

Children's Hope and Future Foundation



NEWSLETTER 2018 (December 2018)

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 so grateful that we have been able to continue to help families and children. We are grateful for new volunteers, especially a lot of young students, joining us. As always, we are grateful for our faithful supporters.

As we work with more schools and students, we have decided to change our supporting strategy by expanding our support to four dimensions: school, teacher, student, and parents/family. Only in this way, should we be able to truly and ultimately help needy children. We understand there is a lot to do and it will be a long way to go, however, we are grateful that more and more people join us in this journey. The following are the updates on our projects:

1. GuiYang Project, Gui Zhou Province - tremendous needs

We initiated our support to Guiyang Migrant Child schools, Guizhou province in 2017. Our faithful volunteer, Steven Chu again went to visit local schools on behalf of CHAFF in the summer. Some of his notes are as the following: teachers have no incentive to stay and teach due to: Pay is poor; Students don't want to learn; Environment isn't good. Graduation rate from middle school to high school is very low because students are aware that for many of them, there is nothing after high school. Parents often are unable to help...

As I read these notes, I felt deeply sad. The only thing we can do is to try our best to provide our assistance. This year, we were able to purchase eleven computers to the teachers in three schools: Chun Feng School, Yu Lei School, and Gui Yang Lao Zuo Ke Ji School. We also purchased other school equipment, such as projector for Yu Lei School, printer / copier / scanners for Lao Zuo Ke Ji School and Guiyang Tong Zai Volunteering

Center. In addition, the same as last year, we helped 13 students from three schools pay their tuition (\$170-220 per semester for middle school student, \$140-\$160 per semester for elementary student) . This way, we can help both schools and families. We also provided some financial support to a student, whose mother is diagnosed to have cervical cancer. Two of the four children had to quit school. The father is working as a construction worker to support the whole family.

We will continue to support these schools and families in the next few years. If you are touched and would like to join us in supporting these family and schools, to make a difference, please feel free to contact us.



(Up Left, Steven Chu (the fourth from left) with other volunteers visiting on site; Up Right: one school library; Down Left: outside of one student's home; Down right: one student's home. The mother has cancer and two of the four children had to quit school)

2. XianNing Projects, Hu Bei Province - continuing to support three schools

Once again, under the support and leadership of our board member Dr. Haiyan Shi, we were able to continue to support three schools in Xian Ning City, Hubei Province. The schools shared with us some needy children's wish list, including backpacks, books, and some food. We were able to help more than 100 needy children in three schools such as Hui Tao Elementary School, Jiang Tian Elementary School and Jun Shui Boarding Elementary School to fulfill their needs. We will continue to support the needy children in these schools.

(Pictures will be available when all the supported materials are delivered in the next couple of weeks, please check our website)

3. ZaoZhuang Project, Shan Dong Province - a lot of needs

One of our volunteers visited two schools in ZaoZhuang City of Shan Dong Province while visiting families earlier of the year. The schools have a lot of needs. The principals of these two schools are very committed and determined to provide the best study environment for the students. We purchased forty sets of bunk beds and thirty dining tables for the No. 24 Middle School. In addition, we purchased a much-needed playground set for Yu Shu Yao Elementary School. We will continue to work with these schools in the future.



(First: the playground set we purchased for Yu Shu Yao Elementary School; Second/Third/Fourth: the bunk beds & dining tables we purchased for No. 24 Middle School)

4. Summer Fundraising Event - Lemonade Sale, Fairfax

CHAFF organized a Lemonade Sale Fund Raising event at the Hope Chinese School Tysons Corner Campus' end of school year picnic party. CHAFF staff did a presentation on the circumstances of the needy children, what CHAFF has done in the past and how to participate in future activities. A lot of students were shocked on what they see and are committed to raise fund for these children. Under the very high temperature, more than 30 students (from preschoolers to high school students) participated and raised the funds for the needy children. All the parents were very supportive and participated as well. More importantly, we have planted a seed of love and care to these young students' heart, so that they will appreciate and value more what they have and grow to care more of others. We are very proud of these young children.





(UP: making posters; parent meeting; Down: Lemonade sale at very high temperature)

5. Washington DC - continue to support Safe Shores



As I talked to the officer Ms. McCormac at Safe Shores, she indicated that they are very thankful to the books we donated during the last two years. It has provided large pleasure to the children who visited the center due to various reasons. They really appreciate our continuation to donate books to the center.

Our elementary school volunteers are in the process of helping purchase another 200 books to fulfill Safe Shores Amazon book wish list. We will deliver the books in early January

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.

6. Continue to support other projects

We continue to provide financial support to Yuxian Day Care Project by paying its winter utility bills, and subsidizing the only teacher there, Ms. Tian. In addition, we continue to support an orphanage in Hohhot, Inner Mongolia. The director told us that they have expanded their care of special need children programs. They are able to provide full round the clock care to more than ten children in three cities. They also provide nutritional and medical consulting for other children. We are proud of being helpful in these projects.



(From left to right: Yuxian classroom; pre-school students; interior; pre-school children's handwriting, amazing!)

Future Plans

In the next few years we plan to work extensively with our volunteer team in GuiYang, Guizhou Province and XianNing, Hubei Province to support schools and children in depressed areas, especially those children 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 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.

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 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.

We would like to welcome to [Dr. Peijun Li to join us as board member](#) late last year. Dr. Li is a principal investigator at the Second Affiliated Hospital, Wenzhou Medical University, Zhejiang Province, China. Prior to that, Dr. Li was a research scientist at Veteran Affairs Medical Center at Washington. Prior to that, Dr. Li worked at Children's National Medical Center at DC as a Postdoctoral Fellow. Dr. Li also worked at Georgetown University as a Research Assistant for six years, in Department of Biochemistry and Pharmacology. Dr. Li's passion and experience on charitable work will bring new energy to CHAFF, especially he will focus on overseeing China side of the work. We are very excited to have Dr. Li join the board.

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 22101.

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 (EIN - 80-0574728), 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 2018 and look forward to providing even more educational resources to children in underserved regions in 2019. We are extremely appreciative of your interest and support.

Sincerely,
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