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

Upcoming Events ▼

### Albert Au Concert

On April 10th to 11th, Albert Au will hold his 2009 concert and proceeds of tickets sold through the Chi Heng charity sale, net of costs, will be donated to Chi Heng.

### Bag For Better

From May 8 - 30 : A fund raising event supported by over 100 artists, designers, artistes and celebrities. The bags 're-created' by them will be exhibited at the YY9 gallery and all proceeds will be donated to Chi Heng.

### The 4th AIDS Memorial Dinner and Cocktail Party

On May 16th, the famous Kathleen's 5 Rooftop Restaurant in Shanghai will host its 4th AIDS memorial dinner and cocktail party, with CHF as a beneficiary again this year.

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## Chi Heng Foundation Sichuan Earthquake Relief

After the Wenchuan earthquake on May 12th, 2008, under the direction of Mr. Chung To, Chairman of the Chi Heng Foundation, many university students supported by the Foundation eagerly expressed their intention to participate in the earthquake relief program. Twenty such university students were selected to form a support group for the region. After three days of training, the student support group entered the earthquake relief area. Due to the fact that the relief area already claimed that they no longer needed volunteers, the university students had to find their own area to offer their services. In the end, their assistance was received by Jingu (Gold Drum) Village in Beichuan County, Chenjiaba Area; Chongde

Village in Peng County, Tongji Township; and Tianguo New Village in Chong County, Sanlang Township. As all of the schools in the earthquake area had been closed down, the Chi Heng support group's primary work was to tutor the children in the area and provide academic support and companionship.

The students overcame countless difficulties and built their own tents in which the lessons were taught. Due to the extreme heat and humidity of this area, together with the lack of shower and bathing facilities, many of the student volunteers developed eczema. In Tianguo New Village alone, over 260 students attended the tutoring sessions provided by the Chi Heng support group. Since only five of the

student volunteers were assigned to this area, their daily class schedule began at 6 a.m. and ended at 4 p.m. Student volunteers stationed in Peng County, Tongji Township had to walk 40 minutes each day in order to teach at the local schools. In Beichuan County, student volunteers set up three separate locations to conduct their classes.

Our student volunteers received the praise and support of the local villagers. The Qiang (a Chinese minority race) villagers even held a local song and dance performance in order to show their appreciation for the student volunteers. As the student volunteers' time drew near to the end, the local peasants, especially their students, did not want the volunteers to leave. Many children said their goodbyes with tears in their eyes.

Although a month and a half flew by quickly, the student volunteers experienced first hand the everyday struggle of the people living in the earthquake affected area. They learned how to persevere and be strong, and gained the gratitude, respect and friendship of the local people.

To provide residents in the relief area warmth in the winter and to welcome the Spring Festival, 16 students supported by Chi Heng returned to the area to distribute relief material and to conduct a survey between Jan. 12th and 22nd, 2009. About 1,000 relief packages were distributed among Hongshang (Red Mountain) Village in Pengzhou County, Tongji Township, Jingu (Gold Drum) Village in Chenjiaba Township, Taihong Village and Yunli Village in Dengjia Township. The students also surveyed the residents on their needs in the reconstruction of their neighborhood, providing valuable input to future Chi Heng relief initiatives. 好



◁ The tutoring class in the relief area

## Chi Heng Foundation's Program for AIDS Orphans Recognized by Former President Bill Clinton in Hong Kong

At Clinton Global Initiative ("CGI") Asia Meeting held on December 2, 2008, Chi Heng Foundation ("Chi Heng") was featured as an initiative recognized on stage by Former President Bill Clinton for an innovative commitment helping AIDS impacted children in China. Under this Commitment, Chi Heng will sponsor the university level education of 200 AIDS impacted youth whose parents have died of AIDS or are living with HIV. In addition to providing an education to a group of young people who otherwise would not be able to continue their education, this unique initiative will mobilize and empower them to become role models as Big Brothers and Big Sisters helping younger AIDS impacted



△ Mr. Chung To received the Commitment Certificate together with Mr. and Mrs. Lee from President Bill Clinton.

children in the same rural area over 3 years, thereby forming a community self-help support network.

Chi Heng will implement the program with the generous commitment donation plan over 3 years from Mr. Martin Lee, Vice Chairman of Henderson Land Development, and his wife Ms. Cathy Lee, Goodwill Ambassador of Chi Heng. "We are delighted to be making this commitment at CGI Asia here in Hong Kong, especially on December 2, the day after World AIDS Day," according to Mr. Chung To, founder of Chi Heng who received the Commitment Certificate together with Mr. and Mrs. Lee at the Plenary Session on stage from President Bill Clinton. 🇺🇸

## Chi Heng Foundation Charity Dinner



△ Professor Hsien-Yung Pai and Mr. Chung To at the Charity Dinner

The Chi Heng Foundation proudly hosted a charity dinner on 17 November 2008 with the renowned author, Professor Hsien-Yung Pai, as the Guest of Honor. Guests not only enjoyed a scrumptious dinner from a menu specially designed for the occasion, but also received private VIP tickets of Kunqu "The Jade Hairpin", generously donated by the Robert N.H. Ho Foundation.

During the dinner, Professor Pai spoke about the work of Chi Heng and his support for the foundation. He also expressed his hope of raising people's awareness and compassion for Chi Heng's cause through cultural activities. In addition to Professor Pai's rousing talk, highlights of the evening included an excellent performance of an extract from "The Romance of the Western Chamber" by Ms Luu Jia, a Suzhou Kunqu actress; and a beautiful performance by Mr Li Xiangting on a rare and unique 1,252 year old guqin made during the Tang Dynasty. One of the night's events also included an artwork charity auction. The auctioned pieces included a Guanyin painting by Mr Xi Song, a famous Taiwanese painter; the collected works of Professor Hsien-Yung Pai; Su embroidered shawls; and "The Jade Hairpin" VCDs. The auction went very well and a number of the pieces fetched prices higher than their reserve values.

Chi Heng would like to express their gratitude and extend special thanks to Mr. Alfred Chuang for his generous sponsorship of all dinner costs; and Ms. Doreen Leung for designing the special dinner menu. The evening was a great success. 🇺🇸

In November 2008, the annual signature fund raising event "Walk For Chalk" was held for the 3rd time around. Over thirty donors from Hong Kong, China and abroad gathered in Tunxi and met up with a group of AIDS affected children from Fuyang of the Anhui province. During their time together over a weekend, they toured around Qiyun Mountain and the Huangcun village. Also, the group visited a local junior high school, held a mini 'Olympics' with the students, and had a barbecue lunch party in the schoolyard. It drew a big crowd of curious observers from the neighborhood. The activity was fun-filled with excitement and cheers. It was hoped that the games could last a bit longer. It was an unforgettable experience for all participants, including donors, Chi Heng children from Fuyang, and the local school students.

In addition to taking part in activities with the children, the donors also had a chance to learn more about Chi Heng's works, and also the school life of the children. They eagerly offered Chi Heng with helpful suggestions and proposals to enhance its fundraising and services. With generous donations from the participants and other supporters, the event successfully raised much funds to offer education opportunity to many AIDS impacted children in China. 🇺🇸

## Walk For Chalk - Tunxi 2008



△ The donors and the AIDS-orphans in Tunxi

## Art Exhibition by Angela Huang

On February 8, 2009, Angela Huang held her first solo art exhibition at the Hong Kong Arts Centre. Fifty two pieces of her artwork in various media such as acrylic, watercolor, paint, pencil and carbon stick were on display, all of which Angela gave away to raise funds for Chi Heng. She spoke about her experience at the Chi Heng 2007 Summer Art Camp helping the AIDS orphans, inspiring her to hold this charity art exhibition. The event was very successful with a lot of support from Angela's family, relatives, friends and the public. 🇺🇸



Angela with family, Chung To, Agatha and CHF university students visiting Hong Kong at her solo art exhibition ▶

## Watercolors Exhibition

Tiffany and Christina Zau held their first exhibition at the Hong Kong Arts Centre on January 4, 2009. The event was also the first fund raising - art donation exhibition held by Hong Kong students in support of the Chi Heng Foundation. The exhibit featured 45 paintings drawn over the last 5 years by the Zau sisters. All proceeds raised from the exhibit were



△ Mr. Chung To and the two sisters at the Hong Kong Arts Centre

donated to Chi Heng and each painting was given to a donor. Preparations for the exhibition took over 9 months to complete and the event was organized entirely by the Zau sisters and their family members - they diligently searched for the venue; selected and framed the paintings, and invited friends, relatives and the public to attend. The exhibition was a great success and through the event, many more people came to learn about and understand Chi Heng. 🇺🇸

## An Overview of University Students' Conference and Holiday Programs



△ Professor Gui Xi'en (left) and Professor Gao Yaojie at the meeting

In early July 2008, the Chi Heng Foundation held the fourth annual summer holiday university students' conference in Wuhan. Over 70 university student volunteers sponsored by the Chi Heng Foundation attended this gathering. Professor Gao Yaojie, "China's AIDS prevention pioneer"; and Professor Gui Xi'en, "China's premier AIDS virus expert"; and Mr. Chung To, Chairman of the Chi Heng Foundation, attended the conference and hosted seminars and discussions.

After the conference, the student volunteers returned to their hometowns and visited a total of over 7,000 children

affected by the AIDS and distributed over 3,000 sets of nutritious food packs, reference books and stationery. They also organized more than 10 sessions of summer holiday interest groups for the children.

At the end of August, the student volunteers brought along their results and attended an overview conference in Guangzhou. Based on their experience, they held discussions on topics such as "self-rescue living skills", "career opportunities" and "assistance for afflicted students".

During the winter holiday in early 2009, university student volunteers began their weeklong session for handing out calendars and visiting AIDS affected families. They especially focused on families with special needs and children living with AIDS. Their findings provided valuable statistics and information to help Chi Heng design living subsidy allocation and distribution for 2009. 🇺🇸



△ AIDS Orphans Drawing Exhibition at the Standard Chartered Bank

## AIDS Orphans Drawing Exhibition

In support of the 2008 World AIDS Day, the Chi Heng Foundation hosted a series of art exhibitions in Beijing, Shanghai and Guangzhou. On display were drawings made by AIDS impacted children supported by Chi Heng. The drawings depicted the children's longing for their family, their ambitions to go to university and the beautiful scenery of their hometowns. For the Beijing exhibition, the venue was sponsored by Jian Han Xiu Spicy Hot Pot and the Bookworm, while the media support was sponsored by Sohu. The exhibitions in Shanghai and Guangzhou were sponsored by the Shanghai and Guangzhou branches of the Standard Chartered Bank. The exhibition coincided with celebrations for the grand opening of the headquarters of Standard Chartered Bank in China, and was warmly received by Standard Chartered employees. It is also worth noting that it was the first time that this type of art exhibition was held in the European Chamber of Commerce in Shanghai. 🇺🇸

## Summer Camp

From the end of July to the middle of August 2008, around 60 children from the Henan and Anhui provinces took part in summer camps organized by the Chi Heng Foundation in Shanghai and Guangzhou.

Innovative activities at the Shanghai summer camp, including a hairdressing and makeup course by L'Oré al; a karate course and a visit to the Accor Group hotel, become the attractions of this summer camp. These new activities were not only welcomed by the children but also attracted much media attention. At the Shanghai summer camp closing dinner, which was generously sponsored by Standard Chartered Bank, two college students sponsored by Chi Heng gave a presentation about their volunteering work in Sichuan as part of the earthquake relief program undertaken by around 20 Chi Heng students. They were also interviewed by the South China Morning Post and other media.

Sponsors of the summer camp at Guangzhou included Standard Chartered Bank Guangzhou Branch and Yakult Dairy Products of Guangzhou Corporation, amongst others. Dozens of volunteers also came from Hong Kong to assist with the event. One of the volunteer organizations was the Hong Kong Mayan User Group, a media company renowned for its animations in Hong Kong blockbuster movies such as "The Storm Riders". The volunteers made a special weekend trip to Guangzhou and held a delightful animation workshop for the children. The accommodation and closing dinner at the Guangzhou summer camp were generously sponsored by the Guangzhou Limei Hotel and Mr. James Li, CEO of the Hong Kong Huayi Group respectively. 🇺🇸



△ The children were learning to make pizzas

## Shanghai Young Bakers

On February 7th, 2008, sixteen underprivileged students formed a special class at the Shanghai Caoyang Vocational School to learn how to make authentic French-style bread and pastries, marking the successful inauguration of the Shanghai Young Bakers (SYB) project. Among the sixteen students, nine of them came from Chi Heng's program. The distinguished guests present at the inauguration included the SYB members, representatives from Chi Heng's social partners, the Shanghai Charity Foundation, the French General Consulate of Shanghai and other sponsor companies.

The SYB project was designed by the Jeune Chambre Economique of France and is supported by the French General Consulate of Shanghai. The students will receive an intensive half-year training at the Shanghai Caoyang Vocational School. The teaching faculty consists of both French and Chinese professionals who collectively have decades of experience within the patisserie industry. The course will start with a one-week theoretical training,

after which the students will be posted to partnering companies including prestigious brands such as the Hyatt, Paul, Radisson and Carrefour for a half-year internship. A diploma will be granted to students attaining a certain standard in their graduation examination. 🇺🇸



△ The inauguration of the bakery class

## Hong Kong Marathon



On Feb. 8th, 2009, five Chi Heng sponsored university students competed in the 10-km Race of the Standard Chartered Hong Kong Marathon. All of them finished the race within 1 hour at ease.

The first stop of this Hong Kong trip was Hong Kong Disneyland. It was a fun filled day for them with lots of sweet memories. Special thanks to the great hospitality of the Disney Ambassador.

In addition to the Marathon, they attended a few other meaningful activities. Among them were attending Angela's fund-raising exhibition; mingling with the HIV champions at a lunch hosted by of the Standard Chartered Bank; visiting the Chi Heng office; joining the "Bright Love In Action" dinner event organized by Ms. Doreen Leung; and visiting Shek O beach (it is their first time seeing an ocean since they were born). Just before departing Hong Kong, they took a ferry ride, enjoying the renowned harbor scenery.

This trip not only gave them a chance to experience the charm of the Pearl of the Orient, they were also enlightened by the selfless and dedicated people whom they met. They greatly cherish their kindness and love, and they will work hard to perpetuate their generosity. 🇺🇸

△ The students were to see the 3-D movie in Disneyland



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Voices from Our Staff

## Reflections on Work



△ Liu Li

I am choked with emotion whenever I think about my first month at the Chi Heng Foundation. Our chairman, Mr. To, would stop by our office for brief trips to either make personal home visits or personally review the students' applications handed in by their parents, and we would admire Mr. To's diligence. At the time, not many people, including me, understood why there was a need to work so hard, even insofar as to miss meals, in order to assist with these AIDS patients. I was also skeptical and pondered why there was such an organization that would not make money but would help AIDS

patients at any cost? But, after working for a period of time, my questions were eventually answered.

If even Mr. To is able to leave his lifestyle behind in distant Hong Kong in order to penetrate into AIDS ridden areas to help the affected children - I believe that we, as mere common folk, can only hope to contribute in whatever small ways we can. Whenever I think of this, I

feel my enthusiasm for my work rising to new heights. Aside from the heartwarming actions of Mr. To, my decision to continue to work with and assist AIDS sufferers is also due to the fact that I've had some personal experience of dealing with AIDS.

I remember at the end of 2003, I was helping the family member of an AIDS patient with an IV needle and accidentally stabbed my hand. Those who have never experienced such a moment could never understand my emotions - everyday I was tormented by terror and anticipation. Because at the time I did not understand a great deal about AIDS, I only cleaned and treated the puncture like any other wound. But after the incident, I genuinely wanted to learn more about AIDS and borrowed many relevant books from our secretary. The more I read the more I feared that I may have been infected and could not help but compare some of the symptoms in the books to some of my existing ailments. That was an extremely difficult period in my life. Although in the end, my fears were proven false; my experience nevertheless taught me the fragility of life and the hope for all people to simply 'live'. I will always remember that feeling of resurrection when the doctor at the AIDS prevention and detection centre gave me the all-clear. At the same time, I finally understood how each AIDS patient has struggled everyday through their own boundless and immeasurable darkness. From my own brush with AIDS onwards, I never spoke to AIDS patients with empty words of sympathy meant to seem considerate, for I saw these words as completely useless. Only through personal experience did I truly understand what AIDS meant. I will patiently listen to their sorrows and concerns, and then use all my effort to help them accomplish their requests.

Every time I now meet optimistic patients, I am always moved by their hopefulness, enthusiasm, strength and courage when dealing with AIDS!



Voices from the Student



## Chi Heng gives me strength

By Xiao Wang

Both of my parents were infected with AIDS through blood transfusions. My father died from the serious disease, leaving my mother, brother and me alone. I will never forget that period of unbearable hardship. When I was in junior high school, news about my family's suffering spread among my classmates. They began to act very cold and aloof towards me; in their eyes, I was something to be feared. I felt a lot of pressure and no longer dared to speak to them.

It was a long time before this period of suffering ended for me. One of the most fortunate events to happen to me was my introduction to Mr. To and the Chi Heng Foundation when I was in Grade 3. From that time on, Chi Heng has touched me and given me so much help and assistance. Chi Heng has given me strength and has taught me how to live with courage and face life with self confidence.

On May 12th, 2008, an 8.0 richter scale earthquake hit the Wenchuan county of Sichuan and the plight and suffering of the Sichuan people moved the hearts of 1.3 billion Chinese people. I proudly participated in the post-quake reconstruction event organized by Chi Heng during the summer holiday. My main role was to help children with their lessons, and communicate with them, to try to alleviate the trauma that the earthquake inflicted on their lives. During this time, not only did I learn many things, but I also developed a close friendship with the children, making it a very rewarding experience. With our help, the children regained their self-confidence and courage to overcome difficulties.

For a long time, I have dreamt of becoming an employee of Chi Heng. Now, my dream has come true. I am going to repay the kindness of Chi Heng and help children who have gone through similar hardships as me. I know how it feels to helplessly watch parents suffer from the deadly illness. I hope that through our collective efforts, AIDS impacted children can receive even more help and assistance.



CHF NEWS IN BRIEF

Mr. Chung To was invited to the Jeune Chambre Economique in Shanghai in November 2008 to give a speech about Chi Heng's work with AIDS impacted children.

The Business Traveller Magazine of China held its annual awards ceremony at the Hyatt on the Bund in Shanghai in December 2008. Chi Heng was selected as the sole charity beneficiary by Business Traveller Magazine for the third year in a row. The guest of honor, Frances Yip (a famous Hong Kong singer), presented the awards and highly commended the work of the Foundation.

On January 21st, 2009, the British International School of Shanghai donated RMB 2,042 to the Chi Heng Foundation in aid of the AIDS impacted children of China. The funds was raised from charity sale of red ribbons by international students as an extra-curricular activity. The red ribbon sale was organized entirely by the student union.

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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 8,000 AIDS-impacted children across central China. A mere HK\$ 250 can pay for one child's primary schooling for an entire year.