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A Migrant Story



Ma Jie, the child sponsored by You Dao Foundation, is in Third Grade at Kindergarten this year. The teachers at the kindergarten told us that Ma Jie has made great improvement. With the patience and efforts made by the teachers, Ma Jie has changed from being selfish and unsociable to being active and easy-going. With help from You Dao, her sister, Ma Jing, has also started First Grade at primary school. Heavily influenced by her mother, Ma Jing still does not socialize easily with other children, but she is a very kind kid and hopefully she will soon, with some help, adapt to life at the primary school.

At the beginning of 2010, the staff at You Dao Foundation met the two sisters from Shou County, Anhui Province. The elder sister, Ma Jing, was four and the younger one, Ma Jie, was three. They rented and lived in a small and shabby flat in Zhudian Village, Qingcun Town. From what we understood, the father was a general metal work cleaner at Zhoule Shipping Co Ltd, earning about 1,600 RMB per month. The mother had suffered from schizophrenia for decades. She had to take medication every day which costs about 600 RMB per month. The mother was unable to work and she couldn't even manage her daily life. There were several times when she was ill because of her schizophrenia and she ran away but was brought home by the police. Since she was mentally unfit to look after the children, she and the children were locked in at home when the father was out for work. This has resulted in the two children having serious autistic problems. Workers of You Dao Foundation visited the family and thought the family really needed their help, so they contacted Qicaitongnian Kindergarten in Qingcun Village in Fengxian District, Shanghai, and organized for the two sisters to be put into First and Second Grade. We hoped they can get along with the other children as soon as possible so that they can grow up in a better environment. Also, we hope to unravel the father's concerns so that he can focus on work and take better care of the family.

In the past three years, You Dao's workers, Wang Yanjun and Wang Fen, visited the family at regular intervals and solved some of their issues such as schooling for the children, shortage on clothing and food, problems with the hospital, etc. Because the mother is mentally unwell, she was unaware of the fact that there are already four children in the family. This has made the life of the poor family even harder. Apart from helping them with material needs, we hope also to provide some moral support.

**UPCOMING
EVENT**

You Dao Migrant Sports Day

Sunday 12th May 2013 @ 2-5.30pm
Shanghai Rugby Football Club, 2700 Zhangyang Bei Lu
See www.youdao.org.hk for more details



About Town



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Fengxian

MSD & You Dao Partnership for Women's Health

Saturday, 9th March

Saturday, 9th March 2013 MSD (Merck) and You Dao Foundation were in partnership for a morning at Qi Cai Tong Nian Kindergarten, Qing Cun Village in Fengxian about women's health issues. About 60 women and 50 children participated in the event. In one room the women, Dr. Jing and Dr. Jane Wu had a discussion while the children played supervised games outside. When the meeting with the women was finished there were activities together such as a tug-of-war and eating of snacks.



Hong Xiang Kindergarten English Corner Opening

Saturday, 26th January

On 26th January 2013 nine Lend Lease volunteers went to Hong Xiang Kindergarten for the opening of the English corner that they had helped to set up through the facilitation of You Dao Foundation. 36 teachers and children from the school and two You Dao workers participated on the day. The Director of the Kindergarten thanked Lend Lease for their help and then there were various activities such as games, dances, English readings. Everyone had a wonderful time and the children were especially excited.



A Day at the Bath House

Sunday, 3rd February

On the morning of 3rd. February 2013 at 8am in the morning, You Dao staff and members of their family – eight people in all - went together to a scholarship family to offer some assistance. The mother has a psychological problem and finds it difficult to take care of herself let alone the family. The staff decided themselves to help the family. This was an official part of their work.

Driver Chen and Teacher Lyn's husband with the use of two cars took the family of six people to Qing Cun town bath house. There the You Dao associated people helped the children to take a shower. There were changes of clean clothes for the children.

After the shower, the staff and their families took the migrant family to Kentucky Fried Children for lunch. The staff gave each child a red envelope for Chinese Year year.

Teacher Lyn and her husband gave the family some food for snacks and then took them home.

This is the first time that the staff had initiated something on their own behalf for a family.



Donated Clothes to Bang Bang Tang

Monday, 1st April

On 1st April 2013, A Pleines Mains Charity went to Bang Bang Tang and meet representatives of You Dao for a hand-over of 15 boxes of clothes for the migrant children in that area. At 11:00 am 14 children and 4 teachers received the donation on behalf of the school. The children were helped to get into the new clothes. The teachers then took the other boxes to their various class rooms.



Beiyaowan



Shanghai Theatre Academy run community theatre workshop 24th March to 4th April

From 24th March to 4th April 2013, Beiyaowan Centre started a 12 day theatre workshop. This activity was entitled "Hope in Beiyaowan". The Director was a woman from "Bread and Puppet Theater" of the United States and was sponsored by the Shanghai Theatre Academy. Students from that University and Shanghai and Fudan University students were involved in the project as well as the children in the Beiyaowan area.

Over the 12 days of the project there were 300 times of attendance by the University students and 220 times of attendance by the children and parents.

At noon on 4th April there was a show through the streets of Beiyaowan given for the people on the project in which they displayed the masterful props that they had produced over that period.



Fun & Games for the New Year 23rd December

In the afternoon of 23rd December 2012 at Beiyaowan Migrant Centre there was a special New Year set of activities for about 130 neighbourhood children and families. Some 36 volunteers from Fudan and Shanghai Universities and You Dao people were present.

The program was in three parts: a) seven traditional and modern games that involved using ones "head" (knowledge) and ones "hands" b) the preparation of a performance by some of the children and c) gifts given to the children.





On Saturday March 9th and Sunday March 10th, Yew Chung Girl Scouts visited Beiyawan to take part in activities with the migrant children. This activity was part of a Girl Scouts program focused on teaching the girls about community awareness and helping others. Girl Scouts teach children core values on how to be a better person, how to make a difference in the community, and the environment. It also teaches children the skills needed to become a leader. As part of the program, the girls are required to bake their own cookies, sell them to the community for 10 RMB a bag. Each bag contains 3 cookies. The Girl Scouts then used the money to buy arts and crafts and sports supplies for the Beiyawan Migrant Center. In addition, the girls also conducted a toy drive. Some of the toys were distributed when the girls visited and some of the toys will be used at the end of the year Christmas party.



On Saturday, girls from the Brownie troop number 5872 and Junior troop number 5873 brought presents and snacks to share with the children. The girl scouts, age 7 to 11, played basketball, skipped with a rope, and played tag in the warm spring weather. After several hours of activities, the children gathered together and had group introductions. The girl scouts then handed out cookies and gifts to the children. The girl scouts also provided many arts and craft supplies which will be used at future events.

On Sunday, girl scouts from Daisy troop number 5871 came for a second round of activities. The girls, age 5 – 7, had to endure cooler weather, but still had a great afternoon filled with arts and crafts, skipping with the rope, and freeze tag. After several hours, the girl scouts and parent volunteers handed out homemade cookies and fruit plates. More than 80 migrant children patiently waited in line to get a taste of the delicious homemade desserts.

Many of the children became good friends and promised to keep in touch and come back to visit later in the year.

Have a treat
Visit www.youdao.org.hk



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Mr Willis Dinner 3rd March

On Sunday, 3rd of March, the Mr Willis Restaurant again hosted a dinner for the You Dao Foundation. This is the sixth such dinner. The restaurant was filled 96 enthusiastic supporters. Once again Craig and his staff put on a delicious meal. The Bethunes, an a cappella group of five men, sang a selection of tunes in perfect harmony. All the proceeds of the evening went to the foundation. About ten people also contributed scholarships for poor migrant children.





Kitchen Utensils for Poor Families

13 March 2013

On the 13th March 2013 at Cang Chang Elementary School in Malu, representatives of You Dao, Philips and the School itself presented 15 families with some new kitchen utensils - a rice cooker and an electric jug. This program is a part of an ongoing partnership between You Dao and Philips in the Malu District. You Dao is helping facilitate Philips in its CSR outreach in that area.

Santa Claus comes to Malu

21st December 2012



On the 21st December 2012, Tian Tian Kindergarten in Jia Ding District, Ma Lu town, held a New Year activity sponsored by You Dao. The 600 children in the school were to have gone outside for this activity but because of the cold and the wind they changed the venue to indoors. A representative 10 children from each class - 120 in all - gathered in the large upstairs room. The Chairman of You Dao, You Dao staff members and two volunteers were present. There was dancing and a question and answer session in which small gifts were distributed. Santa Claus then went to each room in the school to give each child a couple of sweets. The children then made a New Year appreciation card for their parents.

End of Year Wrap Up

28th January 2013

On 28th January 2013 the Philips Lighting Company invited nine children and one teacher from Tian Tian Kindergarten to Zhong Shan Park Long Zhi Meng Wang Li Hotel to participate in a New Year's Party. The children performed a delightful Gangnam Style dance which won loud applause from the assembled people. The Philips employees gave each child a gift. Teacher Lyn, a staff member of You Dao Foundation led the team.



New Year Comes Early to Cangchang Elementary School

19th December 2012

On 19th December 2012, at Jia Ding's Ma Lu Cang Chang Elementary School, 1700 students and teachers had a New Year's celebration. David Boyle a Board member of You Dao Board and four of the You Dao staff were present for the activity that took place inside and outside the school. In the playground there was singing and the welcome for Santa Claus. Inside the students made New Year's greeting cards for their parents in which they thanked them for their good care of them.



Excited Children View Fish Big and Small

29th December 2012

On Saturday 29th December 2012, ten Malu scholarship families went to the Aquarium. The vouchers to enter were a gift from the Singaporean Golf Club via Mary Mak. 15 parents and 15 children together with three You Dao workers used the tickets and enjoyed the spectacle.

They met together outside the Aquarium at Lu Jia Zui about 10:00am and were given some introductory remarks by Teacher Lin.

After visiting the Aquarium some parents took the children around to look at the spectacular buildings in the area such as the Eastern Pearl TV Tower.





Migrant Centre



A new centre for migrant children has opened in Pan Long village in Qing Pu at the second floor of the Xu Guang Xi house.

In the area there are many people from Anhui, Sichuan and Guizhou Provinces and an estimated 400 migrant children live in the immediate vicinity.

The centre is providing a safe location for the children to play games and to do their home-work.



Welcome Josephine!!



I am happy to announce that we now have a new Executive Director - Josephine Yue.

You Dao is not new to Josephine who has been involved in Qing Pu at the Centre and has helped us too in other ways.

Josephine has two children and of course her husband Philip. The children are now young adults.

Jo was born in Hong Kong but has lived here in China for 14 years. She is a fluent Mandarin speaker.

In the past she has worked in the areas of management consultancy and helping charities. She has been a good volunteer for us and I am sure will take us into the future in her more structured role as Executive Director.

Thank you Josephine for accepting our offer to come and join us in this special task.



朱门酒肉臭
路有冻死骨

*Behind the gates of the wealthy
Food lies rotting from waste
Outside its the poor
who lie frozen to death*

杜甫 Du Fu (712-770)

Chairman's Report

by Warren Kinne

China has its acknowledged problem of the gap between the rich and the poor, between the country-side and the city. While some of the migrant workers are well-off and most have probably improved their economic lot in comparison to their possibilities back in the villages, some for various reasons have fallen on hard time.

These are the families that we are trying to help especially with scholarships for the smaller kindergarten- aged children. When children fall too far behind early in life it seems to be difficult for them to catch up.

Each family has its own unique story and many of these are heart-breaking. These are to do with sickness and just plain bad luck like a cyclone through the vegetable garden when the produce was almost ready for market.

When one visits some of these families and sees their circumstances, one senses what can usefully be done for them. One of course needs to do this in dialogue with the family.

Warren



You Dao Foundation has partnered with a number of kindergartens in various districts. We are currently sponsoring 80 students.

The Project Administrators have monthly home visits to the scholarship families and make appropriate referrals if needed.

Special thanks to our sponsors...



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