



Shanghai, Guangzhou Summer Camps are coming

Date: Late July to Middle August, 2008

CHF's summer camps are coming again!!! The HIV/AIDS affected children from Henan and Anhui will go to Shanghai and Guangzhou to visit the famous universities, companies, historical sites, to paint with the professional teachers, play with the volunteers, meet with the university students, etc. It will be a fantastic week.

University students will take Summer Jobs of CHF

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CHF keeps organizing the university students under its program to take summer jobs, around 76 students will join this activity. 21 of them are going to Sichuan to help out the earthquake orphans, 55 students will go back to their hometowns to serve the younger children just share the same background with themselves, such as home visiting, tutoring etc.

"Passion In Action" Charity Dinner on the 10th Anniversary of CHF

Chi Heng Foundation hosted its first fundraising dinner on May 3, 2008 at the Jumbo Kingdom to raise funds in support of the education and expenses for over 7,500 AIDS-impacted children across six provinces in Mainland China and at the same time to commemorate Chi Heng Foundation's 10th anniversary.

The venue of the dinner was the world-famous floating restaurant – Jumbo Kingdom. To coincide with the upcoming Beijing Olympics and to commemorate May 7 as the World AIDS Orphans Day, the dinner took on the theme of "Passion " In Action". Highlights of the evening included various sports performances; a special recipe co-designed by gourmet expert Doreen Leung and Jumbo Kingdom's Head chef, K. L. Yu; a charity auction which featured a portrait package sponsored by celebrity photographer Alain Yip; as well as charity sale of a Chinese folk song on CD, with lyrics written and sung by celebrity singer Albert Au, dedicated to Chi Heng Foundation.

Various celebrities and athletes with a passion to help the needy were also sponsoring their services and products for the auction. They included celebrity chef Maria Lee; famous mountaineer Chung Kin Man; and celebrities like Perveen Crawford—the female pilot, Sharon Kwok and Sharon Cheung.

The dinner was fully supported by Melco Group. Other participating major sponsors included platinum sponsors – InterLeader Capital Limited, King's Flair (Group) and Lion & Globe Educational Trust; gold sponsor – Mrs. Nancy Koo Zau; and silver

sponsors – Bull Capital Partners (Hong Kong) Ltd, Huayi Industry, Lifetime Brands, and UBS. About 600 guests and over 100 performers/volunteers attended this memorable evening. The great efforts of all parties contributed to a total of HK \$3 million (net revenue) being raised for this event, including ticket sales, silent auctions, corporate sponsorships, donation pledge from our wish list & sale of merchandise items. 慈

CHF staff and volunteers cheer with the event organizing committee for a successful event





Anhui Kids Present **At Jet Li's Event**

On May 25, 15 CHF-sponsored children from the mountainous area of Fuyang, Anhui Province attended the show star auto race organized by Jet Li's One Foundation in Shanghai. Upon invitation and under sponsorship, the children had a wonderful afternoon at the circuit, seeing their idols like Sun Nan, Wang Zhiwen and Lin Xinru in person for the first time and hurrahing for the race. In addition to this excitement, they also visited other tourism attractions in Shanghai like Qiu Xia Garden as well as the Bund, and savored the famous Nan Xiang Dumpling. ㊄

<The kids are at the show star auto race

On July 13, 2008, the Parents and Friends Association (PFA) of the British International School of Shanghai (BISS) donated a sum of RMB\$168,000 to Chi Heng Foundation, in support of its cause and goals in helping the AIDS-affected children.

In February 2008, PFA of BISS sponsored and organized its second annual charity ball with hopes of raising money for Chi Heng Foundation. PFA selected Chi Heng Foundation among other candidates as its exclusive beneficiary of the event. Tropicana Night was the theme this year. The event was held at the Shanghai Racquet Club with performances as well as plenty of auction attractions. The event was attended by over 200 parents and teachers of BISS and several distinguished guests. Ms. Nicole Tubby, chairperson of PFA and master of ceremony of the evening spoke of high praises of Chi Heng's efforts in helping AIDS-impacted children in central part of China. ㊄

British International School Donates To **Chi Heng Foundation**



△ Mr. Chung To presents thank you letters to representatives of BISS, Ms Nicole Tubby (left) and Ms Heather

University Students Under CHF Program Run **The Hong Kong Marathon Again**

On February 17, 2008, more than 42,000 people took to the streets of Hong Kong for the city's annual marathon. CHF arranged three CHF-sponsored university students and a CHF-Guangzhou office staff member Zheng Rongguang to take part in the race.

In order to widen the vision of these students and encourage them to face their lives positively, some Hong Kong volunteers and staff of CHF also took them to visit Victoria Harbor, Repulse Bay, Ocean Park and the Hong Kong University of Science and Technology.

One student who had participated in the Marathon later wrote to CHF, "When I am running the Marathon, a lot of enthusiastic Hong Kong people encourage me to keep going, their encouragement instilled me with confidence, just like the support that CHF has given to me, I definitely will live positively and study hard." From this letter, this purpose of this trip in motivating the students was realized! ㊄

The students are simulating the giant panda at the Ocean Park >



Students And Staff Of Beijing Concord College Of Sino-Canada Raise Money For CHF

On May 7, the World AIDS Orphans Day, Miss Qiu Tian and Miss Feng Yizi from Beijing Concord College of Sino-Canada organized, with the help of some teachers, a barbecue party and raised over RMB\$5,000 for the children affected by HIV/AIDS under CHF's program. ㊄



"It Takes a City to Raise an Orphan" Project Starts in Hong Kong

On 1 March, 2008, CHF held a publicity and fundraising activity entitled "It Takes a City to Raise an Orphan" at Central Atrium of Olympic City 2. This activity, being a function under CHF's "Students Can Help!" project, was sponsored by Matilda Sedan Chair Race Charities Fund and organized by Nip Chi-man, Cheung Hoi-wai, Chiu Wan and Valerie Oliveiro, graduates of the Community College of City University of Hong Kong. It aimed to raise awareness of the impact of HIV/AIDS on Hong Kong students and provide a chance for students to help these HIV/AIDS impacted children.

The event drew an audience of over 300 members of the public who enjoyed a dance show performed by over 30 talented dancers from 4 professional dance schools. In addition, there was a quiz to enhance the participants' understanding of the work of Chi Heng Foundation.

The event was successful in attracting the attention of many students, and with the help of more than 20 student volunteers, the Student Can Help! Program can be further promoted. 紅



△ The dancers are performing

Student Can Help! Program Completes Its First Year in Beijing!



△Caption: Students from ISB are present their comic book

After an HIV/AIDS training day held in December 2007, small groups of students from International School of Beijing (ISB), Dulwich College, and Beijing World Youth Academy (BWYA) met weekly to biweekly for open discussions on HIV/AIDS topics, including stigma, discrimination, the HIV/AIDS situation in China, life skills, safe sex, etc. They also worked on projects to disseminate the message on HIV/AIDS to their peers.

ISB students created a comic book to present, in a humorous way, information on the prevention and transmission of AIDS, as well as the decision making skills on safe sex. BWYA students created sunglasses with encouraging words on them to mix fashion and compassion for those living with HIV/AIDS. Proceeds from the selling of these sunglasses were given to AIDS-impacted children via CHF.

The experience gained this year and the projects launched will surely lay a solid foundation for next year's Student Can Help! Program in Beijing. 紅

My Trip to Fuyang

Evelyn Cheng

It was last June that I got to know Chi Heng Foundation and Chung To. I remembered I went to Toronto from Vancouver to meet him. After I went back to Vancouver, I began organizing the fund raising activities for the HIV/AIDS affected children. Thanks for so many people's support, the response was good. But I always want to visit the children who are impacted by HIV/AIDS personally. After I know more about them, I can share their stories to the supporters with more details, then we can achieve more during the future fund raising activities.

In the morning of 28th April, the train took Doctor Chen and I from Shanghai to Fuyang. Chi Heng's local staff, Xiao Dai and Xiao Mei welcomed us at the station. The next few days, we were quite busy. We visited Luyaoyuan village, Daimenlou village, Luxiaoying village, Lulou village, Zhangbanqiao village, etc. All these areas were of high HIV prevalence. On our way, we saw farmlands and among the green paddy fields, we found several pyramid styled mounds, which I later learnt that these mounds were graves for people who died of AIDS years ago. Though the sun was shiny, I still felt cold, for I thought of the sadness between life and death.

We also visited some schools, it was difficult to image how simple and crude the schools were (according to Canada's standard, they couldn't be counted as schools). But the students behaved well, especially those affected by HIV/AIDS. They cherished the education opportunities that CHF provided for them. When I visited their homes, I found many certificates of merits on the walls. As a supporter of CHF, I felt relieved. Their homes were very shabby, without



△ Doctor Chen and the author are at Fuyang's village

any partitions for bedroom and the living room. Some of the households didn't have a closet, which implied that they wore the same clothes until it was worn out and then they bought a new one. I wondered how they survived the winter. The doors and the windows could not be closed completely, some of them were even broken. How did they survive the snow storm early this year?

The last stop before leaving Fuyang was to visit the infection

department of Lixin Hospital, accompanied by Xiao Dai and Xiao Mei. We saw many dying AIDS patients lying on beds, looking very pale and weak, they did not even have the strength to speak. It was like the end of the world. Out of humanity, I couldn't bear to take pictures of them. The family members who took care of them looked very worried and some of them cried their eyes out. The patients all hoped that CHF could bring their children up and make them a useful member of the society.

At these moments, as a supporter of CHF, I feel there are huge burden and responsibility on us. I really want to devote all my efforts into this cause, we need more people to join us. At the same time, I also understand why Chung TO quit his job several years ago and be a full time volunteer of CHF. What we are now doing is just a small part of the whole cause.

We not only have a long way to go, but also a hard way to go. However, only those who keep going when they face the challenges are really kind people. Let's work together and help in whatever way we can. 紅



How My Life Has Been Changed

Xiao Wang

I'm the first college student sponsored by CHF in Anhui province. I am now studying at Anhui University of Finance & Economics and will graduate this June. During the four years of my university life, it is CHF which supports my living and learning.

I was born in a village with three siblings. My father has hepatitis B, so he can't work too hard. In order to send their four children to school, my parents had to sell blood. In 2003, my mom was tested HIV positive. Since then, the living expenses of the whole family and our education fees completely relied on the four acres of farmland. Needless to say, life was very difficult.

The moment I received my university entrance offer, I knew I had to give up my education, even though going to university was my driving force for over ten years and it was the dream of my life. However, as the eldest daughter, I could not bear watching my parents being tormented by poverty and illness, trying to get several thousand RMB to pay my tuition fees. As the eldest sister, I had to let my younger sister and brother continue to go to school. Hence, I decided to stop studying and find a job to support them.

This kind of decision was really hard to make.

Yet, in that desperate and sad summer, Mr. Chung TO came to help. The Chi Heng Foundation that he found sponsored my tuition fee. Because of CHF, my life, my fate, even my family's life and fate were filled with hope.

With gratitude of CHF in my heart, I went to the university and studied hard. I knew CHF didn't expect any return from me but I must let people who have helped me considered that their effort was worthy. Four years passed, not only have I got a university degree, I also have a chance to pursue a master program.

CHF has turned me from a desperate rural girl four years ago into a confident college student. Every winter and summer holiday, Mr. Chung TO also comes to my home to visit my parents, enquiring their health and living conditions and showing great care. Moreover, as lucky as me, my younger sister is in the university with CHF's help.

No words or thanks can express my family and my appreciation of CHF. When I have the ability to help other people in need, I'll try my best for I will never forget how my life has been changed. ㊦

What More Can We Do?

Yang Huawei

My name is Yang Huawei and I am a staff of CHF's Zhengzhou Office. It has been almost a year since I joined CHF. During this period of time, I went to nearly one hundred villages



and visited thousands of households. Whenever I meet people affected with AIDS, whenever I see broken families tortured by HIV, or school children and teenagers who are forced to leave school because they don't have money to pay the tuition fees, I always ask myself, What more can we do for them?

One day in late 2007, we went to a county of Shangshui City, Henan province to visit the HIV/AIDS affected families. From one villager, we learned that one family was having a funeral. We went to their home immediately and found that the husband died two days ago because of AIDS, leaving behind his wife and three young children. Being sick, the wife could not work and had to ask other people to farm their lands. The two boys were in middle school, while the youngest girl was in elementary school. They sold almost everything in the house to buy medicine for the husband. Now, only an old house remained. The stuff for the funeral was borrowed from the relatives and friends. They didn't have money to buy the coffin and didn't know where to borrow the money. Hearing this, we gave them RMB1,000 at once (RMB500 from CHF, another RMB500 from Mr. Kan, a CHF staff in Hong Kong office) to meet their immediate needs. Then we arranged the three kids to join our program, and provided them with the necessary school fees and living expenses.

With our assistance, this family's crisis passed temporarily, but how about the long term living problems of thousands of other families affected by HIV/AIDS? These three children don't need to worry about their living and schooling, but who will console their fragile hearts? How about tens of thousands of other HIV/AIDS children who have lost their parents, who will take care of them and console them? Certainly, we should do more. ㊦

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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.