



**YOU DAO**  
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# A Migrant Story

## YOU DAO FAMILY DAY

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Philips Sports Day

June 16  
BBQ party for the volunteers at Beiyaowan

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Family Day /Outing for scholarship families

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July 29  
Family event at Tiantian

Mid August  
Scholarships

September 19  
R&S program in Cangchang Primary School



Zhou Hui  
and his family



Zhou Hui is of a family of four. His elder sister is in grade 5 at Tongmeng Primary School. She is a quiet and sweet girl. Zhou Hui, sponsored by You Dao, is enrolled in the middle class of Tongmeng kindergarten. Zhou Hui is physically stronger and won't get sick so easily. He is very active and likes to communicate with others. The father has a low education and works at a factory with a monthly salary of 1600RMB. The mother had difficulty finding a full-time job and could only get odd jobs from time to time. In 2011, she found a job to operate a milling machine. The salary is 1000RMB per month. In April, she fainted at work and the preliminary diagnosis was coronary disease. With no money for tests, she only bought a few medicines to ease her condition. The medical expense is now about 500RMB per month. Unable to work, she is very depressed and even had suicidal thoughts. But she has not gone through with them for the sake of her two young children. Now her physical condition is getting worse and the whole family is in jeopardy.



# FAMILY DAY IN FENGXIAN

June 3, 2012

At 8:00am Sunday morning, over 20 scholarship families (80 parents and children in total) boarded the buses heading for Guhua Park. It was their first visit to the park, and everyone was excited.

At the open square, each family took turns to participate in the family games, which were 'riding sedan' and 'two persons running with 3 feet'. The parents, who rarely have a chance to play with their kids had so much fun!

During snack time, the children, guided by the volunteers, put the wrappers into trash cans. They learnt how to care for the environment with their own good habits.

Next came the painting session. Every child was given a drawing board, paper and crayons. They scattered around to start painting. All the children were completely concentrated, and an hour passed quickly. Thanks to the help of the parents and volunteers, the top three of the junior group and senior group were selected from each group. Each and every child received awards and presents for their artworks. What a fruitful day!

Around 11:30am, all the families walked to a nice restaurant and enjoyed a delicious meal. The elder brothers and sisters helped to look after their younger brothers and sisters during the whole time. Afterwards, each family had their family photo taken in the park and made a short tour by themselves.

At 2:00pm, the kids headed home with their parents, singing and laughing.







## Hongxiang Field Trip sponsored by J&J

On the afternoon of 17th. April, thanks to the generous support of J&J, 118 pre-schoolers and 36 parents boarded the buses to Changfeng Ocean Park. They were all very excited and looked forward to the trip. At first, J&J volunteers took the kids on foot to the white whale show. The kids

loved the little whale souvenirs that blink on and off. During the whole whale performance, cheers and clapping could be heard from the crowd.

Afterwards, led by J&J volunteers, the children and parents arrived at the aquarium. They toured the "jungle adventure", "coral reefs", "ecological tank", "shark passage" and penguin house. It was their first time to see so many creatures of the ocean with different colors and shapes up close. Each child had their eyes wide open and could not help smiling. Some kids even reached out their hands, trying to touch the animals. Every one of them asked a lot of questions.

This trip is such an eye-opening adventure for all the kids, and truly a memorable experience.

## SCIS community service at Beiyaowan

On 7th. And 8th. May, four teachers and six students from SCIS came to our Beiyaowan Community Center to help paint the walls of the activity room and library. After two day's hard work, the rooms took on a completely new look.

Both the teachers and students tried different ways of preventing the paint from peeling off quickly due to humidity. For some really old walls, they nicely offered to pay for an overhaul by professional workers, so that the second time they apply paint, it will stay on much longer.

The migrant children and parents love the new look of the rooms and very much appreciate their efforts.



## Philips volunteers teach at Cangchang Primary School

On the afternoon of 9th May, eighteen Philips volunteers came to Cangchang Primary School in Malu Town to interact with 108 students in 5th and 6th grade.

By the means of a short animated film, the volunteers introduced the concept of trade. In the Treasure Hunting session, students were encouraged to think creatively and to seek out the original place of the "treasures". Ideas such as "import" and "export" were shared as well.

The whole activity was diverse and engaging and well received by the students. The candy game in particular enabled the students to obtain candies they like through multi exchanges (trading), so that their satisfaction was constantly increased. They enjoyed the first-hand experience of the benefits of trading.

The class atmosphere evolved as well, from silence to happy chaos. Many kids did not want to take breaks and hoped to continue.

The school authority gave very positive recognition to the activity and hopes that more could be brought to the school.



## Children's Day party at Beiyaowan

On 27th. May, the annual Children's Day party was unveiled at our Beiyaowan Community Center. Volunteers from Blue Ribbon of Shanghai University arrived in the morning to decorate the venue and to number the gifts.

At 1:30pm, all the volunteers arrived. The kids lined up to receive their numbers and to get in.

There were a variety of activities for the parents and kids to enjoy, such as green cartoon, nose pasting, who has better eyesight, ball bouncing, hula hoops. Everyone had a great time!

The singing and dancing programs, including Kittens, Big Apple, A Sound Sleep in Spring, Harmonica play, received waves of applause.

At its closing, every child received a nice present with a big smile on their face.



# recent events

## Weekend programs at Beiyaowan, June 2



Every Saturday and Sunday (2:00 – 4:00pm), our Beiyaowen Community Center is open to all the children and parents in the community. Accompanied by You Dao staff and volunteers, the children and the parents have many happy and enriching weekends!

## After-school Tutoring at Beiyaowan, June 4



Since we started the after-school program on 11th. April, one and a half months have passed. Now we open every Monday, Wednesday and Friday for children to come and do their homework. The children have gradually developed good habits and will lower their voices as soon as they enter the room. They try to solve problems by themselves and only ask for help when they have difficulties. Because many kids don't have desks and chairs at home, they can only work on the floor or the bed. Now they can come to our center for homework and both the parents and kids are very happy.

## Mother's Day Greeting



13th May is Mother's Day. Our Beiyaowan Community Center was opened to the children and parents in the community on that day. Volunteers from Shanghai University and Fudan University worked with the kids to make Mother's Day cards.

Upon receiving the cards and hearing "Happy Mother's Day", the brightest smiles appeared on all the mothers' faces.

## Free medical consultation at Beiyaowan

On 22nd. May, Dr. Zuo, at You Dao's invitation, came to Beiyaowan Community Center to give a small lecture on personal hygiene, diet and nutrition, as well as common illness. After the lecture, he took the pulse of the parents and children and wrote prescriptions for them. The parents were all eager to find out when is his next visit so they can notify their relatives.



# SPORTS DAY

April 15, 2012

On April 15th, 143 migrant children and 12 teams from around China partnered for a fun-fill sports activity day at the Shanghai Rugby Club in Waigaoqiao. Teams engaged in 30 minute games of Rugby, Football, Cricket, and Soccer. Afterwards, the children enjoyed a large barbeque dinner with their new friends.

We would like to thank all of those who made this event possible, including: ANZ Bank, American Standard, Nexans, The Big Bamboo, Shanghai Rugby Club, Nike, Lend Lease, WinSales, Johnson & Johnson, Show Art, Wagas, Prime Cargo, Team Li Hai, and our friends from Hong Kong.







## Chairman's Report by Warren Kinne

*"Nothing is trivial be  
it good or bad"*  
莫以恶小而为之，莫以  
善小而不为

I have been thinking about "compassion fatigue" and this from two points of view: that of our volunteers and workers who are repeatedly presented with people in stressful situations; and of our donors who may weary of contributing money into what may appear to be a bottomless pit. All of us are, day in and day out, bombarded with TV and news stories that should evoke compassion but this can become blunted over time. We can it seems only take so much misery before our compassion dims.

People tire of being constantly solicited for funds and sometimes wonder if that money ever reaches the intended target. There are high profile instances of fraud that we hear about and of situations of unreasonably high overheads in charitable organizations. You Dao strives to maintain high ethical standards and much of our work is done by volunteers. We have just a few paid workers to coordinate our activities.

While our efforts are comparatively miniscule given the total number of families who may well be helped, we still believe that we make a significant contribution to a better life for disadvantaged people. Constancy and doggedness are virtues much needed by workers, donors and volunteers in a charity such as ours.



**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.

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