation was able to raise HKD2,133,000 (about USD 273,444), exceeding our goal to raise HKD 2 million. 100% of these funds will go to support education of the AIDS-impacted children in China.

Same as last year, this event was made possible with the generous support of the Banyan Tree Hotels and Resorts (the official hospitality host); Farrington American Express Travel Services Ltd (the official travel agent); and WildChina (the official local tour operator).

The trip highlight was the group excursion to BaoShan Stone City. A group of participants chose to stay behind to camp overnight, enjoying the scenic wilderness at dusk and the campfire under the stars.

The group met again on the following day to visit a local primary school in Lijiang. 福

## Walk For Chalk 2007 Lijiang



△ A group photo with village children in BaoShan Stone City

## Indian Association donated RMB 80,000 to CHF



At the year end of 2007, the Indian Association donated RMB 80,000 to CHF in support of its AIDS orphan project.

Being the largest organization dedicated to networking their fellow countrymen in China, the Indian Association hosts its gala dinner every year with various themes to entertain its members and supporters. The gala dinner of 2007, under the theme of "Bollywood Rocks", was held on December 1 and well received by the 300-plus participants with its authentic Indian food and attracting program. CHF was selected as the exclusive beneficiary by its organization committee to receive the proceeds from the dinner. Mr. Vishnu Prakash, the Consul General of Indian in Shanghai made his presence at the dinner and gave high praise for CHF's cause in his speech. 福

< Polly Lawrence (the left), Volunteer of CHF presented a letter of appreciation to Ms. Shalmali Shetty, core member of the Indian Association in recognition of their generous support.

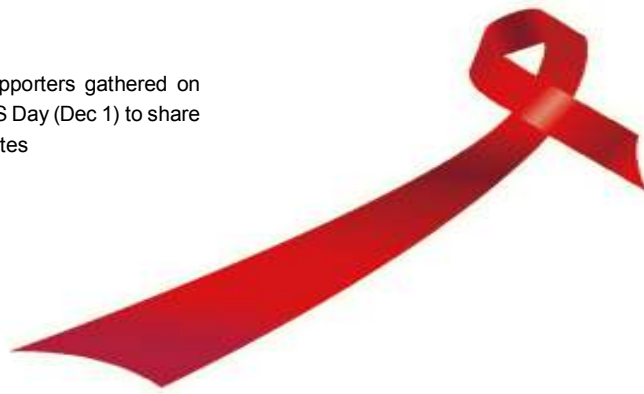
## Vancouver Gala Dinner

Friends of Chi Heng Foundation, Vancouver chapter was proud to introduce its first fund raising event to help the children affected by AIDS in China, featuring the Oscar Winning documentary film titled 'The Blood of Ying Zhou District' directed by Ruby Yang. The Oscar Premiere Gala Dinner was held on November 23, 2007 with overwhelming success. It drew over 400 guests to this joyful evening with fun-filled programs, such as raffles, auctions and other entertainments. A massage chair, at retail price equivalent to a school year education costs of 150 primary students in China, was donated by Panasonic Canada. It helped raised Canadian \$6,000 that evening. On the following day, ie November 24, two public charity screenings of this film were shown at the Michael J Fox Theatre. All net proceeds were donated to the Chi Heng Foundation to help the needy children. 福





◁ CHF supporters gathered on World AIDS Day (Dec 1) to share event updates



## Undergraduate students of Tsinghua University put their intelligence into CHF's Reading Room Design

In mid January, just a few days after the end of a busy semester, 18 undergraduate students of the School of Architecture, Tsinghua University bound from their peaceful campus to the primary or middle schools located in areas with HIV/AIDS prevalence in Henan and Anhui provinces. Due to the underdevelopment of the local economy, schools even with 500 students don't have a reading room for after class reading or entertainment. Thanks to Santa Clause Operation's generous donation, CHF has the money to build 6 reading rooms in 6 schools of these two provinces. These junior and senior students of Tsinghua University volunteered to offer their expertise in designing with the guidance of their professor Mr. Bian and the other CHF's professional volunteers Mr. Liang and Mr.

Sun. After the first field trip, they will hand in their draft in early March, and will go to the site to monitor the construction of the reading room until its completion. According to Ms. Cheng and Ms. Li (the teachers of Tsinghua, and the coordinators of this project) more than 80 undergraduate students expressed their interest in participating in this project. Although CHF only has the capability to sponsor the accommodation of 12 students during their first field trip, 18 students determined to go by paying part of the bill out of their own pockets. The involvement of these students will not only bring in the professional design of the reading rooms, but also encourage students impacted by AIDS to work hard to change their current situation. ☞

## Students Can Help! Begins in Beijing

Chi Heng Foundation's Students Can Help! program starts its first year in Beijing! The Students Can Help! program teaches students about HIV/AIDS, while empowering them to create their own awareness projects for their peers. Three international schools are involved in SCH! in Beijing: Beijing World Youth Academy, the International School of Beijing, and Dulwich College.

The program kicked off with an AIDS training day on November 24 in which 35 students and 5 teachers and administrators from the participating schools learned about key issues regarding HIV/AIDS. After an interactive icebreaker, four speakers presented topics spanning from sex education and decision-making skills to the AIDS situation in China. The special guests included Kumi Smith, a Fulbright scholar from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC); Morgan Philbin, a Fulbright scholar and former intern at the CDC, as well as Fannie Chen; and Liu Yongfeng from UNESCO. Following the training day, the students attend regular meetings to openly discuss AIDS-related topics. ☞



△The students, teachers and speakers gathered after the first training

## Chung To won the first "Hong Kong Humanity Award"

This is the initial run of the Hong Kong Humanity Award, co-organized by the Hong Kong Red Cross and the Radio Television Hong Kong, in tribute to acts of compassion and through the modeling of these acts help raise public awareness to humanity.

This award aims to enhance the universal value of humanity and the aspirations to equality, mutual help and peace among our community. Our chairman's dedication in the works of Chi Heng Foundation in China is recognized among 5 other awardees. ☞



△Chung To took the trophy from Mr. Yang Xingfeng (right), Chairman of South News Group and Mr. Sun Xiaodong, Deputy GM of Shanghai General Motor.

## Chung To awarded "Top 10 Influential Persons" by Southern News Group

On Dec. 3, 2007, Mr. Chung To was awarded the "Top 10 Influential Persons of 2007" by South News Group in recognition of his contributions to AIDS-affected children in China. The reason for his winning was summarized by the jury as "Working for the benefit of AIDS-impacted orphans with great achievements but in low profile while sacrificing his own promising career".

Chung To was the only one from the sector of NGO/Charity. ☞

## The strength of the CHF's spirit

By Xiao Shen

I graduated from university for almost a year. During this year, I have a stable job and can support myself. In my free time, I always think of the bits of experience that I have with Chi Heng Foundation.

I grow up in a HIV/AIDS affected family. When I attended Junior and Senior High school in my home village, I felt depressed because of other people's indifference and apathy. Sometimes I thought I was inferior to others and could not live in a normal life. Luckily, through my hard work, I was admitted to a university and could get away from the depressing environment. My psychological stress has been eased a lot. During my college days, though my classmates didn't know my family background, I always reminded myself that I was different from them. I have to overcome more



△Marathon runner-Xiao Shen

difficulties and work harder so that my family and I can lead a better life.

CHF sponsored my tuition fees since 2005 for two academic years, which has greatly alleviated my economical burden. But the most important influence that CHF gave me was the participation in the 2007 Marathon in Hong Kong and the summer home visits to the HIV/AIDS affected families in my home village with CHF staff. In the spring of 2007, I was elected among thousands of CHF-sponsored students to run the Marathon. When I reached the finishing line with many Hong Kong citizens, the HIV shadow that buried deep in my heart was gone. A voice sounded loudly inside my heart: "I'm as normal as the others, I'm as equal as them". The summer home visit made me feel that I can be a useful and helpful member of the society.

CHF changes my fate; without CHF, I might have dropped out of school and be a migrant worker. CHF gives me a chance to choose my destiny, CHF does not only provide us with the same education opportunity as other normal children, but also teaches us that we can, in turn, help other people in need when we grow up. Through us, the spirit of CHF will disseminate to more people. With this spirit, the sponsoring of the HIV/AIDS affected children will achieve the final success. 福

## Voices from our staff

By Ma Zhengzhou

My name is Ma Zhengzhou. I graduated from Anhui University in 2004 and joined CHF in 2006. The first time I reimbursed tuition fees to eligible students with all the required documents was in October 2006. Since then, the work of CHF has gained the recognition of local people and more students accepted our sponsorship.

In order not to miss any children in need of help, I go to different villages to pay home visits almost every day. A child named Xiaolu impresses me deeply. The first time I contacted him, he didn't speak to me and did not answer my questions. His grandma told me that when Xiaolu was very small, his parents contracted HIV by selling blood and died. Although Xiaolu didn't speak with me the first time I visited him, I visited him again. This time he answered my questions in very simple words. "How old are you?" "14"; "Which grade are you in?" "The second year of the junior high". When I asked him what he wanted most, he told me that since his parents died, he was very sad when he saw other children having toys and snacks from their parents. I gave him 20 RMB immediately and asked what he would like to do with the money. He told me frankly he wanted to buy a packet of instant noodle. My heart was seized by his expectation. I couldn't image that for a 14-year old boy, instant noodle is his greatest desire. Of course there are many good things, but Xiaolu dared not desire. Then I realized as an orphan dependent on the aged grandma, what can he ask for?

As I visit the villages more often, I meet many children who are in the same situation as Xiaolu. One day in September, 2007, I got good news from Xiaolu. He was admitted to the senior high school of the county, and furthermore, he ranked third among all other students in his school. I was so excited about this news, even happier than myself getting such achievement. It's Xiaolu and the other children who inspire me to work hard. With our help, they have made progress in their academic results and their characters have changes, this is the value of my work. 福



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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 7,500 AIDS-impacted children across central China. A mere HK \$250 can pay for one child's primary schooling for an entire year.