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YOU DAO
Migrant Children
Sports Tournament

Date: April 15th

Venue

Shanghai Rugby Football Club The website link here shows pictures and location of the Club.

www.shanghaifootballclub.com

How it works

Form 12 Corporate Teams of sponsors; 10-12 corporate players per team. Maximum 12.

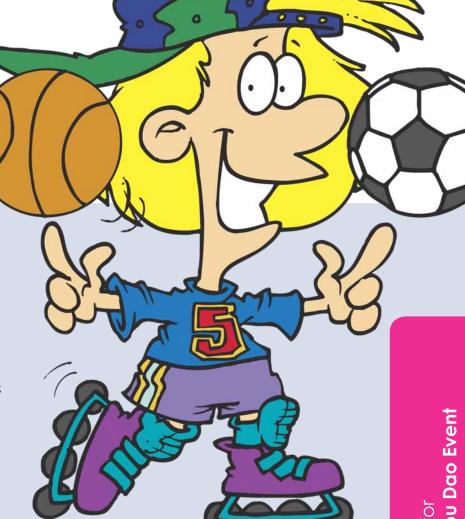
Add 10-12 Migrant children per team; total 20-24 people per team, (compris-

ing adults+ children).

4 Sports organized on the day; Soccer, American Football, Rugby union, cricket or baseball Each team rotates through 4 games, in 2 hours; half hour per game. (2 hours)

With 12 teams, we need 12 Coaches

Contact Stephen Schoenberger for more information: smschoenberger@gmail.com



Chefs from the Peninsula bring skills to the Centre

Saturday, 7 January 2012



Diary of Events

April 8 - 2:30-4:00pm Biweekly English Tutoring Program begins at the Fengxian Center

April 15

Migrant Children Sports Day at Shanghai Rugby Club

April 18 - 1:30-5:00pm

Field Trip for 1 Migrant Kindergarten in Fengxian sponsored by J&J

May 9 – 1:30-3:30pm

School Program at our new Partner Primary School in Malu, in cooperation with JA

May 27 – 1st June

Family Event at our new Partner Kindergarten in Malu

May 30, 31 and June 1

Family Events at 3 partner kindergartens in Fengxian

June 13 -

Sports Day for migrant children from Malu at Shanghai Rugby Club

Lisa, Richard and six other chefs from the Peninsula arrived early at the Center. They brought not only cupcakes for children to decorate but also popcorn and candy floss machines to have fun. All the children got really excited at the sight of the equipment being set up.

After washing hands properly with the help of the teachers, the children can't wait to start. By creatively using the whipped cream, candies of different colors and shapes, each child made beautiful cupcakes he or she felt proud of. When asked why they did not eat the cakes, they said they wanted to save them for mum and dad at home. How sweet! So the considerate "chef uncles and aunts" baked hot pink sponge cakes for them. Every child loved it and ate all.

After that, the machines were turned on to serve popcorns and candy floss. Holding nicely-packed cupcakes in hand, all the children lined up, eagerly waiting for their turn. The whole center turned into a mini food festival filled with happy laughters. Bright smile appeared on everyone's face.

Upon leaving, the chefs received handmade holiday cards from the children as a thank you. The chefs were touched and wish they could come again.



A Migrant Story

Huang FanJing will be 3 years old this April 5. Her father works at Guangming Iron Works as a handyman with a salary of 2000RMB per month. Her mother is illiterate and suffers from chronic lumbar intervertebral disc protrusion. The mother just found a part-time job to trim loose ends for a weaving factory. The monthly pay is about 500RMB.

FanJing has two elder brothers. One is 17 years old, studying in a senior high school in their hometown, Anhui Province. The tuition plus boarding fee is over 2000RMB per semester, and 5000RMB in total for a whole year. The other is a 2nd grader in Shuguang Primary School, Shanghai. His tuition of 800RMB was borrowed from their second uncle.

The oldest brother has very good grades and bought his mother a washing machine with the scholarship money he received.

Their grandparents remain in their hometown. The grandpa is over 70 years old and gets sick a lot .The grandma is in her 60s. Every year, they will send them 500RMB to support their life.

The rent is 230RMB per month, plus 20RMB utility bills.



YCIS Girl Scouts

On January 14th, the Yew Cheung International School Girl Scout Troop traveled to Beiyaowan to host a Chinese New Year's party. Despite rain and cold temperatures, the Girl Scouts brought lots of snacks and gifts, bought with the money they raised from selling delicious Girl Scout cookies in Shanghai. The troop also donated toys and clothing, collected through a toy and clothing drive held by the Girl Scouts earlier in the year.



After becoming acquainted with

one another, the children sat side-by-side creating arts and crafts in cel-

ebration of the Year of the Dragon. Volunteers at the Beiyaowan program taught the children how to make replica firecrackers out of red construction paper, ribbon, and tinsel. The children made firecrackers of all shapes and sizes and pretended to light them off amid the sounds of rain drops and laughter.

The rain did not discourage many children from playing soccer and ping pong outside. Both boys and girls played a free for all match of soccer, dribbling around puddles and dodging other children.

After drying off, the children gathered back inside and shared cookies and other snacks. The Girl Scouts also handed out gifts to the Beiyaowan children in celebration of Chinese New Year. The Beiyaowan children were very thankful for the presents and eagerly went around showing off their new toys.

At the end of the celebration, the YCIS Girl School Troop sang a song they had learned for the event. Afterwards, the children of Beiyaowan sang a Chinese New Year's song in appreciation for the generosity of the YCIS Girl Scout Troop.

You Dao has been partnering with the YCIS Girl Scout Troop for several years and appreciates their support. You Dao looks forward to continuing the relationship.



A Gift of Slippery Slides

Yesterday, my colleague and I delivered 8 slippery slides to 4 migrant kindergartens You Dao partners with. As we walked in with the boxes, many kids playing in the yard got so excited and quickly gathered around us, watching how the slides were put together and eager to get on the slides to play. The headmasters of the 4 kindergartens very much appreciate the movable slides. Now the young kids can play on them even when it rains outside!

Thank you Eric Van Wijngaarden of Edco International Trading Company for giving such great gifts to the migrant children and their kindergartens!



"Mummy & Me" at Hongxiang Kindergarten

On the very last day of 2011, Hongxiang Kindergarten held its second Mummy&Me Sports Game.

Among all the opening performances, the most interesting one was the fashion show, in which parents paired with their children

to show costumes

made of recycled materials. It not only gave the children an opportunity to create things with their parents, but also promoted awareness of environmental protection. How proud and happy they looked on the stage!

Most parents didn't really know each other because of their busy work. To help them get acquainted and bond, tug of war was introduced. First were dads against dads, then mums against mums. It was such a magic game which brought the whole crowd on its feet. All the parents seemed to loosen up and went back to their childhood. They enjoyed the game thoroughly and all children got excited as well, running up and down cheering their mums and dads up.



Afterwards, it was time for children from middle classes, who were itched to go. Their first competition was ball relay. Each child is to carry a ball to the other side and give it to mum or dad, who holds it between legs and hops back. Though looked a bit clumsy, the parents all gave their best and enjoyed it just as much as their kids.

Upon closing, each child received a gift from You Dao for their excellent performance at the Game and said goodbye to each other with great satisfaction on their faces.

The Game greatly strengthened the ties between the parents and kids, among the parents as well as between the parents and the teachers. In addition to good exercise, the children learned about team work, fair play as well as other good qualities.

What a wonderful way to say goodbye to 2011 and embrace the new year!

Health Programs

We have obtained support for health education programs from the Shanghai Children's Medical Centre, and from Project Hope. We will be implementing regular health programs for parents and children in the near future.

Fourth Mr Willis Fund-raising dinner

We had yet another wonderful event at the Mr Willis Restaurant to raise funds for migrants. There was delicious food and wine, fun and laughter. But more importantly the diners were very generous in their practical help for disadvantaged migrant workers.

Many thanks to the Mr Willis Restaurant for your on-going support to You Dao Foundation which works on behalf of migrant families.

Craig, John, Jackie, Coco and all the staff are marvelous.

What is more I also thank the people behind the scenes who supply for free the wonderful wines and foods. They are so generous.

The effort is indeed all encompassing including too our patrons, who although they have a wonderful night, also contribute by their patronage to the work that we do.

Warren Kinne

We had a lovely evening, really quite different to anything we expected. We were very encouraged by the whole thing. Peter

Last nights event was great! Hope you were pleased with the result. Maia

The dinner was perfect as always! Cristina





Partnerships

In 2011, You Dao continued to develop its stated objective of building partnerships with different organizations in our community, in order to support our migrant friends.

We are in our fourth year of partnership with Yew Cheung International School in Pudong, who have been a loyal and interested donor. We also work with Yew Wah school in Puxi on their Summer Camp, and their Christmas party.

We continue to enjoy long-term corporate partnerships with Mr Willis restaurant, who again ran two dinners for us in 2011, and with Lendlease, with whom we partnered to build the Community Centre. In 2012, we are embarking on a large Project with Philips, in the Jiading district, and planning is underway to partner with the Van Hessen business, in Minhang. Development of these corporate partnerships now forms a core part of our Fund-raising team's objectives.

We work in partnership with students from Shanghai and Fudan Universities, whose volunteers commit time and energy to our project in Baoshan. Also we have started to build partnerships with non-profit partners, including Project Hope, Sport For All, Junior Achievement, and Roots & Shoots.

Lastly, and most importantly, we acknowledge our Migrant Kindergarten partners - Qingcun Kindergarten, Tong Meng Kindergarten, Hong Xiang Kindergarten, Tong Zhi Meng Kindergarten, Xiao Tong Xing Kindergarten. It is in the kindergartens, in the Migrant communities, that lies the real importance and meaning of Partnerships, for You Dao



Words of Wisdom



We are suffering some of the pains of growth. Like an awkward child, gangly and with a few pimples, who is trying to look at ease in the company of adults, we are stepping out. You Dao has I believe turned a corner and is starting to get into its stride. We are trying to find that way to walk and grow with migrant workers and their families as adult partners and not as tentative seekers of a path.

We are involved with more and more scholarships; more partnerships with migrant schools and business corporations; with new faces on our staff.

It all costs more money, but as we launch out – not I might add without some trepidation - we seem to find ways and means. We are not yet a multi-million dollar enterprise but I think that our efforts and the dedication of our volunteers and staff would equal the energies that go into a medium sized enterprise.

One of our Board was heard to say that he recently spent more time on You Dao related matters than on his private business! Such is the dedication of our core members and staff.

I sometimes find myself hesitating about asking people to do something, or to donate something or to attend something. I am though often surprised when I get up the courage to ask them and experience the alacrity with which they respond to the challenge.

In hope we move forward seeking partners on the way, partners who will help us to walk with the migrant families.

Warren Kinne //

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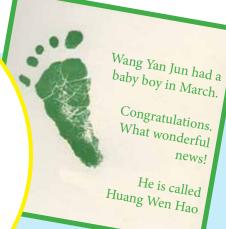
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Scholarship and Home Visit Program:

You Dao Foundation has now partnered with five kindergartens in the Fengxian district. We are currently sponsoring 56 students in all 5 schools. We plan to offer scholarships to at least 100 students by the end of 2012.

The Project Administrator is Teacher Wang who has monthly home visits to the scholarship families. She gets updates from the families and makes appropriate referrals if needed.



Special thanks to our sponsor...









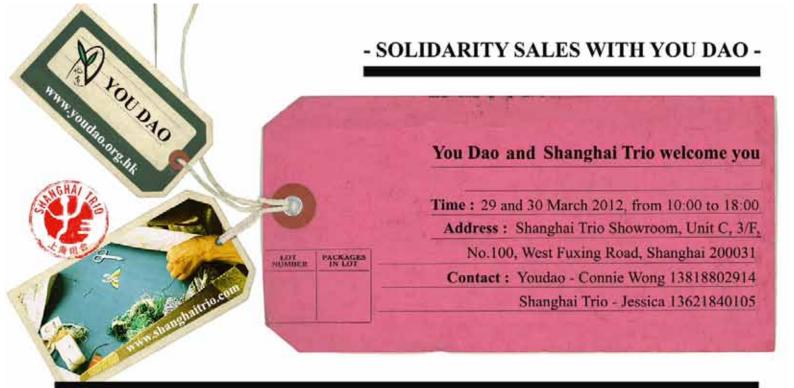














« The Good man is concerned for the way, not for his own personal profit », (Confucius, "You dao" – The Analytics, Chapter 15, verse 31).

You Dao was founded in 2005 with the vision of raising awareness about social responsibility; building alliances and partnerships; supporting and helping migrant workers and their families, as we walk and grow with them. Youdao is dedicated to helping migrant workers find the way for themseves and their families to survive and grow in the different, often difficult situations they face in Shanghai.



Shanghai Trio, "artisan d'accessoires", makes beautiful things for every day life: accesories (bag, pocket, scarf), home deco (quilt cover, table cloth, table runner...) and clothes (for women, men and children)...

