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A Companion of Thirteen Years

We received the grave news in the morning amidst our Mother's Day celebration. Cancer took the life of the mother of Qing Xiu, a child with cerebral palsy.

It brought a flashback to a morning thirteen years ago when the knocks on the door got me off my chair in the Nanning office. It was a mother with a fragile figure and a wobbling young girl in her company. She inquired if I can sponsor her daughter's rehabilitation expenses. Eventually, they became the first beneficiary of Silver Lining.

Everything goes well for the next few years as Qing Xiu is making good progress with the support from Silver Lining. I realize that parents of children with cerebral palsy live a challenging life, and they continuously deal with the overwhelming physical and mental exhaustion. Therefore, I always feel a mother



of a child with cerebral disability expends energy many times more than a mother with a healthy child. The emergence of Silver Lining put the families and us all in the same boat over an extended time. We are proud of every progress made by a child with cerebral palsy. It's even more satisfying than our own children's accomplishments.

Whenever I stop by the Silver Lining Rehabilitation Center, every child would greet me, grinning cheerfully with their somewhat unclear delivery: "Hello, Mrs. Yeung! Hello, Mrs. Yeung! Hello, Mrs. Yeung!" At that times I had no idea what they said, but I never fail to give them a big thumbs-up and a bright smile. Then the mothers of the children would remark, "Long time no see Mrs. Yeung! You're losing weight, and you look so tired! Are

you doing fundraising for the children again?" I always get a lift from their kind words!

I have quite a few media interviews over these years, and everyone always poses the same question. It is to share the event or happening that is the most memorable or the biggest letdown since the founding of Silver Lining. I think the most unforgettable event is the passing away of a child or a family member. It leaves me with so much grief and sorrow, and it's no exception this time. My eyes get misty upon receiving the news, but the more I think about it, I am grateful that I'm with Qing Xiu's mother when we went through the tough times together, and it brought her a little bit of comfort and blessings. I begin to get some relief over my grief.

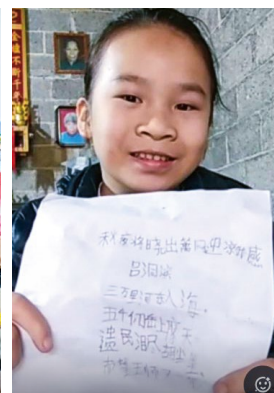


We miss you, Qing Xiu's Mom!

Learning Doesn't Stop WHEN SCHOOL DOES

The spring of 2020 is the one we'll never forget. The new coronavirus pandemic becomes widespread all over the world. For the safety and protection of the children, parents, and teachers, Silver Lining began closing down its facilities in succession including the Rehabilitation Centers in Nanning, Vietnam as well as the Eden Center for Children with Disabilities.

Nevertheless, children with cerebral palsy must have ongoing access to a systematic rehabilitation training program. Since their needs are different than the typical cognitive learning approach for children, they require instead the professional guidance by the physical therapist and teacher that help to customize for each child a set of learning objectives for training purposes. This approach helps to put the child's rehabilitation in high gear. We would not allow the epidemic to impede the children's rehabilitation training. Therefore, after some deliberations, Silver Lining decides to suspend the classes but not the learning. We move the teaching online through the Internet, enabling one-to-many services for children with cerebral palsy for their rehabilitation training.



The Nanning Silver Lining Rehabilitation Center is the first to begin its online learning, expanding later to the Rehabilitation Centers in Vietnam and Myanmar. The cooperation of the instructors and parents help make the online rehabilitation class a significant success. Amid the epidemic, Silver Lining will keep up our effort to provide superior and professional services to the children with cerebral palsy and their parents. Learning doesn't stop when school does!



Silver Lining Rehabilitation Classes

Advancing Together with Children with Cerebral Palsy
Physical Therapist of the Dahua Silver Learning Caring Center
Wei Mei Yue



I am a physical therapist at the Nanning Silver Lining Rehabilitation Center. I work daily with children with cerebral palsy to support their rehabilitation training. The class suspension would deal a significant setback to their progress, and their physical functions are at risk of regression. Therefore, the other teachers and I promptly began coordination and planning once we learned that Silver Lining would offer online teaching classes. We set out to gather information from the parents of the center about their home networks, and we discussed the classroom materials requirements with them. We also prepared the lessons with the teachers and therapists, tested the class software's performance, and gave the parents its download instructions. After a week of intense preparation, the online class formally began on February 17. I felt so stressed as it was the "anchors" debut for the other two teachers and me.

We ran into many issues during the class. For example, most of the children came from rural areas, and their networks were quite unstable, which led to dropped connections when training was in session. Many parents also took the class with their mobile phones that required frequent positioning changes to bring the students in a clear view for the teacher. Thus, it was quite chaotic in the first few days. As a teacher, it's a massive challenge for me to transition from the conventional teaching method to the new model. Since there's no face-to-face communication with the children, it isn't easy to give direct instruction to the parents to correct the student's movements, and we kept looking for ways to make the class livelier.

To iron out the kinks, the teachers, technicians, and I conducted reviews each day after

class to bring improvement to issues presented during the lessons. For example, we demonstrated how to make your assistive device for use in the class once knowing that the tool was not available in the children's homes. The children were prone to distractions when viewing the lesson with the phone. We prepared more engaging illustrated storybooks and children's songs as countermeasures. The parents could not keep up with the pace of the class; then, we began to issue study notes for the next day's course in advance while lowering the lesson's degree of difficulty. The instructors emptied their bags of tricks to accommodate every child and parent for the online classroom.

In this way, the classes begin to run smoothly, and most of the students start the class sessions and complete their assignments on time. The children wait for the training every day with enthusiasm, and the parents overcome the chaotic start as they get into the flow of the new instruction mode. We are very grateful for the success of online rehabilitation training.

The online rehabilitation training will continue as long as the pandemic's preventive measures are still in place. I feel invigorated by the children's progress, and I'll put out my best effort to offer them better and more relevant training.





Compassion amidst the Ruthless Pandemic Visiting the Sponsored Children

Most of the orphans raised by the Dahua Silver Lining Caring Center come from the poverty-stricken rural mountain areas. They usually live and study at the Center, returning home to visit their families during the Chinese New Year and summer holidays. On January 16, 2020, the children began their vacation. They all returned home to celebrate the New Year with their families. Their scheduled return date to the Center was February 5. The pandemic mandated the children to remain in rural areas for epidemic control and prevention, and it became necessary for them to stay in their relatives' homes. However, most of the children's relatives come from impoverished households. Caring for an extra child on such short notice is imposing a massive burden

on their finances. Moreover, some children's homes are so remote that connections to make phone calls are non-existent. Silver Lining has no other means to learn about the children's living conditions in their hometowns.

In light of this situation, the Silver Lining co-workers began to stop by the homes of some families since late March. They visited 93 supported children that did not make themselves back to the Center in time. They checked their well-being and their living situations and followed up on the progress of their home studies. They also provided resources for epidemic control and prevention, education, and daily essentials to heighten their awareness to combat the spread of the virus.



VISITATION NOTES TELL IT ON THE MOUNTAIN

Social Worker of Dahua Silver Lining
Ouyang Ri Yuan



The abrupt emergence of the new coronavirus put our lives on pause. To prevent the spread of the epidemic, the children raised by the Dahua Silver Lining Caring Center, after returning home for the Chinese New Year, were left stranded in their relatives' or grandparents' homes in their hometowns. Besides the total disruption to the regular daily routines, the school openings keep getting delayed. To assess the children's learning situation despite the school suspension, my colleague Lu and I traveled to the rural mountain area on March 24 to visit the hometown of a supported child, Luo Cai Yan.

After a few hours of rough riding over the mountain terrains, we finally came to an old house. Cai Yan ran to us from the door where she waited a long time for our arrival. She asked me, "Teacher, is Ms. Hui Cheng coming?" I shook my head and thought I caught a look of disappointment on the child's face. To lighten up her somewhat somber mood, I took out a picture book and waved it in front of her: "Look at what I bring you!" The child's eyes lit up, and she said with a pleasant surprise in her voice: "What a beautiful book, thank you, teacher!"

Once inside the house, I took in the surroundings to find the dated beddings, the shoddy desk, and chairs that made up the entire possessions of Cai Yan's family.

Lu pulled out a small wooden bench to sit, and he chatted with grandma for a while. They also discussed the sisters' recent studying and living situations. I sensed the grandmother's full gratitude towards Silver Lining from their conversations. The grandmother is a simple and kind woman that lives her entire life frugally. She hopes her granddaughters will grow up healthy and have a pleasant experience ahead of them.

Then the younger sister Cai Hua snuggled against my shoulder, and she asked timidly, "Teacher, do you bring me the pens?" It strikes me that Cai Hua is such a diligent child. After emptying the textbooks, exercise books, and pens from the backpack, the child was grinning from ear to ear at seeing those learning supplies that she missed. I asked Cai Hua: "Did you read at home?" She blushed, then she was hesitant to say anything. It brought the second elder sister Cai Li over to help out her sister: "Teacher, there are neither books nor pens at home. I'm so worried that my grades will get worse again! The anxiety is turning my hair white!" Staring at a child in distress, I couldn't help but give out some playful remarks: "If you put in serious effort to learn from these two books at home, you may make it to the top of the class." It is undeniable that the children did not have their books, pens, and exercises at home with them during the Chinese New Year holidays, so let's don't even talk about learning.



We left Luo's house, heading to the top of the hill when daylight began to wane. Cai Yan kept waving us goodbye. She ran and screamed at the top of her lungs in the mountain: "Come back soon to pick me up! I want to go back to the Center! I miss Ms. Hui Cheng!" The echoes of the child's voice reverberated in the valley, and it lingered in my ears.



Protecting the disadvantaged communities in the United States

The number of new coronavirus infections in the United States is over one million already. The New York City and Los Angeles areas are more severely infected areas. A significant number of disadvantaged communities are at a high risk of virus infection due to the lack of epidemic prevention knowledge and resources. The pandemic even prevents some impoverished children from attending school, leaving them hungry. We manage to collect 25,000 masks with support and donation from some kind-hearted people. We shall work with the local organizations in New York City and Los Angeles to distribute the face masks to the children living in poverty and those in need. We hope they give them some protection during the pandemic.



Safe-guarding the children of Silver Lining

As the new coronavirus spreads worldwide, many people with grave concern about the health of the Silver Lining children begin to send epidemic-fighting supplies like face masks and alcohol hand sanitizers to the Silver Lining office in Hong Kong. They wish for their further delivery to the children. The supplies made their ways to the children in Guangxi, China, and Myanmar with good coordination from everyone. Thanks again to all the people that care for the children of Silver Lining.



Assisting the poverty-stricken families in Yangon

In their fight against the pandemic, many countries suspend their entire economic activities in the market places to prevent the spread of the virus while demanding the residents to curtail their work and travel. It is undoubtedly one of the effective means to stop the spread of the virus among the population. However, the work suspension of innumerable families living in developing countries poses a grave impact on their livelihoods, which puts them in immediate hardship. We visited a poverty-stricken community in Yangon, Myanmar, in late April. It's living conditions are abysmal, and many impoverished families lived there. After our visit, we learned that many parents lost their jobs and monthly income due to the pandemic. For the families without any savings, a zero-income situation is untenable as they have no way to afford their daily living expenses. They have trouble meeting their essential needs for food and clothing, let alone the expensive supplies to fight against the epidemic. It is evident that the community is over-crowded, and the sanitation is unsatisfactory. It would lead to dire consequences in case of an outbreak there. Therefore, we organized fundraising activities for this group of impoverished families affected by the pandemic to help them purchase daily necessities and epidemic fighting supplies like face masks, hand sanitizers, and food.



Our profound appreciation to everyone in your walk with Silver Lining to fight against the pandemic!



It's Destiny

to meet Zheng Cui

Silver Lining Missions brought Zheng Cui to Hong Kong for surgery at the Gleneagles Hospital Hong Kong through referral by Dr. Kenneth Cheung, professor of the Department of Orthopaedics & Traumatology of the University of Hong Kong. The initial plan was to put another pediatrician in charge of assessing Zheng Cui's conditions. However, the pediatrician was not available that day, and everyone thought it the best to perform her spinal surgery as soon as possible. They wanted to get a head start to treat her other conditions unrelated to her surgery, and they came to me. Perhaps it's destiny that we meet.

I remember meeting Zheng Cui for the first time just after she went through an abscess drainage procedure on the inside of her right leg. She was in a bit of a funk because she was still in pain. I proceeded to discuss her situation with her companion Mei Xiang.

I learned more about her background that she is an orphan growing up in the rural mountain area. Zheng Cui's evaluation uncovered several health issues that required attention.

The first is nutrition. Zheng Cui grew up in an impoverished area, and she also contracted tuberculosis. Besides suffering from severe malnutrition, she was also becoming osteoporotic. Performing an orthopedic surgery with her conditions would lead to an unsatisfactory outcome and complications for wound healing. Therefore, besides treating the infections, we would put her on dietetic therapy to make her body stronger as soon as possible. Also, she had a bacterial infection on her left ankle that required treatment. We also noticed that she had vision problems that needed correction. She would need a comprehensive eye exam because the tuberculosis drugs may affect her eyesight. Since she grew up



in the rural mountain area, she received very little vaccination. After consulting with different doctors, we believe that despite the missing tetanus vaccination, it's still safe to operate in Hong Kong. We'll give her the rest of the necessary treatments after the operation.

Everyone knows what happened next. Everything goes according to plan, and the operation is a success. Zheng Cui's nutrition health improved significantly. Her weight increased from 18 kg to 22 kg by the time when she left. We are indebted to the Silver Lining Missions and the volunteers that provide support and logistics for her vaccinations. We hope Zheng Cui's body will become even more robust in Myanmar, and she is immune from the other viruses like measles.

On the personal level, Zheng Cui and I hit it off very well. It took incredible courage for a young girl from Myanmar to travel to Hong Kong all by herself. At that time, the nurses in the ward and I bought new clothes and toys to cheer her up. She's also very well-grounded. She'll do whatever we asked of her. Although the medicine tasted



bitter and either surgery or injection would cause pain, she endured the ordeals. I wanted to take her sightseeing around Hong Kong after her discharge from the hospital, but many shopping malls and stores were closed due to the new coronavirus pandemic. Everyone stopped going to different places. My only option was to invite her to my home to play with my children.

I'm also very grateful Zheng Cui and Silver Lining Missions are giving me the learning opportunity. Since Hong Kong has a well-developed medical system and everyone would receive vaccinations, cases like Zheng Cui are rare. Treating Zheng Cui and addressing her issues helped me learn a lot, and I gained valuable experiences.

Zheng Cui! I hope that Hong Kong will become a better place when you come here next time. We'll take you around to appreciate beautiful Hong Kong!



Silver Lining Family Village in Myanmar

Thank You in this Fight Against the Pandemic





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Myanmar Silver Lining Family Village

Foster Mother – Mother Tang



I am a mother of the Myanmar Silver Lining Family Village, and the children call me Mother Tang. I have four children. After becoming a mother at the Family Village, I am responsible for caring for the daily lives of ten children. Therefore, my family has a total of fourteen children and what a lively scene every day!

Upon my arrival at Silver Lining Family Village, I had the notion that my role was simply a caretaker for the children in their daily living. Then about two weeks later, Mother Zhang came to give me her observation that none of my family's children addressed me as "mother." Then I realized that a good

mother would need to go beyond taking care of the children's daily well-being, so I spend more time with them, making time for fun and chat and showing them love and attention. Eventually, the children warmed up to me, and they began to greet me as their mother! When I heard the children calling me mother for the first time, I was ecstatic, filled with unspeakable joy, because getting them to call me mother gave belief that finally, I am their mother. I commit to love them with my full capacity like my own children, and this home will become the children's haven.

The children in my family are very close to



each other, and they support each other. However, a pair of twins often stress me out with worries because they are quite naughty. I believe they are the most mischievous children of the Family Village! Both of them often get into quarrels and fights with others at the Burmese school outside the Family Village. They also harass girls as well as getting into acts of taking off the other boys' pants!

Consequently, I often receive a summons to appear before the teachers at the school.

Although the brothers are misbehaving, they never quarrel with each other, and they get along very well. Therefore, I believe their personalities are quite kind, and I need to reinforce the notion of zero harassment.

Finally, I would like to tell the children of Silver Lining that they come from different places and belong to various ethnic groups. Yet everyone is equal in the Family Village. They can live in harmony, love, and respect each other as one family. You can count on me staying by your side, watching you grow.





Meet Us at the Mountains

Many children at the Dahua rural mountain area lost their parents, and their grandparents or relatives will need to raise them. However, their living conditions are quite stark, so Silver Lining offers various assistance to this group of destitute orphans, including

living allowances, learning support, and health checkups with the hope to relieve the families' financial burden. To keep up with the children's well-being, the social workers of Silver Lining will travel to the mountain areas every two months to meet with the children.



Social Workers' Field Notes

Social Worker of Silver Lining – LU JIN GUI

Silver Lining received a request from the village committee a little while ago that an impoverished family in the rural mountain area fell on hard times, and it's looking for urgent support from us. At once, we set out to investigate, and we came to the children's home after a few hours of travel on rough terrain. Here is a family of six with five children living with their grandfather while their parents are not there anymore.

They live in poverty, and the grandfather is getting older. It's quite a challenge to take care of the children. The five children worked on their farm at home for sustenance since early childhood as they dropped out of school. Once we completed our evaluation, Silver Lining offered to raise the children, caring for them in place of the grandfather, so that they would get food, clothing, and shelter while preparing for college. Despite our best efforts, the grandfather rejected our proposal outright. He reasoned that "children should stay home to shepherd the sheep!" or "my grandchildren have no use



of school; all they need to learn is to write their names!" Although feeling somewhat subdued, we kept our engagement with the children by visiting them once every two months. We also brought them living allowances and essential supplies, and we talked with them and cared for their well-being. At every home visit, we pleaded with the grandfather about sending the children back to school. Fortunately, after a while, the grandfather finally relented as he acknowledged its importance for them.

Social Worker of Silver Lining – LAN WEN JIANG

I am deeply grateful for the perseverance and transformation of the children, and the understanding and affirmation of the guardians that are evident in every visit! However, I would feel frustrated, helpless, and confused on occasions when parents are not on the same page with us or when children drop out of school. Sometimes I even have doubts about the purpose of my visits. It is the third year of my stint as a social worker of Silver Lining, and there are times I have thoughts of giving up and leaving my job. In July last year, I took 36 impoverished children to Beihai to participate in summer camp activities. My mind suddenly cleared at the sight of the children dashing to the ocean, a "giant pond" they never see before, and their frolicking on the beach. I also heard their sobs in the evening as they unveiled their sufferings to each other while sharing their reasons for persistence.



Moreover, once the children inadvertently learned that I had thoughts of giving up my social work career, they all gave me hugs, and they left me their notes of encouragement at the camp's conclusion. The sincere words and wishes coming from the seemingly impenetrable children dawned on me that they cared about me. Then why should I give up?



The Myanmar Silver Lining Family Village's Expansion Project is Completed

Myanmar is a developing country. Besides the ever-present military conflicts, rampant drug abuse and trafficking are serious issues that take away the lives of parents of many children, so they become orphans. To help these children, we established the Silver Lining Family Village in Pyin Oo Lwin in 2017 to raise the orphans through a family model.

Thanks to the support and trust of all the sponsors and donors, the Silver Lining Family Village raises more than a hundred orphans since its inception. We initiated a large-scale expansion project in 2019 to offer a better living environment for the children. The Silver Lining Family Village has a maximum capacity for twenty families after its expansion for two hundred orphans living inside. The project is formally complete recently, and the children are settling in the new Family Village!

The new Family Village is three stories high, with each family having its own independent living space. There are additional facilities and space for the children to develop their full potential and to learn more life skills. For example, we set aside several small plots of land for farming. The children can plant vegetables during their spare time and experience the toil and fun of agriculture. We wish activities like this will build up their responsibility and patience. The moms will then take the vegetables from the children's harvest and make them into delicious dishes, and the children will get to taste the fruit of their labor. They enjoy this novel and exciting experience. We'll raise more orphans in need of support in the days to come, and they will grow up with confidence.

Finally, thank you again for the support and participation of everyone in the construction project of the new Silver Lining Family Village. Your donation enables us to bring a better living and learning environment to the children!



Do the children like the new Silver Lining Family Village?



YANG DING XIAN

I like the vegetable fields of the new Silver Lining Family Village the most, and I plant vegetables every day. I feel that farming brings me full contentment because I can grow my favorite produce, and the process helps foster the relationships among the children's friends while improving my work ethic. Moreover, I don't use pesticides for my plantings, so they are healthier to eat, and it helps mom save some money from buying produce. I'm so excited!



DONG LI HUA

I like the new Silver Lining Family Village! It's because space is more significant here than the one before. As more and more children live in the Family Village, we can play games and learn every day. We also can sing and dance together, and dancing is my favorite. I have a great time every day!



We're in This Together

Vietnam Silver Lining Rehabilitation Center – Min's Mother



becoming prohibitive. Your dad doesn't have a regular job, and your sister is young, and she often gets sick. After all, mom's soul is getting tired, and we almost give up at that moment.

It's very fortunate that through referral, we learn about the Vietnam Silver Lining Rehabilitation Center in Hanoi. It's also a non-profit rehabilitation facility that adopts conductive education, an effective method for treating children with cerebral palsy. Thus, we decided to give rehabilitation training another try with Silver Lining.

Min, you know what? We thought the day you came to this world would bring us so much joy, and everyone looked forward to it. The doctor informed us after your delivery, however, that you are a child with cerebral palsy because of your premature birth. We had no idea of "cerebral palsy" then, and we knew nothing about the disease. I was devastated once the doctor went through your prognosis with me! We tried to follow the doctor's advice to keep prescribing your medication, acupuncture, and teaching you various motor skills. Yet at ten months old, you still had little control over your head movements, and you just cried all day that left me completely frustrated.

Then I learned there is a rehabilitation center in Hanoi that is highly reputable. However, the treatment cost is expensive, and it's a faraway place. Despite the long route, mom is so eager to give your recovery a chance that she is willing to spend a few hours traveling to bring you to Hanoi for treatment. Unfortunately, you made only minuscule progress after nearly one year of rehabilitation training. Moreover, the treatment and living expenses in Hanoi are



Gradually we began to notice that you no longer lived in terror, and the constant sobbing subsided. You can learn, play with friends while taking in the teachers' adoration, and you emerged as a big boy from a former shy little kid. You hit your milestones every day, and your utterance of "Mom," "Dad," and "Grandma" was such a stunning moment that we almost cried! Now you can sit and eat by yourself, albeit with frailty. I know you earn every little bit of progress with your effort.

Your rehabilitation therapy and education at Silver Lining are fantastic. Like any healthy child, you can attend the school's opening ceremony, activities for the Mid-Autumn Festival, Christmas celebrations, picnics, and visiting the aquarium with teachers and friends. We feel so incredible that these things can happen. We would never experience



the joy of life without Silver Lining, and you would not be able to recuperate and integrate into society. Mom is happy for you nowadays.

Mom is always in this with you together, tired soul or not.



Dahua Silver Lining Caring Center – WEI XIAO HUI

Watching the Break of Dawn Again

Emergency Medical Assistance



Wei Xiao Hui grew up in the rural mountain area of Guangxi. She's an orphan raised by her grandmother after losing her parents. The family lived in extreme poverty. After learning about Xiao Hui's living conditions, Silver Lining took her to begin living at the Dahua Silver Lining Caring Center in 2011. She can belong to a family with her mother, brothers, and sisters. She can also go to school. Regrettably, later on, she found out that she had a severe case of scoliosis and congenital glaucoma that required corrective surgery and treatment. Otherwise, she might become blind. Consequently, she came to Hong Kong a few times between 2011 and 2018 to receive back and eye surgeries. The operations straightened her back successfully, and they brought relief to her glaucoma.

However, all of a sudden, she felt pain in her eyes at the end of last year, and her vision

became blurry. In light of the situation, Silver Lining arranged with urgency to bring her to Hong Kong for a comprehensive eye examination. It came back with the results that the intraocular pressure rose again, and the onset of cataracts that needed surgery as soon as possible. She would stay in Hong Kong for at least two months after the surgery for follow-ups to her recovery. Thankfully, the operation went very well, and the recovery was on the right track. During her stay in Hong Kong, Xiao Hui also visited different sight-seeing attractions, and she had a splendid time! She definitely will take good care of her eyes, cherish her eyesight and never take it for granted, and live and study with a positive mind and vibes.

Finally, we must express our gratitude to Xian Hui's attending doctor, Dr. Ruby Ching, for treating and taking care of Xian Hui over the years!



THANK YOU LETTER

Dear Friends,

Hi Everyone! Thank you for your gift of paying for my surgery upon learning my situation. I'm grateful for your generous support when I was in distress.

There's a saying that the eyes are the window to the soul. Once the eyes fail to see, the world is just darkness. It's not only the faces of our friends and relatives that are missing but also this beautiful world of many colors. Then what's left for life? Thankfully I still meet you in this vast universe! My world did not go dark, and I'm still in pursuit of my dreams and destiny.

I'm back in Guangxi after taking a break of over two months in Hong Kong. The eyes are in much better shape than before. I'll follow the doctor's instructions to put in the eye drops with regularity, perform eye massage every day, get enough rest, go to the hospital for regular check-ups, and to avoid eyestrain at all cost.

I'll put in the best effort in my studies as I set out to pursue my dreams. Your kindness will inspire me to help other people in need, and I'll do my part to encourage them. Life is short, and love is timeless. I am grateful to you for everything!



THANK YOU FOR STAYING WITH ME

Dahua Silver Lining Caring Center – QIU LI

My name is Qiu Li. Before I knew it, this is the tenth year of my stay at the Dahua Silver Lining Center.

I grew up in a poverty-stricken family. It was not a proper description to say we lived in a barren house because it came without any walls at all. I used to live with my parents, grandparents, and sisters. Although we lived in poverty, our family always stuck with each other, and life was good. The unimaginable happened when I was two years old as my father suddenly passed away due to sickness, and then my mother abandoned us to remarry. Ultimately our three young sisters settled down with our elderly grandfather. That year, I lost my father, mother, and a happy family. In the days that followed, my grandfather shouldered the heavy burden all by himself to care for us. Those problematic days were so bleak that I dare not to look back. The changes in family circumstances made me timid, filled with low self-esteem. I was paranoid that people looked down on me. I was so scared even to allow any laughter myself, let alone happiness. I am very grateful; however, all these hardships are over!

Perhaps heaven shows mercy upon me. One afternoon ten years ago, the Silver Lining's people came to my home and took my sisters

and me to the Caring Center. They assured me that this is our new home and we can live here. There is plenty of people that love us here. Mother Binbin prepares hot meals for me when I come back from school every day. She'll spare no effort to take me to the hospital any time when I get sick. My teacher Ouyang will prepare all the stationery and supplies required at school as well as tutoring me. Whenever I encountered harassment or hurt by my classmates at school, the good folks at the office would take time to counsel, comfort, and encourage me. These endless acts of kindness over the past ten years continue to touch me. I appreciate Silver Lining for allowing me to meet all these critical people in my life. Thanks to Mr. & Mrs. Yeung; thank you, Mother Binbin, and my teacher Ouyang. Thanks to all the good folks, despite the lack of any family relations among us, you pamper and care for me as if you are my parents, and let me feel the love and comfort such that I can emerge from the pain caused by the family. I have hope for my life again as I grow into my own cheerful, confident, and optimistic self.

I am currently a high school freshman. It's my dream to attend the right college, get a good job, help the people in need, and pass along the love and care that Silver Lining gives me.



The Precious Runner-Up

Silver Lining Eden Center – Myat

My name is Myat, and I live in Yangon, Myanmar. I'm ten years old undergoing rehabilitation training and studying at the Silver Lining Eden Center for Children with Disabilities. I am so happy and ecstatic now, and do you know why? It's because I just placed second in the school's annual coloring contest!

Before I came to the Center for training, I could not even put a firm grip on the coloring pen. I required my mom to hold my hand to keep the pen in place, and I also needed my dad, giving me a hand to pick things up all the time. Between my mom and dad, at least one would stay with me around the clock because they worry about leaving me home alone. It's still fresh in my memory that I did not get any prize when I took my first drawing contest. Nowadays, the Silver Lining teachers at the Center will teach me with great patience the proper way to hold the pen and the key to controlling the grip by the hand. Later, when I have my days off at home, I'll practice following the teacher's instructions in earnest. Mom and dad often encourage me in their calm presence during my painting and coloring sessions. Therefore, the runner-up finish at this coloring contest is gratifying

for me because this is a confirmation of my efforts and progress.

I look forward to going to the Center. The classmates are my good friends, and the teacher presents plenty of information to us every day. There is also storytelling and a variety of activities for us. The thing that gives me the most excitement nowadays is making many friends outside the school. They are, in fact, fellow kids that live in my neighborhood. In the past, my parents lacked confidence in setting me free to associate with other people, and they asked me to stay home all day. So, I didn't have a chance to meet my neighbors. The teachers at Silver Lining facilitated communication between my parents and me. They eventually come around to acknowledge my effort and improvements, and they finally let me leave the house to join the neighbor's children for fun and games. My friends will, at times, stop by my home to paint and watch cartoons with me. We share the fun tidbits happening around us, having a splendid time.

I hope to share my happiness and joy with more people around me in the future. Everyone, come and join me for fun at the Center!



THANK YOU CARD

Daihua Silver Lining Care Center - Qin Jiang Zi

Dear Sponsors:

Hi Everyone! It is the eighth year of my stay in the Center before I know it. In retrospect, my learning and studying dream will never come true without the help from you and Silver Lining.

I grew up in a rural village. My father is not around anymore, and my mother remarried. She relocated to another place, and I never hear from her again. At home, there is only one grandmother that is well advanced in years. Because of the substantial family burden, grandma started her day early doing what she could to make a living. There was not enough money left to send my sister and me to school. It's you and Silver Lining that offer your helping hands. Without the support from you and Silver Lining, I won't get the chance to experience the marvelous student life. I have no way to enjoy the excellent teaching resources and attractive learning environment at school, let alone receiving higher education for professionals. When I'm in school, I never forget the hard-earned learning opportunities, and I'm serious about my studies, and I get pretty good grades.

Thanks again for your help. My best wishes for your safety and good health! Have a happy family!

Qin Jiang Zi

亲爱的资助人:

你们好!

时间过得真快,转眼来到中心已经八年了,回想当初如果没有你们和云彩中心的帮助,我的读书梦只能是泡汤了。

我生活在一个乡下的农村里,爸爸不在了,妈妈改嫁他乡,杳无音信,家里只有一位年事已高的奶奶。由于家庭负担沉重,奶奶起早贪黑忙于生计,根本就没有多余的钱拿来给我和妹妹上学,是你们和云彩中心伸出援手。如果没有你们和云彩中心的帮助,我不可能有机会去体会精彩纷呈的学习生活;不可能享受到学校里先进的教学资源,优良的学习环境,更不可能得到这种专业的高等教育。在学校我不曾忘记学习机会的来之不易,认真勤奋,也取得了不错的成绩。再次感谢你们的帮助,祝你们:

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合家欢乐!

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Your Love Changes Lives

Silver Lining is committed to help the impoverished orphans, students and disabled children in mountainous area, through improving their lives, education, job opportunities, rehabilitation and providing emergency medical assistance. With our love and action, we hope to send care and blessings to the marginalized and neglected, help them overcome poverty, while re-establishing their dignity and hope.



Home for the Orphans

Family Model Orphanage · Silver Lining Caring Center & Family Village

Services for Children under Poverty

Improve the living condition and education of students in the mountainous areas

Emergency Medical Fund

Provide immediate help to sick children

Silver Lining Workshop

Provide job training and opportunities for disabled youth and women

Holistic Development

Through the introduction of interesting multi-art courses, teach children correct assessment and help them develop a good character

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Sponsor the rehabilitation service and education for children with disabilities such as cerebral palsy



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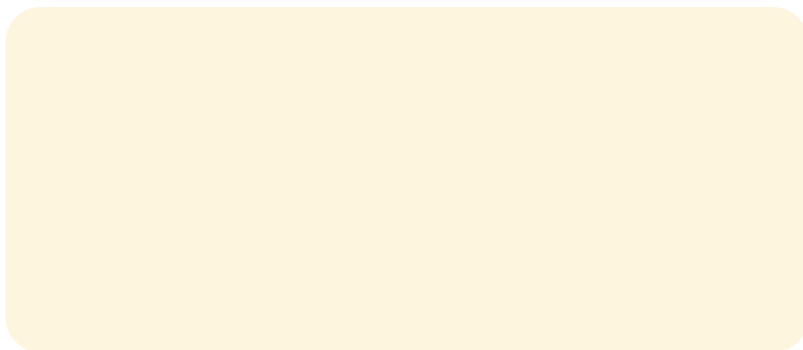
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