



SUN YAT-SEN University and CHF jointly provided art therapy to AIDS-impacted orphans



↑ The opening ceremony of the exhibition at the university's playground

In April 2008, the Red Ribbon Association of SUN YAT-SEN University and CHF jointly held an activity called "Concern for AIDS orphans through art therapy". An exhibition displaying pictures of AIDS orphans was held on 9 and 10 April respectively at the canteen area and the playground of the University. The exhibition attracted many students who expressed their concerns for these children and made donations. Impressed by the pictures, some students enquired about CHF's work on AIDS impacted orphans. At the art therapy fund raising event held later, the Red Ribbon Association raised RMB\$6,000 and delivered to CHF on 29 April.

Through this activity, more university students learnt about the conditions of AIDS-impacted orphans and showed their concern. They also gained more knowledge about HIV/AIDS and its prevention; they would also change their attitude towards AIDS patients as well. 福

SPC charity sale bought schoolbags for HIV/AIDS affected children

On 15 and 16 May, 2008, the "care and love" working group of Friends Social Public Welfare Voluntary Group organized a "SPC" charity sale in South China University of Technology. The articles were donated from Guangzhou Academy of Fine Arts, which included over 40 paintings, several potteries, 5 paper cuttings and 8 sunshine dolls. RMB\$1,470.80 was raised and 80 schoolbags were bought and sent to children affected by HIV/AIDS through CHF.

In view of the present deplorable situation of HIV/AIDS affected children in Mainland China and the general lack of understanding of university students about this group of people, a charity sale and exhibition were held, hoping that university students would learn more about AIDS and showed their concerns for the AIDS affected children. The theme of this activity – "SPC" means your Several → our Plenty → their

Countless. 福

Charity sale of sunshine dolls →



Gifts for HIV/AIDS affected children on Children's Day



← Delivery of food bags

To celebrate the Children's Day on 1 June, CHF prepared over 200 food bags for HIV/AIDS affected children in Shangshui County, Henan Province. Local officials, the mass media, parents, CHF sponsored university students and staff spent a happy time with the children.

Some children cycled a long way and arrived at the venue as early as 8 am. Some parents and grandparents left the farm work behind and came with the children. Xiaoyang, like many younger children, came to the place with his mother. However, his name was not on our list and he could only collect gifts for his elder brother and sister. His mom told us that Xiaoyang was the third child of the family and under China's one child policy (in rural place, a couple is allowed to have two children), he did not have a permanent residence status. Hence, she dared not ask CHF to sponsor him just like what CHF did to his brother and sister.

Eventually, Xiaoyang took three food bags home. The five-year old boy was still too shy to talk to us, but you could see a smile on his face when he left. CHF believes that every HIV/AIDS impacted child is entitled to a Children's Day gift, disregarding his/her identity, and CHF is working hard to give more children such a chance.

Apart from giving gifts to the children, CHF also dispensed scholarship to 1605 elementary and junior high school students in Henan and Anhui provinces. 福

Art Exhibition

On 17 and 18 May 2008, Friends of Chi Heng Foundation, Vancouver organized an Art Exhibition which displayed the drawings of AIDS orphans in China. All net proceeds from this event would go directly to CHF's AIDS Orphans Educational Program. In order to encourage participation from local community, a drawing competition was also organized for children under the following age groups: 4-6, 7-9, 10-12 and 13-16. There were a series of on stage performances and lots of charity items were donated for silent auction. One of the items was a massage chair, bid by Mr. Jack Tang. Mr. Tang has been very supportive to the foundation, and at last year's Gala dinner hosted by CHF, he also made a donation.

With the support of many lovely volunteers and sponsors, this event was very successful in raising essential funds for CHF's AIDS Orphans Educational Program. 福



Sharing love and spreading to all needy children around the world

"All net profits made by the photographer Luca Zordan and author Alethea Gold will be donated to Chi Heng Foundation to help fund AIDS related projects for children in Central China". This is the first sentence written by Jackie Chan in his foreword for Children of China.

The hundreds of pictures in Children of China took Luca and Alethea two years to shoot, traveling around China and meeting different children. They went to Harbin where children played in ice castles gloveless when the temperature plummeted to minus 30 degrees; they also went to the grasslands in Inner Mongolia, where children rode on horseback as the only means of transport. As they have more contracts with children in China, they showed greater concerns for HIV/AIDS affected children.

The book launching ceremony and photo exhibition were held in Peninsula Beijing on 18 July 2008. Dr Geoff Raby, Australian Ambassador to China attended the ceremony and praised Luca and Alethea for their talents and benevolence. Alethea introduced the work of CHF in helping AIDS impacted children to the guests.

"If we can share the love we have and let it spread to all the children around the world who need our help, the world will be a better place". This is Alethea's wish and she herself, her partners, friends and the other warm-hearted people are working hard to make this wish come true. 福



By Alethea Gold
Photographs Luca Zordan
Foreword Jackie Chan

↑ Cover of Children of China

Wuhan Summer Camp

The long awaiting Wuhan summer camp started on 2 July 2008. When the coach was running on the highway, passing through valleys, mountains and rivers, the students were marveled at the scenery. At around 3pm, we arrived at Wuhan University and were warmly greeted by Mr Sun and Mr Yuan of Wuhan University, as well as some volunteers. Their warm greetings had instantly drawn us closer.

During the following days, we went to the Science Museum, Birds Garden, Huang He Lau, Wuhan Yangtze River Bridge and Hubei Museum. In Hubei Museum, the students saw the Sword of Gou Jian, the Tomb of Zenghou Yi, as well as many displays made of blue and white porcelain. They also enjoyed the music of chime bells. Lastly, we went to the Hong Xin Education Centre, when students learnt, through games and group activities, how to overcome challenges and difficulties. The trainers said to the students: all of you are heroes of our future!

This summer camp was unforgettable. Thanks to the careful planning of Mr Sun and Mr Yuan of Wuhan University and the enthusiastic involvement of university student volunteers, the children had a wonderful time. When the summer camp ended, they were so reluctant to leave that they cried! 福



Voices from Our Staff

● CHF-Anhui's Dai Tingmei

After facing too much lives and deaths, I suddenly become apathetic. Before, when I saw AIDS patients who were all skin and bones during home visits, I would feel sad for a long time. I used to cry when I saw these patients dying. When I saw patients lying in hospital beds or when I saw young children taking care of their ailing parents and doing the household chores, like sweeping the floor, cooking, washing pots and bowls, I was so impressed that I cried. These children have not gone to the bad, instead they demonstrate their strong will and take care of their family. I always feel unsettling when I visit the orphans. They have to go to school, take care of the family and their grandparents.

Once during our home visit, a volunteer asked a child what he would like to eat most and he answered: a pack of instant noodles. His answer had driven us to tears. When we ask the children what their hobbies are or they want to do most, they find it hard to answer the questions. Some of them just pick a school subject while some of them say that they do not know. Most of them do not have any recreational activities and many children say that watching television is their only recreational activity. These children hope to be treated equal and with understanding. Whenever I see their eyes yearning for help, I always think that Chi Heng still has to walk a very long road.



Distributing food bags and school fees in the villages are tiring, but that is the happiest moment for me for I can see the smiling faces of our sponsored families. I can feel the happiness of the children getting the toys or the stationeries. Every time I give out the food bags, there are some moving scenes. Once, when I distributed the food bags in a village, the last one who came to us was an old woman, walking haltingly, holding a

walking stick with her left hand and the hand of her grandson with her right hand. However, we could not find the name of the boy on the list. Eventually we added his name and gave him the food bag. "Thank you uncle" said the boy smilingly after getting the pack. The old grandma said in tears, "I am so old, I do not have the ability to take care of this boy. In future, come to visit me more." She has entrusted me with such a task. I always think, what more can Chi Heng do to help these children?

I always select children who may not perform too well academically and have to take care of the family to join the summer and winter camps organized by Anhui Office. I hope that through such activities, the children will not give up their future due to great pressure. They will realize that there are many kind hearted people caring for them and that if they work hard, they can change their lives. Work hard, kids! Don't worry about your school fees and living expenses, there are many people caring for you and Chi Heng Foundation will support you. 智

Sharing from an university student

I am Mei, a girl from Fuyang City, Anhui Province. I graduated from Anhui Education College in June this year. I am now a staff member of Chi Heng Foundation, station in Anhui Office.

My grandma is blind and my parents are peasants, living on farming. My elder brother and sister are married. My younger brother is a second year university student in Wuxi. Some ten years ago, my mother sold blood to support the poor family. Unfortunately she has been infected with HIV and is now suffering from AIDS. Looking back, I dare not think too much of the crying faces. My mother is getting thinner and thinner and I feel bad. I dare not think of the day when I will become a motherless child.

Because my mother is affected with AIDS, I can get various kinds of help from Chi Heng Foundation. I met Mr. TO in the summer of 2005. Before meeting him, I thought I could no longer continue my studies. As my mother got sick, my family has borrowed a lot of money from relatives for her medication. The family was heavily in debt and I was depressed. When I received the acceptance letter from the college, I cried. I did not want my parents to borrow money for me and be humiliated.

At that time, my younger brother was studying in senior high. As a sister, I feel obliged to give the chance of schooling to my brother. His academic results were better than me and he would surely be admitted to a better university.

When I was about to quit school and went to work, Chi Heng helped me and gave me a chance to be back to school. I will never forget the summer of 2005. Because of Mr. TO, my brother and I no longer worry about school fees. It can be said that Chi Heng has given me a chance to live again, and allow me to make my wish come true, i.e. to be a university student and complete my education. My brother is also a university student sponsored by CHF, soon he will be in his third year in a key university.

Working in Chi Heng is my aspiration and my whole family supports me. It also gives me a chance to repay Chi Heng even though it never asks me for anything in return.

I always think that we should be grateful to those who have helped us. Although working in Chi Heng may not be relevant to my professional training, I still like the job. I like dealing with children who also have similar family problems like me. Based on my own experience, I am willing to encourage the kids not to give up schooling due to family problems and not to feel shameful because of their parents' conditions.

I will work harder in future to help each and everyone in need, regardless whether they have similar family background. I will give my best performance in Chi Heng. I believe that if there is "love", our children will never feel lonely. If there are organizations like Chi Heng, our world will get better and better. Let us sing the song "Let the world be full of love", with you, him and me, love will sustain among us. 智



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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.

