

Chi Heng sponsorship and scholarship disbursement in Yunnan and Henan

On 23rd May, Chi Heng disbursed sponsorships to over 150 AIDS-impacted students attending primary and secondary schools in Yunnan, an increase of 70 students over last year. WH Kan (CHF Finance Director) and Chi Heng staff in Yunnan attended a gathering with sponsored local high school students and encouraged them to study hard.

On the same day, Chi Heng granted scholarships to 20 high school students and 3 university students in Henan. One of the students said, 'In addition to education sponsorship and material assistance, this Chi Heng scholarship is a great recognition and encouragement to me.'



On 24th May, Chung To and four representatives from Ben Yuan Ren Wen Charity Foundation visited Henan to disburse sponsorships and scholarships. 121 junior high school, 54 senior high school and 8 university students received scholarship recognition. Meanwhile, Chi Heng staff prepared care packages consisting of 12 bottles of milk and 12 eggs for the 110 students taking the National College Entrance Examination in 12 days. Afterwards, Zhu Chunlei (CHF Zhengzhou Office Manager) hosted a sharing session with the graduating senior high school students, in which he shared exam preparation strategies and university application techniques. A university student presented a banner to express gratitude towards Chi Heng: from a thousand to a million miles, thank you for Chung To's kindness; from ten to a hundred years, never forget Chi Heng's care.'



Representatives from the Ben Yuan Ren Wen Charity Foundation also visited two AIDS-infected children's homes, a local eco-friendly bag factory built by Chi Heng, and a library in a local school sponsored by Chi Heng. They expressed their support for Chi Heng's work. The eco-friendly bag factory provides HIV-infected female workers with a chance to earn an income with dignity, and a hope for the future. The library provides Chi Heng sponsored students and all other students in the school with a greater opportunity to read, and fosters harmony in the community.

Celebration of Children's Day in Henan

On 19th and 20th May, Chi Heng's Henan team hosted 20 AIDS-infected children to celebrate Children's Day. During those two days, the children visited the Xinzheng International Airport and saw airplanes for the first time. They also visited the SIAS International University, touring the magnificent campus, the library and the swimming pool. The children even got the chance to play golf. They were also extremely excited watching the 3D version of the movie 'The Avengers'. The Chi Heng staff then took the children to see the Yellow River, explained the river culture and everyone rode in speedboats. After the two-day event, one child said happily, 'In the past two days, I felt so much loved and forged lots of friendships. I am very happy.'



On 26th and 27th May, Chi Heng held a summer camp in Henan for 38 infected children. With four volunteers and two staff accompanying the children, they visited a national park, watched a 3D movie, played in the AAAA national tourist attraction Erlang Mountain, rode in boats, watched performances by ethnic minorities as well as acts by specially trained birds. The summer camp was supported by many organizations, which provided the children with a positive and inspiring experience, and hopefully helped them develop stronger self confidence and motivated them to do well in school.



AIDS Candlelight Memorial Day "An Exhibition of Love"

20th May was the twenty-ninth International AIDS Candlelight Memorial Day. On 19th, 20th and 23rd May, Chung To spoke at the opening ceremony of the Female Forum at SIAS International University, the China Youth University for Political Sciences and the Zhoukou Normal University respectively. He urged university students to pay attention to public welfare as well as AIDS orphans and to promote equality. Chung To said to the students, 'Charity should come from our heart, not from merely following others. Charity works when each person plays a role and contributes in a way.' Through poetry readings, quizzes and other activities, students conveyed their good wishes and encouragement to AIDS orphans.

In the afternoon of 20th May, Chi Heng hosted an event in its Caring Home in Anhui, with the theme of 'An Exhibition of Love'. Children in the Caring Home pasted on the wall paintings by the class of first grade students of Capital Normal University Subsidiary Experimental Primary School. The Chi Heng team then explained the stories behind each painting to the children. In return, the children drew paintings to be later sent to the first graders, expressing their gratitude towards the thoughtful gifts from afar.



"Chinese NGO development and outlook"

In the afternoon of 22nd May, a discussion forum entitled 'Chinese NGO development and outlook' was held at the Columbia University's East Asian global center. Chung To, along with Deng Fei (Founder of Free Lunch Project), Guo Jianmei (China's first full-time public interest lawyer) and Yong Rong (Greenpeace Policy and Public Affairs Officer), attended the meeting as special guests. Chung To exchanged views on the development of NGOs in China with high school students and teachers from Beijing, as well as representatives from Columbia University.

Hong Kong - Cantonese Operatic Singing Performance in Support of Chi Heng

With the kind support of Wing Cheong Cantonese Opera Promotion Association, the Cantonese operatic singing performance was successfully held on April 29, 2012 at the HK Cultural Centre. Dr. John Chan, GBS and Director Chau Pui Jing of Liaison Office of the Central People's Government in the HKSAR officiated at the performance which was attended by more than 1200 guests. It was staged jointly by well-known artists and amateur talents including Ms Wong Chiu Kwan, Mr Lee Lung, Ms Nan Fung among others and the fund raising result was better than expected. Apart from ticket sales, we also raised funds through advertising in the event souvenir programme. The programme booklet was distributed to the audience and the press. Complimentary tickets were given to the elderly and students to further promote Cantonese Opera. Big thanks to all the donors, supporters, performers and volunteers in making this event so successful and memorable.



'For AIDS orphans, what can we do?' World AIDS Orphans Day

On 6th May, Chi Heng's Shanghai team held a house-warming party at their new office on Xi Kang Lu, with over 20 volunteers, staff and students attending. Together they officiated at the opening ceremony of 'Wall of Chiheng Values'. Chung To provided an update on Chi Heng's work. Guests and students shared experiences in their daily life and their work, and talked about doing more to help Chi Heng.

Chi Heng Shanghai office is planning to organize similar events once every quarter. For friends of Chi Heng in Shanghai wishing to join in, contact the office at shanghai@chiheng.org

problems caused by AIDS. Participants then watched a video clip that was popular on the Internet, entitled 'If things are bitter, then add some sugar', which documents the daily lives of AIDS orphans. The video helped volunteers, who did not have a chance to travel to rural villages, gain an in depth understanding of the lives of AIDS orphans. They were moved by the orphans' tenacity and optimism. Several university students sponsored by Chi Heng spontaneously expressed gratitude towards Chi Heng and to the volunteers for their support - they cherish the opportunity to study and promise to work hard. At the end of the event, everyone gave their sincere good wishes to the AIDS orphans.

(To watch the documentary 'If things are bitter, then add some sugar': <http://v.qq.com/program/mmm/621.htm>)



Hong Kong - Irene Chu "Racing The Planet" Charity Support

Irene Chu spent 6 days in the Jordanian desert in May,



competing in the RacingThePlanet Jordan 2012. She completed the 250Km journey with a 10Kg supply bag at the start. She trained for months, while she also mobilized her friends to support her through donating to her chosen charity - Chi Heng, raising HK\$120,000 for the children. As she said, 'I hope my effort will inspire you to donate to this meaningful charity. Despite the economic turmoil, we all have capacity to give - no matter how big or small your donation, it will collectively help out a lot of children supported by Chi Heng.' Congratulations and thank you Irene for your support!

Hong Kong - HUGO BOSS Charity Sailing Day

A Charity Sailing Day was held on May 29 to raise funds for Chi Heng. Participants made donations and took part in this unique and exclusive voyage with the internationally renowned Alex Thomason Racing Team, sponsored by HUGO BOSS.

During the voyage, participants became part of the crew and took part in steering and powered the grinders, experiencing the thrill of ocean sailing. They were all excited in boarding one of the world's most exciting and powerful boats - the HUGO BOSS Open 60 "Black & White" yacht, and everyone had a wonderful time.

