

Children's Hope and Future Foundation Newsletter

(December 2016)

Children's Hope and Future Foundation (CHAFF) would like to wish you a joyful holiday season. Thank you for your interest in our work to provide educational resources for under resourced children. We would like to report to you the projects that we are working on now.

"Seva Sadan" project in India

We are excited to join Dr. Banerjee, a retiree of the International Monetary Fund, to support three crèche facilities that Seva Sadan operates. The crèche programs aim to motivate and strengthen children for education, preparing the children in the crèche to eventually go to mainstream schools. The 3 programs provide opportunities for the children to improve and develop intellectual capacity through games and appropriate aids. We were honored to be part of this mission and were able to support two thirds of the operational cost of running the three crèches (including salaries of three teachers, teaching aids, play materials, and mid-day meals for children) in 2016.

Collaboration with Safe Shores in Washington DC in supporting needy children

In April, Hongfei was invited by a previous coworker to attend the Safe Shores' annual fundraising breakfast. Touched and encouraged by how the Safe Shores team works hard to help and support children under physical and sexual abuse, CHAFF decided to join this local mission locally. Each time a child finishes therapy at the facility, he or she will be given a book to take with them. CHAFF partially fulfilled Safe Shores' Amazon book wish list, buying over 200 books to distribute to children in the facility. We will continue to work with Safe Shores to support these children.



(Our volunteer and the Safe Shore staff)

Support of four schools/preschools, and two "Liu Shou Children" Centers in Xian Ning, Hu Bei Province

Under the support and leadership from our board member Haiyan Shi, we were able to initiate two projects in Xian Ning City, Hu Bei Province. We were able to purchase books, and other very needed supplies for four schools that are in southwest part of Xian Ning City. These schools do not have access to additional funds to purchase necessary furniture and supplies, for example, we purchased twelve large beds (one bed may hold three to four children) for an elementary school. We also purchased a computer and a TV for a school - and learned that this may be their first computer. In addition, we purchased an air conditioning unit for a school where the average temperature in summer is around 85- 90 degrees. We were also able to purchase a set of playground slides for a pre-school center. The teachers and children are very grateful for the support.

We also worked together with local authorities to sponsor initiatives for two "Liu Shou Children" centers. "Liu Shou Children" are those children whose parents (or one parent) work far away in big cities and the children usually stay with one parent or grandparents. These children may only see their parents a few times a year or less. Needless to say, these children are lonely, cannot enjoy normal family life, and are susceptible to developing psychological problems. We sponsored a "holiday wish list" program with one center - to purchase one gift for each child to fulfill his or her wish list during the holiday season. Such gifts may include a book, a toy, a soccer ball, or a set of clothes. For the other center, we will sponsor a "parent-children" outing activity in January 2017. These children may never have had the chance even to tour the nearest town or city. About 360 children benefit from these two programs. We are honored and humbled to be part of these children's lives.



(Classroom and children in a couple of schools)

Continued support of schools in He Bei Province, Inner Mongolia Autonomous Region, Chong Qing City, Shaan Xi Province and Beijing City.

CHAFF has continued support of a few projects with which we have been involved for several years. We continued to make donations to New Day North to help disabled children during the holiday season. We also sponsored a small budget for the Chongqing Community Library so that it can host reading projects for school age children. As we have previously reported to you, we have desired to help build a pre-school center at Xi Jin He Kou village in Zhang Bei Region, He Bei Province. The village itself was able to build a three-room facility this year and the children will move in next year. After communicating with the village, we purchased some books for the children this year and will help purchase desks and chairs for the school next year. We also helped three schools in Huai-An city, Zhang Bei, He Bei Province, two schools in Shaan Xi Province (one in Yu Lin City, and the other in An Kang City), one Da Gong Zi Di school (whose parents do not have a Beijing residence and work on selling meat / vegetables on street stand, trash collecting etc) in Beijing by purchasing school supplies and sponsoring activities for students.

Thanks to all CHAFF volunteers

As you may know, CHAFF does not have any employees; all the work has been done by our faithful volunteers. By doing so, we can guarantee that all contributions are used to support needy children. During the past several years, we were very fortunate that many volunteers have worked with us. Some for a short period of time, some for a longer term. Some are professionals. Some are college students, some are elementary, middle school, or high schools students. We cannot express our appreciation enough to all of our volunteers. We want to say, without your tireless work and loving heart we cannot accomplish anything. No matter how long you have worked for CHAFF, you are always remembered, and always appreciated. You have planted a seed of love to our precious children in far-away places.

We are so grateful that more volunteers joined us this year. Mr. Hongpeng Wang, who graduated from George Washington University and currently works at China Reinsurance Group, has kindly agreed to become our new China Coordinator. Hongpeng has worked tirelessly to secure smooth delivery of all the China-side projects. In addition, a large volunteer team supporting Xian Ning City, Hu Bei province projects has formed this year, including our board member Ms. Haiyan Shi, and Mr. Wangming Hu from here in the United States, and Ms. Hailian Chen, Ms. Yanfeng Lu, and Ms. Wenfang Wu from local level. Dr. Huisheng Shou, a returnee professor from the USA, and currently a senior fellow at the National Strategy Institute at TsingHua University has also been coordinating projects for us in China.

Thanks to all our supporters and contributors

We would like to express our sincere appreciation to all of our supporters and contributors. Since CHAFF was founded in 2010, hundreds of supporters have helped us in so many ways.

We have received donations from large companies and organizations, including the International Monetary Fund (IMF), Clark Charitable Foundation (CCF), Clark Construction, Homeitech Inc., Helen Chao Business Consulting, Northern Virginia Chinese School, and others. We have also received donations from numerous individuals, including friends and relatives of our volunteer staff and people whom we do not know but share the same values and vision with us. We cannot thank each of you enough, but we want to make a commitment that we will use your contributions wisely with integrity and transparency.

We wanted to take this opportunity to give special thanks to the former Deputy Managing Director of IMF, Mr. Ming Zhu, for his personal support of CHAFF and his encouragement to IMF staff to consider supporting CHAFF. Mr. Zhu retired from the IMF this past summer and we will always remember his contribution in being an excellent role model for supporting needy children. We also want to thank Ms. Haiyan Shi, our board member, for her faithful support and service of CHAFF. Ms. Haiyan serves as our liaison to the IMF, and has introduced our projects to the IMF. We also want to thank all the IMF staff, especially Chinese staff for their continuous support of CHAFF. More than thirty IMF staff (some are anonymous) have been supporting CHAFF faithfully and continuously during the last few years.

Future Plans

In the next few years we plan to work extensively with our volunteer team in XianNing to support children in depressed areas and those whose parent(s) are working in the city and do not stay with them day to day.

We would also like to explore ways to introduce or share ideas on effective child raising or early childhood care in China. We would like to develop methods to link volunteers and supporters here in the USA with the needy schools and children we support in China.

We will continue to work on our current projects that effectively serve children with much needed educational materials, supplies, and other resources.

Call for Ideas and projects

If you learn of any schools in underdeveloped areas that have needs, please feel free to pass the information to us. Or if you have any ideas that we can implement in serving children, please do not hesitate to let us know. The fastest way to reach us is via email: info@CHAFFoundation.org.

Call for support

For those who are able to join us with your time or financial resources, we ask you to join us in this mission and journey - to support children in need since they are the hope and future

of this world. We feel much rewarded as we think about how we are able to assist the children and be a part of their lives. One day, when we look back, we know this is a fulfilling journey, even though it is not an easy road.

If you would like to make a contribution, please mail your check to the following address:
Children's Hope and Future Foundation P.O.Box 4072 Merrifield, VA 22116

Please also take the advantage of the convenience of contributing on-line. The link is:
<http://www.chaffoundation.org/contributions>.

CHAFF is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization, contributions to which are tax deductible. A confirmation letter will be sent to you after your contribution is received.

If you have the passion to join us as a volunteer, please feel free to let us know. The following are some of the tasks where volunteer help is especially needed: grant writing, program coordination, and IT support. We also welcome elementary/middle/high school students to join us in fun fundraising activities during the year. We at CHAFF are thankful for what has been accomplished in 2016 and look forward to providing even more educational resources to children in underserved regions in 2017. We are extremely appreciative of your interest and support.

Sincerely,

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