

# YouDao Quarterly Newsletter



Various workshops for adults and children at the new You Dao Family Centre in Fengxian

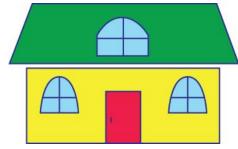
18 June 2011 Saturday, 10am Fengxian Family Centre

# Fengxian You Dao Family Centre Grand Opening

The Fengxian You Dao Family Centre will begin serving the migrant families in mid June 2011. The center will offer a variety of programs for the different members of the families.

Migrant families could participate in parent-child activity workshops, parenting workshops, medical and nutritional training, computer workshops for adult and school-aged children, reading programs, and art/craft workshops.

You Dao Foundation partners with corporations, other not-for-profit organizations, international schools and individuals to provide all these services for the migrant families.



Recent events

- "Healthy Me" workshops facilitated by Boy Scout Shanghai Troop 969
- "Handwashing" workshop for the migrant children in Beiyaowan Activity
  Centre during Johnson & Johnson Depuy
  Community Service Day

# **Upcoming Events**

Date	Event	Location
June 4, 2011	Children's Day Celebration	Beiyaowan Activity Centre
June 10, 2011	Bovis Lendlease Community Service Day	Fengxian Family Centre
June 16, 2011	SSBA Charity Golf	Lake Malaren Golf Club
June 18, 2011	Fengxian You Dao Family Centre Opening Ceremony	Fengxian Family Centre
June 20, 2011	Johnson & Johnson Community Service Day	Xidu, Fengxian
July 4-8, 2011	Yew Wah Summer Camp migrant children	Fengxian Tong Meng for Elementary School



Reading programs at the new You Dao Family Centre



#### **SCHOLARSHIPS UPDATE**

6 new children were offered scholarships to enter kindergarten in March 2011.

### **Recent Events**

Date Event

May 14, 2011 "Healthy Me" workshops facilitated by Boy Scout Shanghai Troop 969

A team of boy scouts offered the "Healthy Me" workshop to 80 parents and children from Hong Xiang Migrant Kindergarten in Fengxian. The boy scouts presented three sessions: Dental Hygiene, Proper Handwashing and Healthy Eating. They taught the children these concepts through songs, practices and activities. The children really enjoyed the program and the parents learned a lot of useful information as well. Each participant received a mug printed with the "Healthy Me" logo to remind them of the message of the day.

May 18, 2011 Johnson & Johnson Depuy Community Service Day

Over 60 volunteers from J&J Depuy made improvements to the classrooms and offered a "Handwashing" workshop for the migrant children in Beiyaowan Activity Center. The volunteers painted the classroom and built new shelves for the toys and art supplies. They also planted flowers around the center to make it a pleasant environment for the children. New light fixtures were added to the computer room and the holes in the outdoor playground were mended. After all the hard labor, they stayed and welcomed the migrant children for a "Handwashing" workshop. They taught children the proper way to wash their hands through fun activities and lastly, the volunteers sent children home with a bag of homemade muffins.

# You Dao Fundraising Re-Energized: New Team

One of the initiatives born out of the new You Dao Advisory Board, was the decision to re-energise You Dao's "Fundraising." In the past, our fundraising has been enthusiastic, but sporadic, and needed a more long-term view. It was fortunate therefore that You Dao was able to gain the energy and interest of new personnel, for the Funds team. Ken Ng, CEO of American Standard, has joined us, and brings his cheerful enthusiasm, and considerable organizational skills, to lead the fund-raising team. Also, Hayley Waddington has come to Shanghai from England to work with Tescos, and brings with her strong experience of working with the substantial migrancy issues faced in the UK.

The Funds team also is joined by Stephen Schoenberger, who has been a regular and committed You Dao volunteer at Baoshan, and Bud Pratt, who has been working with You Dao on leveraging his considerable experience with Medical and pharmaceutical companies, in China. The group has formulated a strong plan to build up You Dao's financial resources, based on four platforms; (1) Corporate Sponsors (2) Big Events (3) Education Partnerships, and (4) Ongoing Regular Support.

The ethos of the group has been Hard-work and Fun; "We will be the FUNraising team"

We look forward to some great events, and strong partnerships, in our quest to help the Migrants, ongoing.

-David Boyle







#### You Dao Foundation

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Hopefully, said with tongue in cheek: "You do this for the migrants and we do this for you."



## Home visit story

You Dao home visitor met Xiao Yu's family in early March. Xiao Yu lives with her parent, an older sister, her younger brother and her grandfather's brother. Xiao Yu's father works in a construction site and makes around RMB 2,300 each month.

The home visitor found out from the neighbors that the mother is always missing from home and the oldest daughter takes care of her siblings and the chores at home. Therefore, the oldest daughter was not able to go to school because of her responsibilities at home. When the home visitor spoke to the oldest daughter about her family situation she noted that the daughter harbored a lot of resentment about not being able to go to school.

After the first home visit to this family, the home visitor worked out a plan with the father to send Xiao Yu to kindergarten with a You Dao scholarship and to ask grand-uncle to take care of the youngest boy during the day so the oldest daughter can go back to school. The two older children are both in school now and the home visitor will follow up with the family monthly to provide support for this family.

## Wisdom from the Chairman

It seems to me that even though we are citizens of the world which in so many ways is getting smaller and smaller, we are nevertheless compelled to be involved locally. We need to open our eyes to who is marginalized or hurting where we happen to be living. For me and for some of my friends, at a point in time some years ago, together we came to the conclusion that migrant workers, who were responsible for so much of the growth of this city, were also ones who were as a group disadvantaged in many ways. In fact the ones we work with and for, are some of the poorest of this group. Their stories are on our web-site and appear in our newsletters.



My experience has always been that if I make a move in the direction of helping others and standing with them in solidarity to help change their circumstance, there are others too who are ready to help. This human response of networking and collaborating are so evident to me now in our work with You Dao. Day by day others are coming to assist us to walk and grow with migrant workers and their families. May what is of value in our efforts, flourish and become more Chinese.

~ Warren Kinne

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















