"Star of Tomorrow" - A Concert Charity benefits Chi Heng

"Star of Tomorrow" - a charity concert co-organized by Perfected Pitch and Asian Musicians Association was held on the 20th August 2015 at the Jockey Club Auditorium, Hong Kong Polytechnic University in Hong Kong. Led by Conductor Mr. Colin Touchin, the City Chamber Orchestra of Hong Kong and 8 talented Stars of Tomorrow performed a range of classical pieces. Ms. Dorinda Ma, a long term CHF supporter and lead singer of a band in the 70’s, also performed in the concert as guest artist singing the song “As One” which was composed by her for CHF in 2013. Net proceeds of the concert will go to Chi Heng to support our work in China.

2015 Summer Activities Closing Ceremony

From August 20th to 25th, 151 CHF college students from Henan, Shandong, Shanxi, Anhui, and the South-west region arrived in Wuhan, and attended the 4-day closing ceremony of Summer Activities 2015, which was themed on "The way, we meet, and walk together". A total of 4785 college students attended this year’s summer activities, the biggest number ever. Students spent more than 40 visits at CHF centers, and extended greetings and encouragement to sponsored families. During the closing ceremony, students shared what they achieved: 4785 family visits, 19 interest groups set up, which benefited 1177 primary and middle school students, 35% of which were CHF sponsored starters. Mr. Chung To was present to support the students’ sharing the past and looking into the future with the students. The annual summer activities have successfully concluded, but CHF does not stop. We will keep working on spreading the concept of Happy Charity, so that more people who need help can benefit from it.

2015 Hero In The Mirror Workshop

A training named Hero In The Mirror, a four-day workshop of "life narration to find the hero in the mirror", was organized for 80 CHF staff and students by Sarah Oyarzun and managed by Ms. Eun Young E and Ms. Lin Xiaoxia, teachers from West Chapter of Sino-Australian Narrative Practice Center. Narrative therapy turns theory to practice and CHF staff says this is the most effective way to help AIDS orphans.

To put theory into practice, 2 seven-day workshops for students were organized, one from July 15th to 17th, and another one from August 1st to 7th, with 128 students from 3 regions attending. Through described workshops, the students created a Hero Book that belongs to themselves, resulting in more in depth understanding of themselves, people who care for them, and the community. The feedback of many students was that through the workshop they felt happiness, warmth, friendship, and growth!

Charity Market Event, Shanghai Session

CHF Shanghai office organized 2 Charity Sale events at Chocolate Park, with full support from attendees. Chi Heng's social enterprise products were sold, and we were able to raise public awareness of HIV orphans and the student welfare projects.

South-west Activity Exhibition

Yunnan is one of the important regions for CHF to carry out AIDS orphans education. In July and August, Lincang project area paid tuition fees to 652 primary and middle school students, and visited 14 remote families to understand their progress on learning and provided psychological counseling assistance. On August 9th, a graduation sharing session was organized for 19 junior high students by some volunteer college students. From August 7th to 9th, a theme of Outward Bound activity was held for 38 students to develop their ability of self-reliance and emergency handling.

Summer Camp Alumni

CHF Fuyang Mini Summer Camp - Video Studio

The Video Studio Mini Summer Camp, co-organized by CHF and Tencent, was opened on 30th August 2015 in Shanghai. 8 Students from Fuyang Video Studio, along with CHF staff and volunteers from Tencent Shanghai, spent a wonderful week together. Campers visited Tencent headquarters, and went sightseeing attractions, and explored their own potential through this "Education".

Central Region Summer Camp

From August 6th to 10th, a 4-day summer camp was held in 3 centers together. As theme "Dream 20" sponsored primary and middle school students from Henan attended the activity. From August 12th to 14th, 43 students and 16 parents from the Zhumadian and Hubei area attended a summer camp themed "Love in landscape, CHF with me". The camp was organized by the Zhumadian office.

From August 6th to 10th, the Zhourou office organized a summer camp in Qingtiao and Jinan with 25 sponsored students from the Shandong Province attending. This was the first activity with local students participating since CHF’s work was launched in Shandong in 2010.

These Summer Camp activities received strong support from the local government. The young campers also learned how to appreciate life and hope.

Volunteer-Online Starter Class

On August 8th, 10th, and 20th, CHF Volunteer Online program organized 20 sessions. As a volunteer, on 20th 2 volunteers from Shanghai VMware company spent a weekend with 17 students for two record years, and taught them computer skills. The lessons aroused curiosity among the students about computer science, and they say they want to be IT engineers in the future.

Chi Heng Public Dissemination

Career Planning Seminar at Zhumadian for Technical School Students: From August 27th to 28th at Zhumadian, a career planning seminar was organized for 20 technical school students on the development of work and study plans. The seminar helped them understand the importance of setting targets and making learning more predictable. Many students also agreed that one implementation is more important than one hundred plans.

At the end of August, Mr. Chung To was invited to host public speech sessions, in collaboration with Yale University Beijing Alumni Association and Zhumadian University MBA. He shared the story from when he co-founded Chi Heng for public service, unfolded AIDS orphans education, to when he developed social enterprises combining public service with commerce. The sharing and discussion was a good way to spread positive reflections about public services. We will carry on!

On August 26th, CHF Running office hosted a seminar of "Talk about HIV", in collaboration with Standard Chartered Running Branch. Pathology knowledge of AIDS was shared through case studies with 30 Standard Chartered staff. It is hoped that discrimination against HIV infected persons can be eliminated.

Concert: Never can fall love and artist

On September 11th, Kempski Hotel Suzhou will join world-renowned musicians to bring the "Kempski Impromptu" concert. As a century-old European luxury hotel brand in Chinese market, Kempski upholds the development of philanthropy. Proceeds from the concert tickets sales will be granted to CHF to help children whose families are affected by AIDS.

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