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Christmas*

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Blessings for the New Year!

A Migrant Story



Li Jun and his little brother.

Here is a family made up of five people – two grandparents, two children and the father of the children. The mother left the family three years ago and is probably now married again. The father has just changed jobs and has a temporary one in construction. If he has work he can get 100 rmb a day.

Li Jun and his younger brother live with the grandmother in Shanghai. The grandfather is in the home village working on the farm. Every year for one month the grandmother takes the two children home to the village to help the grandfather harvest the produce.

Li Jun has a medical condition whereby he has not grown normally and needs to take hormones. He also has some problem with his genitals that require surgery. He needs multiple surgeries and has already had three lots over a couple of years. One surgery remains to be done.

Every month the boy needs about 2,500 rmb for hormone therapy. He has already been having this treatment for six months. Up to now, given his medical condition and the fact of little money, he has normally stayed at home. But this year You Dao started to help him to go to Feng Xian Xiao Tong Xing Kindergarten. He is presently in the third grade. Now that Li Jun can socialize with other children he has become more open. Recently the You Dao staff went to visit his house and found that he has grown considerably over the past six months and he has a smile on his face.

The Kindergarten, knowing the help that YD is giving, returned one month school fee to the family when they returned home for the harvest to help towards the hormone treatment.



Scholarship Family Days

Qi Cai Tong Nian Saturday, 17th November



On Saturday 17th November 2012, nine You Dao scholarship families came to the Qi Cai Tong Nian Kindergarten in Fengxian for a "family day".

The children, their parents and relatives and the You Dao staff all played games together. A prize was awarded to three of the families.

Teacher Lynn of You Dao gave a talk to the parents about child development. At the same time the children were with the other You Dao staff doing other activities in the class-room which included drawing and making greeting cards.

Afterwards, all the family had snacks and drinks together and had some informal chat with the You Dao staff. At the end of the activities, gifts such as dictionaries and shampoo were given to each family.

Xiao Tong Xing Saturday, 24th November



On the 24th November 2012 at Xiao Tong Xing Kindergarten in Fengxian, 10 migrant families and five volunteers, altogether 42 people, came together and had four activities. They made greeting cards; each family and the children played various games; they shared a snack together; and the volunteers gathered some information from the families about their situation and their issues that might enable You Dao to the better serve them.



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Malu Tian Tian Sunday, 18th November

On Sunday morning, the 18th November 2012, the first family scholarship day was held at Tian Tian Kindergarten in Malu.

Sixteen families from two kindergartens, Tian Tian and Xin Yi, joined in the fun. Altogether 62 people came to the event not including the 11 volunteers.

There was a parents' meeting; games for the children, creation of a greeting card and picture taking.

You Dao's Teacher Lin spent time chatting with the families.

This activity, supported by You Dao, helps strengthen the relationships all round.



Tong Zhi Meng Saturday, 8th December



On Saturday morning the 8th December 2012 at Tong Zhi Meng kindergarten in Fengxian about 60 people had a great time. It was another scholarship family day and twelve families were present. We also had 14 volunteers from Shanghai and together with the You Dao staff about 60 people in all attended the event.

There were the normal three steps to this event with handicraft done inside the class-room where family members and volunteers helped the children to be creative. Then outside we participated in some interactive games and finally there were snacks and prizes awarded back inside the classroom.

It was a clear cold day!



Hong Xiang Saturday, 1st December

On the 1st December 2012, 16 scholarship families had a family day at Nan Qiao in Fengxian at Hong Xiang Kindergarten. There were eight volunteers and altogether 69 people present. There was a variety of activities including handicraft, games with the family, snacks, picture taking. The children and the families especially enjoyed playing games together.



Fun at the carpet auction

146 people attended a successful and happy event at the Pudong Sheraton in which a lot of our friends went away very happy with their new carpets.

The auctioneer from Eastern Carpets kept everyone entertained well into the night.

Caitlin Reilly performed a wonderful solo piano and song item and the children from YKPao had a great string ensemble.

Thank you Mary Mak and the girls in black.



Russel Reynolds with Migrants at Sports Centre 23rd September

On 23rd September 2012, You Dao partnered with Russel Reynolds Associates for a Sports Activity Day held at China East Sports Center (东方体育中心) in Pudong. The activity brought 50 migrant children from Baoshan to Pudong to play basketball, badminton, and dodge ball at the China East Sports Center. It was the first time many of the children had the chance to play badminton or basketball on a proper sized court.



Russel Reynolds Associate volunteers first taught the children the rules of the games as well as instructing them on their technique and skills. The children not only had a lot of fun but also improved their teamwork skills. At the end of the day, the children headed back home, exhausted after a rowdy day of sports and activities.

This is the second activity Russel Reynolds Associates has run with You Dao. We appreciate their continued support.

Double Ninth Festival - Children and the Old celebrate together 18th October

This year the Double Ninth Festival was around the 18th October 2012. Twenty volunteers from Lend Lease, facilitated by You Dao, went to an Old Peoples' Home for a visit and took with them 36 children from Da Xiang Kindergarten.



Before the volunteers and the children set off for the Home, the volunteers prepared the children to meet the old people and explained to them the meaning of the festival. They also made some greeting cards to give to them and practised some singing and dancing. They also wrapped gifts.

The old people were delighted to see the children and joined in with the children in the singing of the songs. They were so touched to receive gifts given them by the children themselves.

Perkins Coie - Visit to the Science and Technology Museum 23rd September

On 10th November 2012, 40 students from Hong Xiang Elementary School's fifth grade with volunteers from Perkins Coie and You Dao staff visited the Shanghai Science and Technology Museum.

The students divided into four groups, red, orange yellow and green. Each group had three volunteers to accompany them through the museum.

At 11:30 am the volunteers and the students had lunch together inside the dining room of the museum. In the afternoon they watched 4 D movies and before leaving the museum, the volunteers gave each student a prepared gift which made the students very happy with the activities of the entire day.



Philips CSR with You Dao

Personal Hygiene 19th September



In the afternoon of 19th September 2012, some volunteer teachers from Philips and from “Roots & Shoots” went to Cang Chang Primary School in Malu, Jiading for a class with the students on personal hygiene.

There was a class of 73 students divided into five groups. The activities included singing and quiz sessions that made for a relaxed atmosphere in the class-room as the children learned good teeth hygiene.

After the class the children were given appropriate gifts and were excited with their new knowledge about how to clean their teeth effectively.

Some of the children wanted to give the gift to their parents!

On 17th October 2012 under the Junior Achievement Program, 10 volunteers from Philips went to Malu Cang Chang Elementary School for a special activity.

129 students were involved in creating their ideal city. With hands and minds, pictures and media, they created a plan for this city. It met the needs of the inhabitants and creatively sought suitable structures with hospitals and schools and governments buildings. Everything was put in order and the children found their own place in the city.

How to create your own city? 17th October



Fun Park 21st October



On 21st October 2012 some Philips volunteers together with You Dao facilitators visited the Shanghai Oriental Green Boat theme park with 100 Cang Chang Elementary School students.

Most of the children had never been to a theme park before and especially one that was so large with lots of open space. They were very excited as they played on the mock air-craft carrier and rode on the rides in the park.

The volunteers, You Dao Staff and the children ate together and then played some games in the outdoors.

The children braved a walk along narrow boards and then saw statues of famous people.

They were so excited at what had happened that some of the children hope that in the future they will be able to be volunteers themselves!

... continued photos from the Fun Park Day



Have a treat
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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.

On the 24th November 2012 the migrant children at the Qingpu Centre made a piece of art that included snails and fish and other aquatic animals. They used different sorts of materials to achieve this.

On the following day, the Sunday, teachers Shen and Cao brought along a cartoon movie that the children excitedly watched.



Chairman's Report by Warren Kinne

*"I slept and I dreamed that life is all joy.
I woke and I saw that life is all service. I
served and I saw that service is joy."
~ Kahlil Gibran*

At this Christmas time, I wish to thank our volunteers and supporters for their efforts throughout the year. They did lots of good work and aided us to meet some of our expectations. Peace and happiness to your families and friends for this Christmas and the coming New Year!

We have been engaged in many activities throughout the year as you can see from our website (www.youdao.org.hk) and we now have 80 students in our scholarship program. In recent times we have had a series of Migrant scholarship family days and these were most enjoyable. The families, judging by the pictures that were taken, had a marvelous time together, and with the volunteers and our staff.

We forge on despite some difficulties and we are ever looking for better ways to serve the more vulnerable among the migrant community.

People of good-will and with an altruistic attitude do help us to keep going forward. May they experience the joys of this season and may we all find ways to be of greater service to those less fortunate in the community.

A blessed Christmas to you all!
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.

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