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Children's Day Playgroup

The French International School continued to support Sunbeam during the last year with their fund-raising activities including a sale of paintings by FIS children, birthday donations and money raised at their school fair. Nikki Thorne and Jordan Leong both made wonderful individual donations.

The children of P1 raised money to enable Maria Keavney (an FIS mother and an optometrist) to travel to Baiwan to test the eyesight of all our children. Maria's friend, Katrielle Mehmet, also accompanied her. Mary O'Donnell from Ireland donated the frames for the spectacles and Stephanie Ho of OPTA Professional Eye Centre supplied the lenses at cost price. Our sincere thanks go to all involved.

Island School: Da Vinci House continues to sponsor three of our Sunbeam children. In addition, a sponsored bicycle relay for Sunbeam was held. The school's design and technology teachers specially designed the bicycles for the event, and Josh Keys was the participant who raised the most money.

A group of students in Year 8 from **South Island School** had to do some charity awareness as part of the school programme. Their names are: Nicola, Eric, Bryan, Vahith, Elliott, Dexter, and Oscar. They decided to raise money for Sunbeam by selling candy and collecting donations.



Maria Keavney testing children's eyes

They were able to raise nearly HKD 3,000. Thank you very much for your contribution.

Our Mission:

To provide assistance to children in China who for family reasons, are in need of a home on a short-term or more long-term basis and to children who live too far away from an educational facility and therefore require hostel accommodation in order to receive a primary education.

Present Project:

The Sunbeam Children's Village, Baiwan, Guangdong Province, P.R.C.

Celebrations: To celebrate their 45th wedding anniversary, May and SJ Chan donated funding to purchase new bicycles for our Sunbeam children to travel to and from school and around Baiwan. Thank you May and SJ.

In October last year Barbara and Mike Jones from England celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary and asked family and friends to donate to Sunbeam in lieu of gifts. Thank you, your generosity is much appreciated.

Helga Ann celebrated a significant birthday in February 2011. Her family arranged a wonderful dinner to celebrate and Helga asked family and friends to donate to Sunbeam in lieu of gifts. We are very grateful, thank you Helga and family.



Making collages



Sunbeam Swings Again

Sunbeam Swings Again: Our annual fund-raising event – a dinner and dance featuring a Big Band performance at The Police Officers Club in Causeway Bay – was held in October 2010. The evening was a great success, with Nury Vittachi once again providing his services as MC while Jonathan Wattis filled the role of auctioneer. The night also included an auction and lucky draw. The Big Band, led by Dr. Brian Hawkins, was the highlight of the evening, accompanied by vocalists Anne-Louise McWilliam, The Sunbeam Sisters (Julia Wong, Jennifer Saran, Tricia Krieger, Priya Isaac) and Buddy Wong. A big thank you to Brian, our musicians and vocalists. Leung Yick Company once again sponsored all the wine for the event, and we are very grateful. The event raised over \$700,000 for our children.

Box of Hope:

For the third year running "Box of Hope" visited The Sunbeam Village just before Christmas, and our children happily received wonderful red sacks full of gifts. Very special thanks to Nicole Woolhouse and her team, and to the school children involved. You do fantastic work and make our children very happy. We are extremely grateful.

Education: We are very grateful to Shun Hing Education and Charity Fund who has been sponsoring the education of many of our children for several years. Last Year Goldman Sachs also contributed generously to our education fund. Our children are benefitting in a momentous way thanks to your generosity. We are also very grateful to our individual sponsors for helping to fund our children's educational expenses.



New Language Lab donated by May Poon & Family

Our Sunbeam Family: We currently have 105 children living in The Sunbeam Village. We have four young people studying at university and two more entering university in September. Half of our children now study in Qingyuan at vocational, technical and secondary schools. We continue to admit children in need from desperate living situations.

Our playgroup, which is held for children from the local community who live in abject poverty, continues to flourish, and we have over 40 children attending five days each week. In addition, our Sunbeam children are encouraged to bring along friends from the area to attend special social events in the Sunbeam Village.

Our Director Mr. Yan Wei and his team continue to do an excellent job, caring for our children, their needs and their educational requirements.

Staff Training: This year's staff training took place from 20th to 22nd May in Qingyuan and was again conducted by Mrs. Lisu Chow. The participants were Sunbeam's professional staff.

The theme of this training was "Concept Map of Career & Life Planning". The programme was well planned and professionally executed. It covered a wide spectrum and what needs to be done to help our children make appropriate choices in education and future career planning.

The staff was very appreciative of this valuable experience, which not only benefits them but Sunbeam children. Thank you Lisu for your wonderful contribution!

HKSA visited our Sunbeam Village in July 2011 to test and assess our children deemed to have learning difficulties. They also provided guidance for our staff to help these children. We are very grateful for their valuable contribution.



Eye Test Glasses

法國國際學校一向鼎力支持陽光兒童村。去年，學校的籌款活動包括義賣學生所畫的畫、舉辦賣物會以及由同學們捐出善款以慶祝生日。除此之外，Nikki Thorne及Jordan Leong更慷慨地作出私人捐贈。

小一的朋友們亦為善不甘後人。為了令白灣的兒童們可以接受視力測試，他們籌款給 Maria Keavney（一位該校的家長及視光師），由友人 Katrielle Mehmet 陪同，到白灣為小朋友們服務。愛爾蘭的 Mary O'Donnell 為他們捐出眼鏡框，而 Professional Eye Centre 的 Stephanie Ho 則以成本價供應鏡片。

謝謝你們的支持！

Island School 的 Da Vinci House 繼續助養三名陽光兒童。該校的設計及科技老師們更特地為一項腳踏車接力賽特別設計了一款腳踏車。在該次比賽中，Josh Keys 成功地奪得最高籌款額的榮耀。

South Island School 第八班的學生們，包括 Nicola, Eric, Bryan, Vahith, Elliott, Dexter 及 Oscar 最近參加了一項“認識慈善”計劃。他們為陽光慈善基金義賣糖果及收集善款，籌得近三千元，成績驕人。

助人為慶祝之本

為慶祝四十五周年結婚紀念日，陳瑞璋伉儷捐出善款為白灣的兒童們添置腳踏車作為交通工具，令紀念日變得更有意義。

去年十月是遠在英國的 Mike 和 Barbara Jones 結婚五十周年的大日子。他們要求所有親友向陽光基金捐出款項代替賀禮，善心可嘉。

今年二月，Helga Ann 亦採用同樣的方式慶祝自己的壽辰，向親友要求捐出款項給陽光基金。

對以上各位善長的美意，我們在此衷心說聲謝謝！

陽光餐舞會

一年一度的陽光慈善餐舞會於去年十月在港島銅鑼灣警官俱樂部舉行。Nury Vittachi 義不容辭，繼續為我們擔當司儀，而拍賣環節則由 Jonathan Wattis 主持。由 Dr. Brian Hawkins 帶領的 The Big Band 大樂隊，配上 Anne-Louise McWilliam, The Sunbeam Sisters (由 Julia Wong, Jennifer Saran, Tricia Krieger 及 Priya Isaac 組成) 和王日橋醫生繞梁三日的歌聲，把當晚氣氛帶到高潮。除此之外，幸運抽獎亦是當晚的重頭節目之一。全場美酒，如往年一樣，由兩益有限公司慷慨贊助。在各位善長仁翁的大力支持下，餐舞會為陽光兒童們籌得港幣七十多萬元。衷心謝謝各位！



New Bicycles

希望寶盒

三年來，“希望寶盒”都會在聖誕前來到陽光村，為小朋友們送上用紅色包裝，各式各樣精緻的禮物，令他們笑逐顏開，去年亦不例外。在此，我們特別鳴謝 Nicole Woolhouse 及其組員，感謝他們每年帶來歡樂及希望。

員工培訓

Mrs. Lisu Chow 再次為我們主持職員培訓，而今年參加者為陽光之專業員工。

是次主題為“如何計劃事業及生活”，所涉及範疇甚廣，目的為使員工們可以協助兒童選擇及計劃適合自己的教育及事業。

與會的員工都覺得這是一次難忘的經驗，自己與兒童們皆受惠無窮，亦希望向 Lisu 致以深深的謝意。

HKSA - 香港耀能協會於本年七月到陽光村替在學習上有困難的小朋友們作出測試及評估，並教導我們的員工們怎樣去輔助他們。在此謹表謝意。

陽光大家庭

陽光村的兒童數目現已增至一百零五人，而我們將繼續收容有需要的孩子們。村內現有四位年青人已在大學進修，有兩名則將於今年九月進大學。其他過半數的兒童們現分別在清新縣的中學、專業或職業訓練學院就讀。

我們每星期一至五，都有一個特別為來自貧困家庭小朋友設立的遊樂小組，現今已經擁有超過四十位成員。為了分享樂趣，我們極力鼓勵孩子們帶朋友參加我們的各項活動。

陽光村全體員工，在院長閻偉先生的英明領導下，把所有日常及教育事務處理得井井有條，頭頭是道，值得表揚。

我與陽光兒童村一起成長

張豐 (Frank) 2011-7-1

四年時間只是彈指一揮間，我在兒童村工作生活的四年裏，每天與兒童村小孩一起生活、一起學習，與同事一起工作，這期間付出了很多，也收穫很多，也學到很多。

剛入職兒童村，讓我負責中學的功課輔導，那時的初二有22個孩子，都挺有個性，富有激情的，智商好的等等，在那兩年裏，宿生學的很瘋狂，我給他們輔導也很瘋狂，有集體講課、小組輔導、個別指導，並充分利用周末，其它假期，在這個過程中，宿生的學習有了大幅度提升，而我自身的教學輔導水平也迅速提升，以致後來有宿生問我功課方面的問題，我能很快給出一個適合他的解題方法，並告訴他相關知識點的出處。

到第四年，陽光兒童村提升了我的職位，我認為是對我之前工作的肯定，同時對我也是個挑戰，我會一如既往，以飽滿的熱情迎接新的工作。

最後我要感謝香港陽光兒童基金會的董事們、感謝一直資助兒童村的熱心人士、感謝兒童村的同事和前同事、感謝兒童村的小孩們，因為有你們，我能和陽光兒童村、陽光兒童村的小孩們一起成長。



HKSA visit our Sunbeam Village

感謝董事

伍玉華 Jade

也許你沒有聽說過兒童村這個名字吧！其實兒童村是一個大家庭，而我就是這個大家庭的一份子。我叫Jade，今年讀五年級了，在兒童村度過的時間裏，兒童村發生了很大的變化，比如說我最喜歡的燒烤活動啊，燒烤活動也就是一個烤東西吃的活動，當然會有很多美味的食物，有香噴噴的排骨、雞翅，有美味的香腸，有香甜的玉米，還有讓我吃了感到甜蜜的糖水。當然我們會有這麼多美味的食物都離不開董事們、資助人的捐款，如果沒有了他們的幫助，也許我不會有那麼幸福，我覺得我是世界上最幸運的人，最後我要大聲的說出：“董事們，謝謝你們對我的幫助。”



Alumni at Prize Giving 2011

我是世界上最幸運的人

陳惠玲 Janet

事實，我認為我是世界上最幸運的人，這是我感受到的，也是事實。

我來到這裏第一天的時候，我會是什麼樣子呢？我想應該是哭吧。因為，這裏有許多的陌生面孔。來這裏的目的是讀書，但却讓我感受到了許多人對我的愛。雖然上天給我們一開始的是不幸，但也賜給我們希望、光明。

來這裏是許多人夢寐以求的，這裏給了我們需要的，我們是幸運者。

我來這裏感受到了很多人對我的愛，如董事們資助我們，閻Sir對我們的關心，菊姨給我們看病，張老師教我們知識，佛姨總是提醒我們晾衣服等等。這些人對我們的愛是無價的，是無法用金錢來取代的。上天是公平的，只是看看我們會不會珍惜我們所擁有的一切。所以我們應該努力讀書，不可以辜負了他們的期望。

這裏是溫暖的大家庭，這裏是我們的希望，這是我們應該選擇走好的路。所以，我們是世界上最幸運的人，這是無法改變的事實。

教育

除了信興教育及慈善基金有限公司繼續伸出援手，支持無數陽光兒童的教育經費外，高盛亦于去年大解善囊，令我們的學童們受惠無窮。對於不斷支持我們的教育經費的個別善長，我們亦在此向您致敬！

Growing up with Sunbeam Children's Village

By Zhang Feng, Frank (Asst. to the Director)

I have been working in Sunbeam Children's Village for four years and yet it felt like only yesterday that I arrived. Living here with all the children and working alongside my colleagues, I have given my all but I have also been richly rewarded and learned a lot.

When I first started work at Sunbeam I was responsible for the tutorial of 22 secondary school children whose characteristics and levels of performance were vastly different. During the first two years I used many different innovative methods to motivate them and also using weekends and holidays to work with them. At the same time my personal teaching skills have also improved and I was able to provide prompt and suitable help to the children. I was pleased that their academic performance was significantly raised.

At my fourth year I was given a promotion which I considered was a recognition of my work. It was also a challenge for me and I will continue to approach it with the same enthusiasm and passion.

Finally, I would like to thank the Board of Directors and all the donors and sponsors of Sunbeam, my colleagues and the children for giving me the opportunity to grow with Sunbeam.

1st July, 2011.



The Zhang Family

Thank you to Sunbeam Board of Directors

By Wu Yu-hua, Jade (14 years old)

Jade was diagnosed with leukemia at the age of 6, shortly after her admission to Sunbeam. We raised the money for her treatment thanks to St. Gabriel's Parish, New Jersey, US and other well wishers. She fought bravely and is a survivor. Jade does well at school and is energetic, very out-going and happy.

Perhaps you have not heard of Sunbeam Children's Village. It is actually a big family and I am a part of it. My name is Jade and I am in Primary 5. During my stay at Sunbeam there have been a lot of changes. For example, my favourite activity is the barbecue where we enjoy many different varieties of delicious food such as spare ribs, chicken wings, sausages and corn, not to mention the mouth watering desserts that follow. When we are enjoying these feasts we never forget that they are due to the generosity of the Board of Directors and all our donors and sponsors. Without them I would not be so lucky. I feel that I am the luckiest girl in the world. Finally, I would like to say a big Thank You to you all.

29th June, 2011.



A visit to Sunbeam Village

I am the luckiest girl in the world

By Chen Hui-ling, Janet (16 years old)

On the first day of my arrival at Sunbeam Children's Village I cried because there were so many unfamiliar faces and I thought that the objective of my being here was to study. Little did I know that although I came from an unfortunate background, I would receive so much love and be given hope and a bright future.

Being able to live in Sunbeam is the ultimate dream of many children. Here we are fully provided for and, most of all, find happiness.

Living in Sunbeam has given me love from so many people. For example, help from the Board of Directors, care and concern from our Resident Director, Yan Sir, childcare worker Auntie Ju, who takes care of me when I am sick, Teacher Zhang, Auntie Fo, who reminds me to dress warmly when the weather turns cold, etc, etc. The love that I receive from these people is priceless. That's why we must all treasure what we have and repay our benefactors by studying hard and not disappointment.

This is a big, warm family where our hopes lie by choosing the right path. That is why I think that, without a doubt, all the children here are the luckiest people in the world.

29th June, 2011.



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