



# You Dao Quarterly Newsletter

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## **ANNOUNCEMENT**

*You Dao has a new Executive Director Joanna Ren. Joanna has worked for Half the Sky Foundation for six years and now comes to us highly recommended. We welcome her. At the end of this month, Puisana Chau will return to the United States. Tremendous thanks Puisana for a job well-done and all the best for the future. Don't forget to keep in touch with us. Welcome too to three new Board Members: Stephen Schoenberger, Bud Pratt and Ken Ng.*

## **Project Warm Winter**

Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer LLP cooperate with You Dao Foundation to give migrant families a warm winter

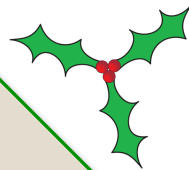
On Thursday 27 October 2011, the Shanghai office of Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer LLP took part in its "2011 Community Challenge" which is an annual event devoted to involvement in community projects

Before the Challenge Day, Freshfields collected assorted donations for eight migrant worker families sponsored by You Dao Foundation, such as children clothes, books, and blankets which will be used to help the families get through the cold winter.

On the Challenge Day, Freshfields volunteers arrived at a local kindergarten for migrant children and participated in a morning of activities. The children were divided into four groups and played games designed by the volunteers, including "fishing", nose painting, sand painting and English song class. After the games, the children were awarded prizes. The children were so excited that they even forgot their lunch hunger.

Following the activities, Freshfields volunteers, with the company of You Dao teachers, visited three migrant worker families that are currently sponsored by the You Dao Foundation. The volunteers talked with the migrant families to understand their needs and offered a sympathetic ear.

Project Warm Winter turned out to be a success. It not only warmed the migrant families' winter but also warmed the volunteers' hearts when they saw the children's faces light up by their visit.



## Upcoming Events:

Date	Event	Location
Tuesday and Wednesdays	9:00 am – 11:00 am	“Mummy and Me” activities
Saturdays	afternoons	Daniel Shen Liang’s play
12th – 16th December		Delivery of blankets in Fengxian
16th December	morning	Hong Qiang School to Yew Wah
17th Dec	12:30am – 4:00 pm	Fengxian Christmas activity
18th December 9, 2011		International Migrant Day booth
18th December	12:30pm – 4:00 pm	Beiyaowan Christmas Party
24th December		Fengxian Activity
7th January	10:00 am – 12:00 noon	Peninsula Hotel chefs at Fengxian
8th Jan – Feb 6th		recess in Fengxian
19th February	7:30 pm	Mr Willis Fund-raising dinner



## A Migrant Story

You Dao established the Family Center at Fengxian on 18<sup>th</sup> June 2011. It was to help the migrant work families to improve the quality of their life and to get a sense that others care for their well-being.

A little child came to the You Dao Family Center in September whose name is Zhang Guohuan. Her father was pulling her along and giving her instructions as they came along. The child came with reluctance. Her father said that his child is 3 year old this year and that she should go to Kindergarten. He said she has nightmares and said she is terrified every day after she went to kindergarten for the first two weeks. So the father was concerned and didn’t let her go to school.

When we meet this child, she looked very scared. We let the father play with the child at the center. When the father began to teach the child to thread beads but the child didn’t move on and her father got very angry and then scolded the child. The child was then even more afraid.

Our You Dao staff then patiently showed her father how to accompany her in study. After a few times, Zhuang Guohuan isn’t afraid any more of the family center and now likes to come. Sometime she also talks to You Dao Staff. Slowly the child doesn’t need her father to escort her and she can do good activities with the You Dao Staff.

Her father considers that the family center is very good and that it can help then. He is grateful to You Dao.



## Recent Events

### *Rhema Ignite in Beiyaowan*

On November 26, You Dao partnered with Rhema Ignite to host an activity day at Beiyaowan Activity Center to celebrate the Thanksgiving holiday. The beautiful fall day was full of the Thanksgiving spirit, as the young volunteers from Rhema Ignite held painting class and played a rousing game of basketball with the children.

Rhema Ignite is comprised of young people working and studying in Shanghai who belong to the Shanghai Community Fellowship. The young volunteers brought paint brushes and paper for the children to learn to paint. Volunteers taught the children simple painting techniques and gave the children the chance to show off their creativity. Many children proudly went home to show their parents their new artwork.

In addition to painting class, many children enjoyed a vigorous game of basketball and some children were even seen throwing around an American football, brought by the volunteers to teach the children the famous American Thanksgiving pastime.

Of course, Thanksgiving is not complete without a feast, so at the end of the day the volunteers distributed candy and treats to the children. As is common custom on Thanksgiving, many children came back looking for leftovers!



### *Russell Reynolds Associates at Beiyaowan*

On October 22nd, You Dao partnered with Russell Reynolds Associates to host an activity day at Beiyaowan which attracted around 60 children and other members from the community.

Russell Reynolds Associates volunteers donated arts and crafts supplies and sports equipment, including a new basketball hoop. The volunteers and young boys made good use of the new basketball hoop, playing several long and competitive games of six on six. The new basketball hoop will serve as a source of enjoyment for the children for years to come.

Other Russell Reynolds Associates volunteers taught the children arts and crafts. At the end of the day, many young children were seen proudly parading around their carefully crafted artwork. Other volunteers setup badminton and ping pong contests that all of the children heartily enjoyed.

At the end of the day, the volunteers distributed small prize packs and candy in celebration of Halloween. The children left for home with candy in their hands and bright smiles on their faces.



## Zi An Exhibit Opening

11 Oct 2011



The opening ceremony of the exhibition of Zi An's fine art took place in Jiao Tong University.

The Chairman of You Dao said that he first saw Zi An's art at the Si Chuan Fine Arts Academy and was very impressed with it and particularly with the process of interaction with disadvantaged children by which Zi An came up with these wonderful art works. It is good to see a young man starting out on his career with a concern for others especially with those who struggle.

You Dao Foundation is happy to be associated with this exhibition and is thankful for the contribution that Zi An will make to the Foundation by giving a generous percentage of the sale of the works made through You Dao for migrant workers and their families.

This Exhibition is an example of a partnership.

May the exhibition give pleasure to a lot of people; lead us to appreciate Zi An the artist; and raise some money for You Dao Foundation.

## THIRD YOU DAO

### FUND-RAISING DINNER

The third YOU DAO fund-raising dinner was held at the "mr willis" restaurant on Sunday 11th September, 2011.

The dinner co-incident with the Mid-Autumn Festival, and in the restaurant hung with red lanterns, a large full-moon shaped screen focused the attention of diners onto the projected images of the young migrant children, who are the living part of the You Dao projects.

The bountiful and delicious meal of many courses, so characteristic of the "mr willis" restaurant, reflected the spirit of generosity that was so evident at the full and appreciative tables.

All aspects of the successful night were donated to the You Dao cause of education and scholarships for Shanghai's migrant children.

More than RMB 60,000 was raised at the dinner, from the contribution of "mr willis" restaurant, the kitchen and restaurant staff, the food and wine suppliers, musician, photographer, artists and, of course, the full-house of diners, whose enjoyment was enriched by their generosity.







### *Fengxian Family Centre Now Open*



You Dao Fengxian Family Centre held its grand opening on Sunday the 18th of June. It was a very successful event with participants from the You Dao community and from the sponsors who have been so important to the project's completion:

- Lend Lease Project Management & Construction (Shanghai) Co., Ltd.
- Australian Women Social Group (Shanghai)
- Johnson & Johnson Medical (China), Ltd.
- Mr. Willis Restaurant, who also kindly catered for the event.

We were especially honored to have among our guests Madame Zhang Qin Hua (章勤华), representative of the Fengxian District government which has been supportive of our work, and Mr. Jin Shenghai, principal of our host school.

### *Charity golf tournament to benefit Shanghai's migrant families*

By Matthew Fulco (China Daily Shanghai Bureau)

SHANGHAI - A charity golf tournament planned for June 16 aims to raise 120,000 yuan to help migrant families in western Shanghai's Fengxian district. The funding will provide support services and educational programs for migrant parents and their children in the new Fengxian You Dao Family Center.

You Dao is partnering with the Shanghai Singapore Business Association-Singapore Club Shanghai (SSBA-SCS), one of the island-state's preeminent overseas business organizations. The event is the largest charity project of the year for both You Dao and SSBA-SCS.

"We will be able to reach out to at least six migrant kindergartens and a hundred migrant families with the funds we raise from the golf tournament," said Puisina Chau, Executive Director and Board Member of You Dao.

## **Fund Raising Report**

The trimester since our last report has seen a quite steady influx of funds leading up to Christmas.

From the Corporate sector, we have had ongoing and successful discussions with Philips, (thanks to Zhang Jinghuang) Van Hessen (thanks to Johan Domela) and American Standard, (thanks to Board member, Ken Ng). All three companies are embarking on programmes that will support a specific community project with scholarships, home visits, and Family Day activities. Each of the corporate representatives have expressed strong interest in having their staff involved with visits to their respective projects and we sincerely applaud their intention to get involved and spend time with our Migrant brothers and sisters. It's the You Dao Way!

The second area of funding inflows has been from individual donors and it is pleasing to report that the number of donors and the size of the donations has grown significantly since last year. In the interest of anonymity, a number of people have requested that their names will not be reported here. There is a marvellous cross section of people from various countries who have supported us this year. Our youngest donor is ten years old. We have had donation proceeds from a wedding, donations from Chengdu, and quite a number of other interesting places around the globe. There has been an individual donation of 50,000RMB, which was half the bonus paid to that donor which was a wonderful gesture. Notwithstanding the large or small amounts our individual donors have "given" all experience that "its in the giving, that we receive".

A last word of thanks to our favourite Shanghai restaurateur, Craig Willis, who hosted two dinners for us this year. He also raised a further 14,000rmb selling the wonderful toy dogs in his restaurant. It just takes a little imagination!

From the Funds Team, sincere thanks to everyone who gave their time, talent, and taxes to us; and wishing you all a very happy and safe Christmas

David Boyle  
Treasurer





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**"No one cares what  
you know, unless  
they know that you  
care."**



**Wisdom from the Chairman**

Christmas, certainly in the West, is a time of giving and receiving gifts so it seems to me appropriate to raise the issue of sharing in this month of December.

Time is a very precious commodity for most of us in Shanghai. We can even spend so much of it in the traffic! But some people do have time to spare. They may have left a career at home in order to join a spouse, and after the initial excitement of a new place has worn off, they might have time on their hands. If so, please consider doing something with us! Indeed some people can even "make time" to do a good deed.

Perhaps you can volunteer to help to run a program at a Centre; you might have a computer skill that you can share; or perhaps you could manage our web-site for us. People do have different talents and these can be squandered or used for the good of the community. In the end I believe that our talents are for others.

For some of us, it may be easily to support our work by putting a hand in the pocket, especially at Christmas, in order to make some funds available for a good cause.

Whatever it be - time, treasure  
or talent - we need your help.

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Happy Christmas  
Warren.

**Thank you to our current and previous partners...**

