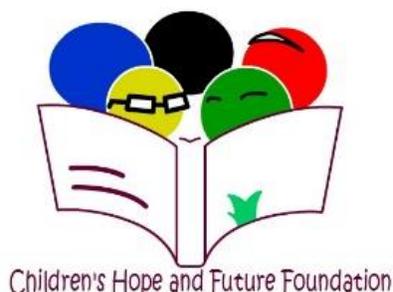


Children's Hope and Future Foundation



NEWSLETTER 2017 (December 2017)

As we come to the end of another calendar year, Children's Hope and Future Foundation (CHAFF) is pleased to share with you the progress of its various projects. As we look back, we are grateful that we have been able to continue to help families and children. We are grateful for new volunteers joining us. And we are grateful for our faithful supporters.

1. Yuxian Day Care Project - thankful for significant progress

The Yuxian Project has been our burden and concern for several years, as have desired to build a pre-school day care center for a village in Yuxian, Northern Hebei province, China. Many obstacles have been faced, including complicated zoning issues related to farm land and potential ownership disputes. As we shared with you last year, we learned that the village managed to build three classrooms, but does not have funding to work on the internal and external finishes.

With the gracious support from International Monetary Fund (IMF) and you, we were able to help Yuxian Day Care with the internal and external finishes, including painting the classrooms, installing a better heating system (instead of using traditional stoves), building an in-door restroom (imagine temperatures of minus 30 degree Celsius), painting external walls, cleaning the playground, purchasing second-hand desks and chairs, purchasing bookshelves and books, paying coal costs, and subsidizing compensation of the only teacher, Ms. Tian (she collects less than \$20 from each child each month as tuition). We also reserved some funding to purchase an outdoor playground set for the children when the weather is warmer. (It's impossible to install during the winter time with average temperature of minus

15 degrees Celsius.) We are very grateful that we are able to help and support this Day Care.



(The old classrooms, playground, inside)



(Left: the three classrooms the village built, far right room is the in-door restroom we helped build; Middle: inside finish; Right: in-door restroom)

2. Guiyang Project – tremendous needs

This summer CHAFF organized a team of four students (two from the USA and two from Beijing) to visit four schools (elementary and pre-school centers). The parents of the children at these schools are called “Ming Gong”, or “Migrant Workers”, meaning that the parents left their hometown to work in bigger cities to pursue a better life. Usually the parents will leave their children in the country side to stay with their grandparents or on parent who stay behind. In such circumstances the children won't be able to see their parent(s) frequently, maybe just a few times a year. More and more negative issues are created due to parents not staying with children, so in the last few years, more and more migrant workers take their children with them. However, the “Hu Kou” policy, also called “Resident” policy, usually prevents children from going to public schools in a different city from where their Hu Kou is. In order to help these migrant parents and children, some retired teachers have set up private schools just for these children. These are different from “private” schools in most western countries given that these schools usually do not have sufficient funding and the tuition charge is very low. A lot of teachers don't get paid enough to support themselves, and some don't get paid at all. We understand the government is working on solving these problems.

On behalf of all the CHAFF student volunteers, Steven Chu, one of the participants, shared with me their impression: sympathetic, shocking and heart broken. The schools do not have

enough supplies. One school is next to a cremation facility. The schools' bathrooms are not usable to their standards. Staff cannot get paid due to the low tuition they charge, and some families cannot afford the already very low tuition. The CHAFF volunteers visited a few families, some families living far from school so that the children have very long walks to school. One family visited lived in very tiny quarters, having only one bed for the whole family. One family's home looked like a trash dump - the parents living by collecting trash from trash bins and resell it. The home was surrounded by the "good" trash that could be sold. Despite the very difficult circumstances, the CHAFF volunteers found the children at these schools to be very kind and well-mannered, and offered food to the visitors. Half of the children do not know where their parents are working. When I watch the video and look at the photos our volunteers shared, I could not hold back my tears. I would like to call more people to join us to support these children.

In 2017, we were able to purchase 45 sets of student desks and chairs for 45 families of Zhengyu school. We were told that this is the only elegant furniture some families have.



(Left: classroom; Middle: desk/chair set for families; Right: our volunteer students.)

In addition, we are able to help 11 students pay one semester's tuition (\$2300.00 in total, \$200 for each student). This way, we can help both schools and families.

These schools will be our supporting focus in the next couple of years. If you would like to join us in our support, please feel free to contact us.



(Left, middle: two twin students' home, Right: one student's home)

3. Safe Shores Book Project, Washington DC - continuing the wonderful journey

As we previously communicated with you, last year was the first year that we purchased books for children that Safe Shores helps and supports. It warms our hearts to think of each child getting a book donated by CHAFF when they visit the Safe Shores facility.

This year we organized elementary children to help purchase 200 books to fulfill Safe Shores Amazon wish list. The children stamped the books with CHAFF's stamp and delivered the books. We also did a presentation on what the two organizations, CHAFF and Safe Shores, are doing to help children. In addition, these children also used their "own" money to purchase some Christmas gifts (we chose bath products) for the needy children.

We are very pleased with this successful project as we endeavor to bring awareness and understanding to the younger generation of the reality of needy children, encouraging them to start to get involved in supporting positive change in the life of others.



4. Xian Ning Schools - continuing to support five schools

Once again, under the support and leadership of our board member Dr. Haiyan Shi, we were able to continue support of five schools in Xian Ning City, Hubei Province. The schools shared with us that some students do not have warm clothes in the winter time, which really affect their study at school and home. The temperature is between 0 degree Celsius to 10 degrees Celsius in the winter time. There is no indoor heating system traditionally. We have purchased a down coat and a drawing pencil set for 43 students each from five elementary schools. We also purchased 409 books for three of the schools. The happiness from children's face definitely encourages us to do more.



5. Continue to support other projects

We continue to provide financial support to the "I Love Reading", a community library in Chongqing. This library has organized children in its community to provide help and support to other children in need. In addition, we continue to support an orphanage in Hohhot, Inner Mongolia. The director told us that they have 15 children right now that they provide full round the clock care, and more children that they do nutritional and medical consulting for. We are proud of being helpful in these projects.

Future Plans

In the next few years we plan to work extensively with our volunteer team in XianNing, Hubei Province, and Guiyang, Guizhou Province 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.

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 have been 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 school 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 for our precious children in far-away places.

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 support and contributions from many 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 have also received donations from many companies and organizations. 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.

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, 1435 Mayflower Drive, McLean, 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 2017 and look forward to providing even more educational resources to children in underserved regions in 2018. We are extremely appreciative of your interest and support.

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