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The Families We Help



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A Migrant Story Gong Lu and her family



Gong Lu's father works in an electronics factory. Her mother left home one day and never came back. The grandma moved in to care for her son and two granddaughters. She is 60 years old and has leg problems. To support the family financially, she works odd jobs in a cafeteria of a local factory with a monthly salary of 1000rmb.

Gong Lu was enrolled in the junior grade of Hong Xiang Kindergarten in March. Her younger sister, Gong Ting, will be 2 soon and is in the nursery class of the same kindergarten. The family only paid 1000rmb to the kindergarten, which is one fifth of the total tuition for both.

recent events

Fifth Mr Willis Dinner Sunday, 9th September



On Sunday 9th September 2012 we enjoyed a marvellous evening at the Mr Willis Restaurant. This is the fifth time that the restaurant has supported the efforts of You Dao to continue its work with migrant families.

The food was superb. We had entertainment and a wonderful time with friends old and new.

Thank you Craig and all your staff for your wonderful service.

Tiantian Kindergarten Sunday, 9th September

57 kids of summer classes, plus their parents, participated in the event.

Firstly, all the kids did morning exercises to the music. Then all of them were put into 3 groups and played the game of music chairs with their parents. Everyone had a good laugh.

In the drawing competition, every child was encouraged to draw creatively under the theme of "hand in hand". The whole classrooms went quiet as each of them (both the kids and parents) was absorbed. Three hours passed quickly and the parents loved having fun with their kids on a Sunday morning.



Beiyaowan Summer Camp 9th to 13th July

More than 30 school-age children signed up for our 5-day summer camp at Beiyaowan Community Center. Among them, some are left-behind children visiting their migrant parents in Shanghai.

English, sports, drama, music and art programs have been provided for the kids. Big thanks to volunteer teachers Lauren, Nick, Chrissy, XinHuang, HuiMin, JingGuo and HaiChen from Stepping Stone, Shanghai Theater Academy, Fudan University and Shanghai University. The five hottest days in summer were filled with unforgettable moments and laughter.

At the closing ceremony, quite a few parents showed up to witness their kids receive certificate of completion and be proud of their accomplishments. Each one of them could not wait to sign up for the next summer camp..



Freshfields XiaoTongXing Field Trip 28th June

On the morning of June 28, escorted by a dozen volunteers from Freshfields, over 40 children from XiaoTongXing Kindergarten arrived at E-Day Town in Xinzhuang.

E-Day Town is a theme park. Its life-size sets allow children to play grown-up and take on town roles like doctor, reporter, pilot, baker or detective. Within their own self-contained community, kids learn to work as professionals, earn money, as well as how to spend the money. All the kids loved it and had a lot of fun for three straight hours.





Philips Visit Sports Day 13th June

On the afternoon of 13th June, nine Philips' volunteers and 95 students from Cangchang Primary School participated in the Philips Sports Day at Shanghai Rugby Football Club. They played rugby and cricket with the coaches. Everyone had a great time.

The kids thoroughly enjoyed the activity and wished to come back again:

1. Even though it is a bit far from our school and the weather is hot. We enjoy ourselves very much and the food is delicious. – Guangkuo, Lili
2. I learned that winning is not everything, having fun is also important. – Jialing
3. I did not know there was such a big club in Shanghai. I had foreign coaches and practiced my English! – Jun, Siya
4. It was an unforgettable afternoon. I never felt so free and happy. The warm-up exercise made me feel good and I tried a few times at home. I will graduate soon, but I will always remember the day. – Han, Faqin, Yueyue
5. The games are so much fun. And I made friends with 2 foreign coaches and 1 volunteer teacher. She praised me and said I was a brave man! – Shuangzhao



Philips Personal Hygiene Class at Cangchang



Every Wednesday afternoon is the extra-curricular time for Cangchang Primary School. On the afternoon of 13th June, 18 volunteers came to the school early to present a fun personal hygiene class for 148 students from 1st and 2nd grades. The class was warmly welcomed by the kids.

Here is some feedback from the students:

1. I had a good time. I learnt not to eat too much candy and brush my teeth after snacks. It is important to brush teeth both in the morning and at night. – Xiaojiao, Jingjing, Mengru
2. I want to thank those big brothers and sisters. I learnt a lot about teeth, which will help me make them whiter. – Bo
3. Big thanks to Brother Potato, Sister Peach, Sister Orange and Sister Strawberry. They taught me how to brush my teeth, how to prevent caries. I will do it every morning and night. – Yingying
4. It is the most interesting activity I even had. The big sisters gave us a lot of gifts. I never received such gifts before. – Ye



Philips Visit to Home for the Aged 14th July

Fifteen Philips volunteers arrived early at Shanghai 3rd Social Welfare Institution to escort the aged to the multi-function hall. They were to throw a birthday party for the elderly who were born in the month of July.

35 preschoolers from Tiantian Kindergarten, organized by You Dao staff and volunteers, danced and sang happy birthday for all the birthday 'grandmas and grandpas'.

All were engaged in fun games and shared good laughs together. Later, candles were blown out and everyone enjoyed a piece of birthday cake!

The 2nd Family Day in Fengxian 17th June

30 scholarship families from three migrant kindergartens participated in the 2nd Family Day hosted by You Dao on June 17th. The preschoolers sponsored by You Dao enjoyed a fun and memorable day with their mums, dads, sisters and brothers.

Below is what they think of the event:

This is my first time to a family event, and I did not know what to do. But I had a wonderful time with my kids. Big thanks to You Dao! ----Lu Tiantian's family

I have never had such a yummy meal! It was so delicious! ----Guo Haitao, Liu Zhiyu

We enjoyed ourselves very much. The event is arranged well. We did not have time to take the kids to the park. Thank you You Dao for providing a great opportunity for us. ----Yao Xin's Family

We did activities like this before, but it was our first time in a park. So much fun! What a pity it started raining at noon. We did not have time to tour the park. ----Wang Min's Family





Chairman's Report by Warren Kinne

*"Never was a good work done
without much trouble"*
好事多磨

A long time ago I read something from Victor Turner, a cultural anthropologist, along the lines of structure vs. anti-structure.

You Dao stems from a good idea and the desire to make that idea work in a practical way. The idea was a hope to accompany migrant people in their struggle to better themselves and their families. In order to do that practically we needed to set up an organization – a structure that would facilitate our efforts. Now we have people in the field, a Board with its Chairman, registration and auditing, a logo, proposals and projects. We are still probably new enough and small enough to not yet suffer from too

dire an ossification of the structures that originally helped along our vision. However these structures could come to miss the mark over time. Still, we must always be open to the possibility that some "prophetic" challenge could arise calling for a restructuring, without being tied to the inertia of our original structure, which, after all, grew from a wee movement aimed at helping a specific group.

I am old enough to know that structures can become moribund and need change. At the same time we humans need structures if we are to get things done. This applies to health delivery services, legal systems, sporting associations, clubs, poetry nights ... and to NGOs as well.

There is the constant need to organize and to dismantle.
Where are we in the cycle?



You Dao Foundation has partnered with a number of kindergartens in various districts. We are currently sponsoring 62 students.

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

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