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# Heartbeat

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## Letter from the Founder: BE THE CHANGE

**D**ear Friends,

As the president and founder of this organization, I want to share some of the details of life, work and mission here on our campus in Tianjin. As many of you know, over the past 24 years the **Philip Hayden Foundation's** work in orphan care has experienced a lot of change.

Over the past year we've seen vast changes in the orphan and foster care system here in China, and we're grateful that we've been able to adapt and adjust accordingly. For those of you who follow us on Facebook and Instagram – as well as those who read our *Heartbeat* newsletters – you know that the biggest change has been the government's policy prohibiting orphans from being fostered outside of their home provinces.

Our main project, **Shepherd's Field Children's Village (SFCV)** was greatly affected by this policy change, as the kids that we fostered on our campus had to return to their home orphanages. We continue to provide support to these kids, but it happens at their home orphanages instead of here on our campus, as before. This new policy also affords us with new opportunities to meet children we would never have known. Our **Therapy Team** members travel across China to provide therapy not only for "our" kids from SFCV,



but to the other kids as well. We also provide intensive training to orphanage therapy staff, and supply the latest equipment to support them.

The Shepherd's Field Project of fostering orphans on our campus may have come to an end, but we've been offered an opportunity to change and find more ways to help children in need. It didn't take long for us to discover these children – across China and within our local communities. During the past 12 months, many doors have opened and some have shut, but our passion and mission for helping the special-needs community here in China has not wavered.

*Here's the exciting part* – we're launching a new project here on our campus called Seven Acres. The name **Seven Acres** actually comes from our campus here in Tianjin, which as you may have already guessed, is seven acres in size. So what exactly does Seven Acres do? It's about serving where the need is greatest. Currently, there are more than six million families in China with children who have special needs. Many of these families are living at or below the poverty level, and are in desperate need of medical, therapy

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and educational support for their kids. Seven Acres will work to meet their needs, by providing critical services to the children and vital training to the parents. Likewise, we're working to establish our Seven Acres Vocational Training Program for teens and young adults who have "graduated" from China's orphan care system. We will provide them with life skills and job skills, with the goal of having them live and work independently, in their own communities.

Earlier this year, a world-famous graffiti artist, **Cameron Moberg**, came to our campus and painted several murals. One of the murals is a beautiful butterfly wall that has the words "**BE THE CHANGE**" written across it in big bold white lettering. That slogan really says it all. We want to BE THE CHANGE in the lives of these children in need. We now have the opportunity to be one of the only organizations in China providing services to families with kids with disabilities. Our team is excited to BE THE CHANGE for those who are in such desperate need. We see their value, we see hope for them, and we see a bright future too – so now a new season begins. I am thrilled to continue this work through the Seven Acres Project. This is a huge task that we cannot do alone. We need your help. As always, we need your prayers and support for the kids and their families. I hope you will stick with us and BE THE CHANGE for them.

Blessings,



### Meet Heidi, your new Intern Coordinator

**Heidi Bison**, along with her husband **John** and their four kids joined our team back in February. After several months assisting our **Guest Relations Team**, Heidi has now taken over as our **Internship Coordinator!** Not only does she bring years of experience working with volunteers, but she's very passionate about our work here at the **Philip Hayden Foundation**, and is the perfect person to inspire and work with our interns. Our summer 2020 internship application window opens on November 1, 2019. *Be sure to apply for a summer experience that will change your life!* For questions or to learn more about our internships, please contact Heidi at: [intern@chinaorphans.org](mailto:intern@chinaorphans.org).

## Shawn Finds His Forever Family

On August 19, **Shawn (Zhao Anzhi)** finally met his Forever Family. He's adjusting very well to life in Iowa, and has begun to bond with his two older brothers and two older sisters. His new name is **Maddox Shawn**. We're excited for Maddox and his family, and wish them the best as they begin their new journey as a family of seven.



# Summer Camp with Angel Baby



The Philip Hayden Foundation is honored to partner with the **Angel Baby Foundation**, an organization that raises funds and awareness for young children who have suffered severe burns. For our first project together, we hosted ten children and their guardians who came to our campus for **Summer Camp**. We kicked off on July 29 with an opening ceremony complete with a bubble machine, dance party and special guests from Angel Baby. All week, camp was filled with dancing and singing new English songs, learning

important life lessons such as, “*it’s what’s on the inside that counts*” from story time, and

even a drum circle and music time! With amazing teamwork, the children made a giant cardboard box castle on the second day of camp. Our **Bright Star’s Therapy Team** put together an obstacle course, as well as various games and activities that helped us observe and evaluate children who may need future physical therapy. Before dinner that night, the children were



surprised by a very special visit from well-known Chinese actress, **Wong Yi**.

Also visiting during camp time, a team from **Joni and Friends** – returning with both old and new friends – helped make camp extra special. Wednesday afternoon, after a morning of crafts and indoor games, the children were treated to a “State Fair” experience. Our Outreach Center was filled with activity and laughter as the children ran from station to station, playing classic fair games, like Ring Toss and Fishing Pond, as well as some new favorites like Jump It Out and Doctor for a Day. For each game, the children were rewarded with tickets, which were then redeemed in our very own prize shop. The children had hours of fun playing, shopping and eating lots of freshly made cotton candy! The day finished off with a big BBQ, with burgers, corn on the cob, and a summer staple – watermelon!



The 2019 “Beijing Dream Trip” Family Camp finished with a trip to Beijing. Thursday was spent touring around Tiananmen Square and the Beijing Aquarium, where the children watched a dolphin and Beluga whale show. It was a wonderful highlight to a fun-filled, therapeutic week for all of us!



Many people put a great deal of work into this camp adventure, and we could not be more grateful for all that was done by all our volunteers, interns, Joni & Friends, photographers, and Angel Baby staff. We’re excited for what our future with Angel Baby holds, and look forward to working together to help more families and children in need.



# Trudy gets a Job



Since her return to our campus for additional plastic surgeries in Beijing, **Trudy (Xiong Chunyan)** has been attending professional development classes here in our **Seven Acres Vocational Training School**. Under the tutelage of one of our volunteer teachers, Trudy has learned how to create a resume and cover letter, and honed some basic job interview skills. Several weeks ago, Trudy's hard work paid off when she got a job offer at a local restaurant! Trudy loves the restaurant industry, and hopes to own her own restaurant someday. We're very proud of Trudy and all her hard work.

## We're at the Finish Line



*The housing renovation project is in its final stages.* We're happy to announce that all of the painting, tiling, plumbing and lighting has been completed, and last month we had a team of volunteers from **Concordia University-Irvine** come help us set up the houses. They moved furniture, set up bunkbeds and helped get everything ready for residents.

*We've made incredible progress, but need your help to cross the finish line.* In order to complete the houses, we need sponsors for items that include: 5 kitchen's cabinets, counters and sinks (\$1,400) per house, 45 radiators (\$150), 5 dining room tables and chairs (\$1,000), 10 showers stalls and shower heads (\$1,000), and 12 bathroom faucets (\$100). Prayerfully consider sponsoring one or more of these items today, to complete this project and move kids and families back to our campus. To give, visit our website: [chinaorphans.org/immediateneeds](http://chinaorphans.org/immediateneeds), Text to Give SFCV TO 77977, Or email us at [info@chinaorphans.org](mailto:info@chinaorphans.org) for more info.



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