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# Heartbeat

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## From the Founder

**Charissa (Ling Deting)** turned 14 on August 23, which is normally cause for celebration! Unfortunately, children in China's adoption system age out of both the international and domestic adoption programs at age 14. So what's next for Charissa, and other older orphans like her who have crossed over from 13 to 14 without finding their Forever Families? Typically, these young teens will stay at their home orphanages until they're 15 or 16, then transfer to an adult facility, a social welfare institution, or old people's home where they'll live out their remaining years. Once the teens graduate to these places, there are few, if any, options for them to study, work, live independently or maintain normal relationships. Current opportunities for these young people to find their ultimate purpose in life are very scarce.

We recently met with a local Tianjin Chinese NGO about joining them to help orphaned, special-needs teens from our area. They've established a much-needed Therapy Center for Tianjin families who have children with disabilities, and our plan is to partner with them to help these older orphans. Our experience in helping older kids who have come through our doors at **Shepherd's Field** will go a long way in getting the program started. **Wendy, Stacey, April, Trudy** and **Grady** all received schooling, life skills training and vocational guidance while they were with us. As a result, these young adults have now found meaningful work and life outside of an institution. We're hoping to build off that, to assemble a multifaceted program for

future residents, with the same care and training. Our plan is to provide therapy, education, life and job skills training to prepare them for independent lives outside an institution.

To strengthen and educate our staff during the past year, we've implemented **Trust-Based Relational Intervention (TBRI)** training with our entire team. Children who have lived in foster care or orphanages often experience complex developmental and emotional trauma, which can cause psychological and behavioral issues. (Cont'd on pg. 2)



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In TBRI training our team members learn how to provide the kind of support and treatment our residents need, using these three TBRI principles: **Empowerment** – observing and correcting the children's *physical* needs; **Connection** – paying attention to the child's *attachment* needs; and **Correction** – monitoring the kids' *behavioral* needs. These three fundamental principles help both our team members and the kids learn healthy ways of interacting, so everyone is able to play a role in the healing process.

On a side note, we're still renovating our campus in preparation for our new teen residents. Thanks to the generosity of the good people at **Rinnai Corporation**, all the old leaky iron radiators and rusty metal pipes have been removed from the five children's homes, and are being replaced. Volunteers from Rinnai are onsite doing all the labor, and they'll install new PVC pipes and highly efficient Rinnai radiators, just in time for the winter heat to get turned on in mid-November. Things are definitely moving forward on our **7Acres Campus!**



## Is China Calling You? Therapists & Education Director Needed

Over the last several months, we've ramped up our efforts to recruit much-needed staff to join our **7Acres Team** here in China. At this time, we're in critical need of an **Education Director**, who oversees our entire school and vocational training program. We're looking for an individual with bi-lingual (English and Chinese) language skills, a background in education or special education, and a heart to serve those with special needs.

Constant developments in our **Bright Star's Therapy Program** mean we're eager to bring on a new **Therapist** to provide training, treatments, parent education and more. We need a trained therapist (PT, OT, SLP/T, ABA, PTA, COTA and AT) who's detail-oriented, caring and confident, and ready to join us in China as soon as possible.

If you or someone you know is interested in using their education and skills to provide education or therapy services to special-needs kids and their families, please contact us today! For more information, or to inquire about a position, please visit our website: <https://www.chinaorphans.org/get-involved/staff/> or send an email to: [naomi.preedin@chinaorphans.org](mailto:naomi.preedin@chinaorphans.org)



October was **Down Syndrome Awareness Month**, and there's no better representative than one special little boy, **Brody (Hu Minpeng)**. He has one of the most infectious personalities you'll ever encounter – when he's happy, he has a way of making those around him happy; and when he's sad, there's nothing you want more than to make him smile again. At just 10 years old, Brody has big dreams. He wants to be a super-hero – and a dance king – and he wants to be just like the big brothers he lives with.

During his time at **Shepherd's Field Children's Village**, Brody was a prominent star in all of our **Children's Day** performances. He loved to dance with his classmates and show off his runway skills in the Fashion Show – and his love of posing for selfies is well known! Brody is a perfect example of how – despite challenges and disadvantages – nothing can stand in the way of determination, strong character and a happy outlook. There are many ways to describe our sweet Brody. Energetic, loving, funny and awesome come to mind, but we also want him to be known as a son, brother, grandson and nephew. Brody needs a **Forever Family** to join and to pose with, to dance with, and to fulfill all his Big Dreams! For more information about adopting or advocating for Brody, please email us at: [info@chinaorphans.org](mailto:info@chinaorphans.org)



## GIVING TUESDAY – Donate while You Shop or Surf, with Amazon Smile & Facebook

*Are you ready for winter and the holiday season? A good way to face the cold weather, Thanksgiving rush, and the madness of holiday shopping is with **Giving Tuesday**! You can BE THE CHANGE for our kids in several simple ways – donate to our **Winter Heat Fund**, shop on **Smile. Amazon** and choose The **Philip Hayden Foundation (PHF)** as your charity of choice, or donate directly to PHF on Giving Tuesday.*

*Do you love shopping online for holiday gifts? **AMAZON** has a great program to help nonprofits. If you shop at <https://smile.amazon.com> and log in to your account, you can choose **The Philip Hayden Foundation** as your Charity of Choice. After that, every time you shop on Amazon, 0.05% of every purchase will be donated to PHF. The donation comes from Amazon, so it doesn't change your purchase price – it's a win-win! What an easy way to BE THE CHANGE!*

*Did you know that now you can donate directly through Facebook? And on **#GivingTuesday**, Facebook matches your donation! The matching funds are limited, but your donations are not. You can also BE THE CHANGE by sharing our **#GivingTuesday** post on Facebook – or text **SFCV** to **77977** to donate today.*



# BE THE CHANGE in Summer 2020!



*“The internship gave me valuable experience toward my roles as a future occupational therapist and a world citizen. The things I experienced in these five weeks were nothing like I expected, but it was all so worth it, and I would highly encourage anyone with a passion for service and travel to give it a try!”*

– Caleb, Summer 2019 Intern

*“Interning at **Shepherd’s Field** was the highlight of my summer! I learned so much as I worked with the Therapy Team there, and got some hands-on*

*experience. It was so much fun getting to know the other summer interns – and the children were a joy to be around! I look forward to going back in the future!”*

– Ashleigh, Summer 2019 Intern

*“I enjoyed my job so much this summer. I knew I had a heart for China before I came, and being there for seven weeks, working with kids really reassured me. I often find myself wanting to go back and help kids over there.”*

– Jaclyn, Summer 2019 Intern

Do you want this kind of experience in Summer 2020? You can **BE THE CHANGE** by signing up to be a **Summer 2020 Intern!** There are many different departments you can work with, including **Therapy, Education, Campus Management, Greenhouse, Donations/Supplies** and **Guest Relations**. What can YOU do to change the lives of others? The Summer 2020 application period begins November 1. Space is limited, so submit your application today! For more information, go to <https://www.chinaorphans.org/get-involved/intern/> or email **Heidi Bison**, our **Internship Coordinator** at [intern@chinaorphans.org](mailto:intern@chinaorphans.org). See you next summer!

## Help Bring Warmth to Our Campus

Every year, we have to pay our annual heating bill in advance – or the steam doesn’t get turned on. Well, the cold weather is here, but our **Winter Heat Fund** is still dangerously low. Anything you can give is greatly appreciated. To help keep our kids and staff warm this winter, go to <https://www.chinaorphans.org/get-involved/immediate-needs/> choose **Winter Heat 2019** or text **SFCV** to **77977**. It’s that easy to help bring warmth to our campus.



We are grateful for your prayers and financial support!

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