

Chi Heng primary and secondary education sponsorship disbursed

From 14th April to 6th May, Chi Heng staff disbursed primary and secondary school education sponsorships in Central China. Chi Heng staff visited a number of schools with larger number of sponsored students. Aside from directly distributing the funds to students, Chi Heng had the opportunity to understand more about the children's learning environment, and the visits were well supported by the schools. For schools with fewer sponsored students, Chi Heng staff called the parents personally to invite them to the schools' administrative offices to receive the sponsorship. This ensured that their privacy was protected. WH Kan (CHF Finance Director) and Zhang Yiping (CHF AIDS Orphans Program Manager) supervised the whole process of the sponsorship disbursement and visited the families supported by Chi Heng. Over two weeks, 900 thousand Chinese Yuan of sponsorship were given to over 3,800 primary and secondary school students.



On 23rd April, staff distributed primary and secondary school sponsorships in the South-west region starting with Guangxi. Chi Heng staff from the Kunming office went to six cities in Guangxi to deliver this year's sponsorships to the recipients. This year's distribution process continued to improve the relationship between Chi Heng and its sponsored students. We believe this helps them to feel that society is supportive and caring.

Chi Heng Zhengzhou University Students Association

On 7th April, Chi Heng Zhengzhou office welcomed the 2012 Spring University Student Association for an event. Over 60 university students funded by Chi Heng participated in the event. They went to a forest park in the suburbs. They also went for outings, picnics, played tug of war, trust games, etc. This strengthened their friendship and made them feel a greater sense of belonging to the Chi Heng family.



Chi Heng university students interviews

On 8th April, Chi Heng Foundation began holding the last series of university student interviews for the 2011-2012 school year in Zhengzhou. 44 university students were interviewed. The Chi Heng staff will transfer grants directly into bank accounts of students eligible for sponsorship.



Zhengkai International Marathon

On 8th April, 68 university students supported by Chi Heng participated in the 5km Zhengkai International Marathon. The Zhengkai International Marathon is organized by the Henan Provincial Government. Participants from all regions take part in challenging group sports activities. This is the second year that a team participated in the tournament on behalf of Chi Heng. Chi Heng hopes that by being part of this event, their university students have a chance to interact with their peers as well as expand their horizons. The marathon is a great way for the participants to challenge themselves.

This year, many students supported by Chi Heng signed up for the event. The number of applicants was much higher than last year because students have grown to really value the experience and appreciate the pleasure and excitement of the run.



Professor examines Chi Heng work in rural villages

On 9th April, Chung To (Chairman of the Chi Heng Foundation) and Professor Jin Wei (from the Central Party School of Public Health and Social Policy) visited Central China together. During their field trip, they oversaw Chi Heng's project in rural villages, particularly focusing on the launching of cooperative society projects. They also visited a school library, as well as a local bag factory sustained by infected women.



Children from Yunnan participate in arts and crafts competition

Dicos restaurant from the Yunnan region sponsored four Chi Heng children to participate in an arts and crafts competition. With materials such as leaves, paper, scissors, glue, paint brush and rubber cement, the children used their imagination to create beautiful handmade crafts. The four children were quite shy at first, but during the event they had the opportunity to play with each other and build stronger friendships under the leadership of the Dicos staff. They also had a tasty meal from the restaurant!



College talk: 'Raise awareness of AIDS orphans and encourage volunteering'

Chung To conducted public campus seminars to raise awareness of AIDS orphans. This has been a Chi Heng tradition since 2006. Chung has spoken in over a hundred seminars in universities in Beijing, Shanghai and Guangzhou, among other cities.

Zhengzhou Visit

On 10th April, Chung To spoke at Henan University of Technology to raise awareness of AIDS orphans and encourage volunteering. This was the first time he conducted such a seminar in Henan. Over 400 teachers and students responded enthusiastically to his speech. Chung not only described the spread of AIDS, but also helped teachers and students understand the survival status of AIDS orphans. After the lecture, many students applied to join the Chi Heng volunteer team to help AIDS orphans.

Sichuan Visit

From 11th-12th April, Chung To went to Sichuan for the first time to conduct seminars at Southwest University for Nationalities and Sichuan Agricultural University. He urged students to increase their understanding of AIDS orphans and to spread the concept of anti-discrimination towards these orphans. The seminars received strong support and recognition from teachers and students with an attendance of more than 500 people. An exhibition of AIDS orphans' artwork further encouraged these students to send their deepest blessings to the orphans.



Talk in Zhengzhou



Talk in Chengdu



Story-telling for first-graders

On 25th April, Chi Heng staff from the Beijing office visited a primary school to interact with first-graders. Through storytelling games and quizzes, Chi Heng staff and volunteers instilled basic knowledge of AIDS to the children. Through the Chi Heng starfish story about 'Allen', the children learned about the hardships and struggles of AIDS orphans. The children expressed their blessings and wishes to the AIDS orphans through hand-painted artworks.