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Your Love Changes Lives

Our Mission

Silver Lining believes in working from the ground up with genuine love and actions in the poor rural communities to help and bless the children there; giving support to children with disabilities and their families that are the most marginalized and vulnerable members of society. In addition to providing education and the essential needs, it's more material to effect life changes in every beneficiary, so they live with joy and hope. By integrating the resources of our society and leveraging the loving care and support among people, we extol the virtue of the pure beauty of the world. Every cloud has a silver lining that covers every precious life with love and compassion.

Our Core Values

We believe love changes lives

We walk with people in difficulty

We are the right partner

We value human life

We are good stewards

We strive for professionalism

Our Commitment



*Walk with you with an everlasting love ;
we believe that love changes lives.*

Our Services

Our mission "Your Love Changes Lives."

Silver Lining launched its poverty relief operation in Guangxi, China in 2005, committed to helping the impoverished ethnic minorities and orphans in the rural mountain areas by sponsoring their education and improving their living standards. Also, we provide rehabilitation training and education for children with cerebral palsy, offering employment opportunities to women and people with disabilities, and emergency medical assistance to children that came down with an illness. We assist and care for children in distress, the migrant children, and those left behind children. The children will also receive our character education program. Beginning in 2017, we expanded our services to Myanmar to provide aids to orphans and children who have cerebral palsy. The Vietnam Silver Lining Rehabilitation Center is also formally in service in 2019. Through our love and actions, we hope more people in need of assistance will receive care and blessings, which will improve their lives and restore their dignity and hope.

A Home for Orphans

Support unattended orphans in a family model setting.

Rehabilitation Path

Provide rehabilitation, education, and training for children with disabilities and children who have cerebral palsy, in conjunction with assistance to their families.

Emergency Medical Assistance

Provide timely assistance to children with illness.

Rural Schools Sponsorship

Improve the living environment and education of students in rural mountain areas.

Aids for Children in Distress, the Left-Behind and the Migrant Children

Provide caring programs to the children in distress as well as the left-behind and migrant children.

Employment and Training for People with Disabilities

Operate Silver Lining Workshop to provide job opportunities and training for youth with disabilities and women.

Character Education Program

Apply art therapy to help develop good character traits for children.

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Silver Lining Development Milestones



2005

The founders Chris and Lydia moved their family from the United States to settle in Nanning, China, where they establish the "Silver Lining Missions" to assist the orphans with crippling diseases, and to offer job opportunities to the youth with disabilities.

2007

It's the formal establishment Silver Lining Missions. The Silver Lining Workshop also opened.

2008

Launched the Emergency Medical Assistance Program.

2009

- Silver Lining Missions was set up and registered as a non-profit organization in Hong Kong.
- Began offering care and support to children living in poverty in the rural mountain areas.
- Offered financial assistance for rehabilitation training to children with cerebral palsy from the impoverished families.



2010

The opening of the Silver Lining Dahua Center.



2011

Silver Lining Rehabilitation Center began its operation in Nanning.



2013

The Nanning Rehabilitation Center began its Special Education classes.



2012

- Expanded the Nanning Rehabilitation Center for Children with Cerebral Palsy.
- Silver Lining launched Sponsorship Program for orphans in the community.

2015

- The Nanning Rehabilitation Center began offering daycare services to children with acute symptoms, disabilities, or cerebral palsy.
- "Read Along Stories Program" for volunteers in the United States.



2014

Opened the Children Development Village to offer services to children in distress and the left-behind children.

2016

We participated in the "World Congress on Conductive Education" held in Hungary and shared our experiences in practicing Conductive Education during the plenary presentations.

2017

- The Dahua Silver Lining Family Village moved to its new home.
- The Nanning Silver Lining Rehabilitation Center began its Distance Learning Program.
- We established the Silver Lining Family Village in Pyin Oo Lwin, Mandalay, Myanmar.
- We started Learning Programs in Myanmar with service locations at Nan Weng, Nam Zhan, Lashio, Nong Man, and Dang Yang.
- We launched the Eden Center for Children with Disabilities in Yangon, Myanmar, to offer Conductive Rehabilitation Education programs to children with cerebral palsy.



2018

- We finished construction and relocated to the new Myanmar Silver Lining Family Village.
- We completed the construction of the School of Ho Yan within the new Myanmar Silver Lining Family Village.
- Established the Silver Lining Rehabilitation Center in Hanoi, Vietnam.

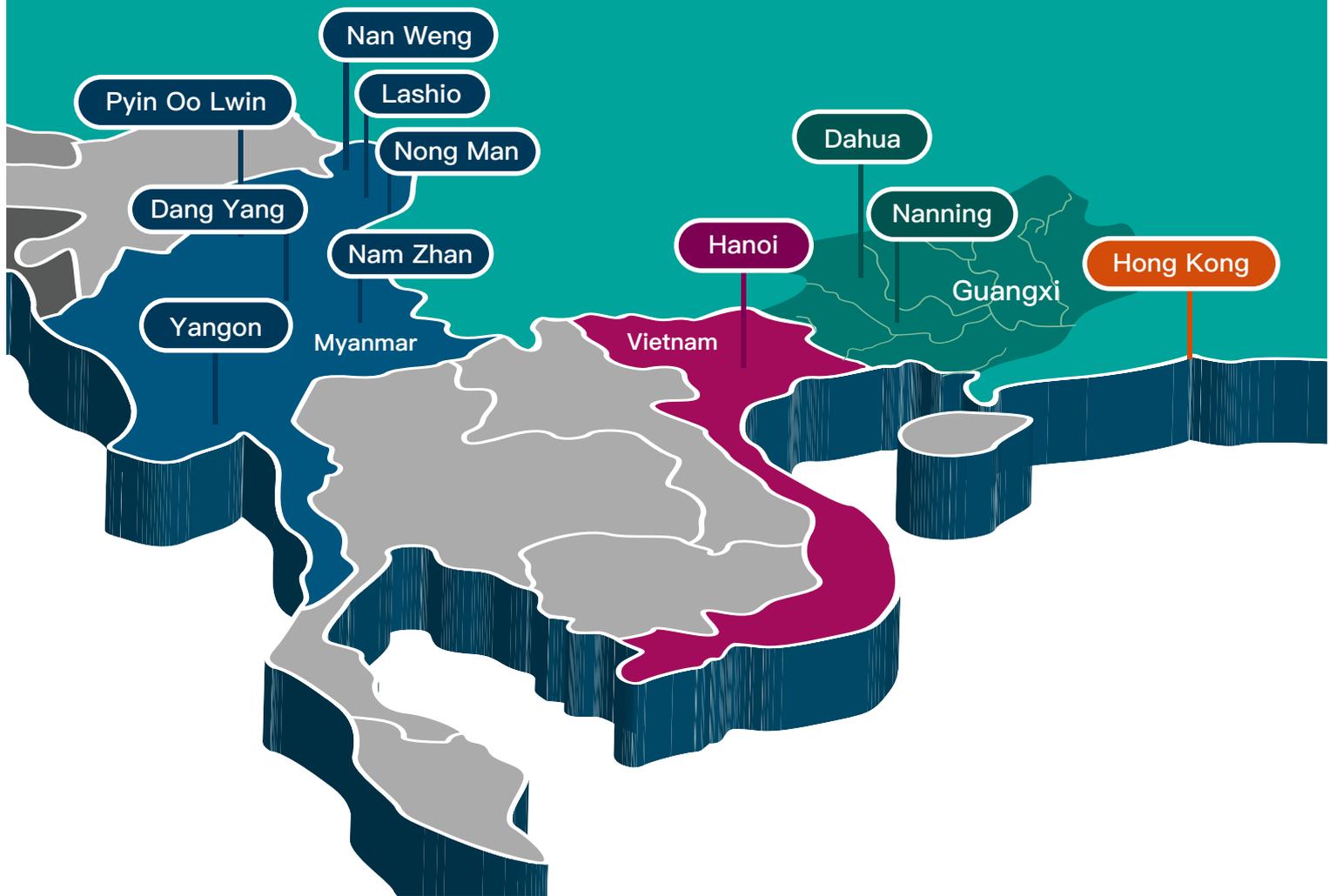


2019

- Expansion of the Myanmar Silver Lining Family Village.
- Established the Yangon Student Center at Yangon, Myanmar.
- Established the Guangxi Youth Space at Dahua.



Service Locations



CHINA

Nanning

- Nanning Silver Lining Rehabilitation Center
- Silver Lining Workshop
- Spring in Hearts

Dahua

- Dahua Silver Lining Family Village
- Rural Area Schools
- Guangxi Youth Space
- Nayin Social Work Services
- Child Development Family Village

Hong Kong

- Lighthouse Kids
(Character Education Program)

MYANMAR

Mandalay

- Myanmar Silver Lining Family Village
- Silver Lining School of Ho Yan

North Myanmar Regions

- Nan Weng Silver Lining Pu Yi School
- Rural Area Schools

Yangon

- Eden Rehabilitation Center for Children with Disabilities
- Yangon Student Center

VIETNAM

Hanoi

- Vietnam Silver Lining Rehabilitation Center

From

the Chairman of the Board

Community Services Hit Full Stride



Silver Lining's ministry development in Myanmar is in its fourth year. After experiencing rapid growth over these years, it's getting into full stride to deploy its services in the community.

The education of the aspiring young people in the impoverished rural areas is lagging, so we set up the Student Center in Yangon to target the junior high youths. Silver Lining seeks to emphasize the character development of young people. We walk with them as they grow into responsible citizens ready to serve the community in concert with the Myanmar society's growth. The Student Center project extends the age spectrum of children benefiting from the Silver Lining projects. It's also the spearhead of Silver Lining's attempt to develop alternative projects in Myanmar.

Through the participation of the Eden Rehabilitation and Special Education Center for Children, Silver Lining is more established in the rehabilitation and education of children with disabilities and cerebral palsy. We expect the number of people served will increase substantially in the coming years. We have completed the steps required for the land purchase by using dedicated funds, taking another step towards a new Rehabilitation and Special Education center for children.

The Silver Lining ministry works tirelessly to help people of all ages. We have our child care at the Silver Lining Family Village at Pyin Oo Lwin, the Rehabilitation Center at Yangon, as well as the various schools throughout north Myanmar to youth care at the Student Centers serving in two locations.

Here's some good news for everyone. In an announcement by the Poverty Alleviation Office of the State Council of China at the end of 2019, the Dahua County Silver Lining Family Village is on the list of the 50 outstanding poverty alleviation projects proffered from the NGOs (Non-Government Organizations) in 2019! It is a national honor and a recognition of the Silver Lining ministry by the State. Hong Kong Silver Lining also completed the entire application process for China's Overseas NGO during the same year. It has received the State's official approval and recognition to participate and support the various projects of the China Silver Lining. Our social service projects in China will have more room for development.

The many community services put the different age groups within reach of Silver Lining, helping children of all ages and their families, and to witness the selfless love, beauty, and truth.

Sammy Lau

Sammy Lau
Chairman of the Board

From the Executive Director

Silver Lining's Honorary Executive Director's Thoughts



2019 is an extraordinary year. As uncertainty becomes the mark of 2019, Silver Lining Missions never miss a beat in 2019 to complete its plan despite such an unpredictable time. Ever since Silver Lining began its first advocacy campaign in 2017 to promote the World Cerebral Palsy Day in Hong Kong held in October annually, and the third Cerebral Palsy advocacy event came forth in 2019 organized as "Walk with the Cerebral Palsy Carnival." Moving up to an earlier date under a bright sunny day on May 12, the event is a complete success. Silver Lining organized a "School Bag with Love" event in August, and we managed to collect more than 1800 used school backpacks as gifts to the children at the Guangxi mountains and Myanmar. More than three hundred sponsors signed up to support the "Shanghai Commercial – Silver Lining Foundation Walkathon" on November 3 at the campus of Hong Kong Adventist College at Clear Water Bay. The annual "Silver Lining Charity Banquet" also came to a rousing conclusion on November 26. Also, we brought to Hong Kong at the end of October an orphan Li-zhengcui from the Myanmar Silver Lining Family Village. She received surgery to correct her kyphosis and treatment of tuberculosis, invading the spine. The operation went well. In retrospect, besides the Silver Lining coworkers putting in great effort adhering to their duties, all these accomplishments are not possible without the many Silver Lining supporters that walk with us. Their extensive resources, professionalism, and spiritual support and encouragement are epic!

Silver Lining's projects in Guangxi, China, Myanmar, and Vietnam also live up to their expectations, with many projects exceeding their goals. The "A Home for Orphans" orphan sponsorship program at the Silver Lining Family Village at Pyin Oo Lwin, Myanmar, achieves a 102% target rate. In terms of children's health, we provide children with vaccination, and we train them to develop sound personal hygiene habits. In daily care, we had fortified the nutrition in the children's diet to achieve gains in height and weight by 80% to 98%. As for education, we improve from plenty of student dropouts to the current enrollment rate of 100%. In terms of mental health, Silver Lining designs a character education curriculum to help children learn how to give and to express. Moreover, under the Yangon Special Education and Rehabilitation Project, Silver Lining is partnering with Eden Center to offer conductive education for the rehabilitation training for children with cerebral palsy from the impoverished families. The outcomes are quite encouraging, and the Silver Lining sponsors favor offering more funds to Eden Centre to find a place to build a Rehabilitation Center to support more children with cerebral palsy.

The Guangxi Silver Lining projects for children with disabilities, left-behind, and migrant children are maturing. Besides serving an increasing number of children, they become the training ground that disseminates knowhows and experiences to the other Silver Lining's service locations, especially the projects for children with disabilities. They also offer teaching training to the Eden Center at Myanmar, the Rehabilitation Center at Hanoi, Vietnam, and the Silver Lining Center at Dahua. The excellent services performed by the Guangxi and Dahua Silver Lining have them winning several national outstanding project awards. It's worth mentioning the Guangxi Silver Lining won the "Partner Program" three-star excellence award of the National Youth NGO in 2019. The Dahua Silver Lining Poverty Alleviation Project received the honor as one of the "50 Best Cases of Poverty Alleviation by NGO" named by the case study research for the State Council Office of Poverty Alleviation. The Silver Lining mainland staff's attitude to focus on quantity and quality in their services is the best reward for the Silver Lining Missions supporters.

The directors of Silver Lining Missions are grateful that the partners in both China and Myanmar are serving in the spirit of Silver Lining's missions. They respond promptly to the needs of the community's children in distress with a sensitive and loving heart. For example, in response to the needs of a large number of children out of school, the Silver Lining Family Village established the education ministry that led to the opening of "the School of Ho Yan," a Han-language school for the children of Silver Lining Family Village. It also benefits impoverished children in the immediate neighborhood. There are also sponsorship projects for children and orphans in rural areas and so forth. In Guangxi, Silver Lining drums up future employment opportunities for children with cerebral palsy entering their youth by setting up a pilot project for cloud computing vocational training. In the coming year, the Guangxi projects will stay on course towards maturity. The Myanmar projects will continue their growth to help more children in distress, such as children and young people lagging in their development due to their impoverished families. The Silver Lining directors and coworkers have all these urgent needs on their minds, and they are confident that the friends that have always supported Silver Lining Missions will continue to walk with us!

Clare Cheng

Dr. Clare Cheng

Honorary Executive Director (Hong Kong)

2019 New Projects

Myanmar – Pyin Oo Lwin



Project Name

Status

Silver Lining School of Ho Yan Project

Completed

War and poverty deprive many children of Myanmar of the opportunities of going to school. Therefore, we build the Silver Lining School of Ho Yan within the Silver Lining Family Village. We trained the teachers to provide learning opportunities for the children at the Family Village as well as the impoverished school-age children in the neighborhood. Teaching subjects include Chinese, music, and sports.



Project Name

Status

Pyin Oo Lwin Silver Lining Family Village Expansion Project

Expansion in progress

The Silver Lining Family Village, located at Pyin Oo Lwin was completed in 2017 as it became the home for many orphans. To accommodate more displaced children, we initiated a major expansion project in 2019. The first phase of the project is complete, and the second phase is ongoing. At its expected completion in 2020, it will accommodate twenty families, and to offer the orphans improvements in their living environment.

Myanmar – Yangon



Project Name

Status

Yangon Student Center Project

Construction in progress

Due to their families living in poverty, many children in Myanmar have no choice but to drop out of school when they grow into adolescence. Therefore, Silver Lining decides to build a student center in Yangon to support and nurture the development of the impoverished yet aspiring young people to complete their studies. The initial plan is to serve about 20 young people and to help them complete 9th through 12th grades at the Burmese school while emphasizing their character education. The Yangon Student Center will begin its operation in April 2020.

Vietnam — Hanoi



Project Name

Status

Vietnam Silver Lining Rehabilitation Center Construction Project

Completed

Vietnam's support and education for children with cerebral palsy are wholly lacking, such that many of them do not receive rehabilitation training and treatment on time that adversely impact them lifelong. In their aid, we have set up the Silver Lining Rehabilitation Center in Hanoi, Vietnam, as well as training the instructors locally to offer conductive education for the children with cerebral palsy in Vietnam.

China — Dahua



Project Name

Status

Guangxi Youth Space

Completed

Silver Lining is committed to developing more diversified services to help the various social classes. Many parents in China have jobs that hinder their abilities to provide proper care to their children. Therefore, we opened a comprehensive youth service center in the Nayin Resettlement District in Guangxi to organize a variety of activities and workshops for the neglected children in the community.

A Home for Orphans

Myanmar – Pyin Oo Lwin



Number of
Beneficiaries **111**

Pyin Oo Lwin Silver Lining Family Village “A Home for Orphans”

Years of civil war and drug abuse in Myanmar are causing many children to become orphans as they lost their parents. To help these children, we set up the Silver Lining Family Village in Pyin Oo Lwin in 2017 to raise the orphans through a family model sponsorship.

A total of 111 children from 11 families currently live in the Silver Lining Family Village. They receive comprehensive care, including ample nutrition, medical care, and good hygiene practices, to ensure their healthy growth. We attach great importance to the children's fundamental education. Besides arranging for all school-age children to enroll in Burmese schools, we also prepare Chinese and English classes. Some children at the Family Village have mastered three language skills, laying the foundation for better education. Silver Lining received the registration approval from the Myanmar government authority in June 2019 for the license of a non-profit organization.



China — Guangxi



Dahua County Orphans Sponsorship “A Home for Orphans”

The Dahua County Silver Lining Caring Center uses a family model to raise the orphans that have lost their families so that they can re-establish themselves with a caring and loving family that would support their education and essential needs. They would grow up fit and healthy and ready to realize their potential. The Caring Center includes facilities such as an activity room, computer room, reading room, and a basketball court. The children can develop more skills and interests and build up their confidence. The Caring Center currently has eight families with a total of 98 children in their care. All the children are receiving their age-appropriate education. The Center also hired full-time teachers to tutor the children. Seven students manage to earn their college acceptances this year.



Number of Beneficiaries **98**



Rural Area Orphans and Children’s Care Project

In Guangxi, many orphans who have lost their parents live in remote rural villages under the care of their grandparents or relatives. They live in poverty with few resources. Therefore, the Dahua Silver Lining introduced the Care Project to visit the orphans in the rural mountain areas once in every two months. We provide living allowances and learning resources to relieve their financial burdens. For their wellbeing, we also perform health checkups and administer the vaccination. Service areas include Dahua Town, Jiangnan Village, Bei Jing Village, Qi Bainong Village, Gong He Village, Liu Ye Village, Ban Sheng Village, Bai Ma Township, Gong Chuan Village, Ya Long Village, and Xia Yu Village, a total of 11 villages.



Number of Beneficiaries **83**

Rehabilitation Path

Myanmar – Yangon



Number of Beneficiaries **183**

Eden Center for Children with Disabilities

We opened the Eden Center for Children with Disabilities to build up the children with disabilities from the impoverished families in Myanmar. We offer free conductive rehabilitation education to provide proper treatment and the full physical, mental and intellectual development for the Center's children. The tutors will also visit the children's home outside the classroom to ensure they use their acquired techniques properly in their lives, and to help them grow their independence. The instructors also pay a visit to the Silver Lining Rehabilitation Center in Nanning, Guangxi this year to attend training and to learn the most current teaching methods, furthering the quest to lead the children with disabilities on their rehabilitation path.



Support and Care Project for Families of Children with Disabilities

Pessimism runs rampant among many parents of children with disabilities in Myanmar. Silver Lining gathered them in groups led by local social workers to give the parents a setting to share the struggles and challenges in their lives and to collaborate on solutions. We also design a variety of activities, such as parent games and parent-child camps, to offer them some stress-relief measures. The success of this project rekindles the hope for their prospects for parents of children with disabilities, who adopt a more positive attitude to live their lives with optimism.

Number of Beneficiaries **388**

Social Integration Enhancement Project for Children with Disabilities and their Parents of the Impoverished Families



It's not acceptable for children with disabilities and their parents to isolate themselves from society. Silver Lining actively encourages the parents to accompany their children with disabilities to engage in a variety of social activities. Therefore, we organized events such as supermarket shopping trips, kindergarten integration activities, and Shwedagon Pagoda tours. They help to increase the self-confidence of children with disabilities and their parents as they won't feel alienated from society.

Number of Beneficiaries **183**

Vietnam – Hanoi



Number of Beneficiaries **12**

Vietnam Silver Lining Rehabilitation Center

The Vietnam Silver Lining Rehabilitation Center at Hanoi is formally in service in early 2019 to provide free conduction rehabilitation education for the local children with disabilities and their families. Modeling after the Silver Lining Rehabilitation Center in Nanning, Guangxi in its setup, and having access to the same teaching tools and accessories, the Center provides a suitable learning environment for the children. We focus on training the children in their physical mobility, speaking ability, and independent living. Some children learn to sit in one year, pick up good habits such as washing hands before meals, and take regular bathroom breaks. The parents acknowledge that their children are more self-confident and independent. The tutors will also visit the children's home outside the school hours to refresh the parents the knowhow to guide their children in their expression and application of their classroom learning in family settings. In September 2019, the Vietnam Silver Lining Rehabilitation Center received the NGO license in recognition of its work by the government authority of Vietnam.

Support and Care Project for Families of Children with Disabilities



Some of the families attending classes at the Vietnam Silver Lining Rehabilitation Center come from the poor districts in the vicinity of Hanoi. They can ill afford the cost of living in Hanoi, and it put a heavy toll on them both mentally and economically. In response to such issues affecting these families, Silver Lining organized group activities for the parents to help them learn about making a living and skills training to sustain their living. The parents will also share their difficulties and challenges in their groups. The mutual encouragement and support revive their hope for their children and their lives in the future.

Number of Beneficiaries **24**

Social Integration Enhancement Project for Children with Disabilities and their Parents of the Impoverished Families



To teach the children with disabilities their social skills, Silver Lining sponsored birthday parties and Christmas celebrations for the children at the Center. They learn to share their happiness and joy and to express their gratitude towards their parents for their efforts. We also encourage the parents to accompany their children with disabilities to engage in a variety of social activities. Thus we would organize various events for participation by children with disabilities in the area such as zoo visits and festival celebrations. They help children with disabilities and their parents to integrate into society.

Number of Beneficiaries **212**

Rehabilitation Path

China – Guangxi



Number of Beneficiaries **107**

Nanning Silver Lining Rehabilitation Center

With the deployment of its conductive rehabilitation education, the Guangxi Silver Lining offers free rehabilitation education and life skills training to children with disabilities. The goal is to enhance their self-confidence, independence, cognition, communication, and social competencies while easing their integration into society. There are currently eleven classes at the Rehabilitation Center. Besides the indoor training classes, the children will also receive swimming lessons and outdoor learning sessions, so that they get to learn about the world and to receive a comprehensive and balanced development. We have the first group of students completing their elementary school this year, and they begin their junior high education to prepare to take the next step into society in the future.



Number of Beneficiaries **38**

Distance Learning

The main target for the Distance Learning service is the group of children with cerebral palsy living in Guangxi's rural mountain areas, as coming to the Rehabilitation Center to receive training is a hardship for them. To meet their needs, Guangxi Silver Lining designed and implemented a Distance Learning Curriculum in 2017, enabling the instructors through video conferencing over the Internet, to offer daily guidance on rehabilitation training to children with cerebral palsy and their parents. It grows into four classes in 2019, and the children are receiving the training show discernible improvements in their motor function and cognition.



Number of Beneficiaries **124**

Community Base Rehabilitation

To increase the number of children with disabilities having access to rehabilitation and education opportunities, the Guangxi Silver Lining Rehabilitation Center will send their rehabilitation technicians, Special Education teachers, and social workers to visit the homes of children with disabilities regularly. They assess their physical health and rehabilitation progress, and design at-home training programs while getting to learn more about the families and the emotional health of the parents as well as providing timely assistance. This project successfully includes training that leads to the improvement of the physical mobility, cognition, communication, and social competencies of children with disabilities.



Number of Beneficiaries **271**

Support and Care Project for Families of Children with Disabilities

A majority of students training at the Silver Lining Rehabilitation Center come from impoverished families in the countryside. It puts more financial strain on the families that are far from well off in the first place. Therefore, Silver Lining began to offer comprehensive support and care to the families of children with disabilities in 2019, including free rehabilitation education to alleviate the financial burden on the families. Enhancement of parent competency by teaching them fundamental rehabilitation knowledge and skills. Forming of parent groups to relieve stress through organized events; Family support in the form of parent-child and couples camps to further their relationships.

Aids for Children in Distress, the Left-Behind and the Migrant Children

China — Guangxi



Number of Beneficiaries **7371**

Left-Behind Children Care Project

The left-behind children are village children that live apart from their parents for an extended time because the parents make their living far away from home. Many of these left-behind children, however, are at a critical stage of growth and development. The lack of parental care leaves them susceptible to psychological and learning problems. Guangxi Silver Lining introduces the Family Development Program to set the stage for social workers visiting the various villages and resettlement districts of Dahua County and to organize multiple parent-child activities, reading stations, and festival celebrations that involve the left-behind children. It sets the stage for a cheerful community that makes learning fun while enriching the lives and caring for their development.

We also launched the “Guangxi Youth Space” Comprehensive Youth Service Center in the Nayin Resettlement District and the Silver Lining Social Work Station in 2019 to care for the neglected youth and children in the district. Both the Youth Space and the Social Work Station offer the children free homework tutoring, interest groups, handicraft workshops, and library services that sharpen their learning and life skills.



Migrant Children Services

An increasing number of children from rural areas follow their parents to live and study in the cities, becoming urban migrant children. The issues confronting them are different, such as the lack of adult supervision after school and parent-child communication. Therefore, the Guangxi Silver Lining launches a mobile children service program in Fude Village, Nanning City. The service offering includes a social work station, a mix of parent-child outings, summer camps, community promotion events, reading groups, and character education groups. They bring happiness and vitality to the migrant children's lives as well as harmony in the family relationships.

Number of Beneficiaries **3001**

Guangxi Spring in Hearts Child Development Program for Children Living in Poverty

Spring in Hearts provides protection and nurturing program for the children living in poverty in Guangxi. The service targets mainly the children living in poverty in the city of Nanning. After home visits and identity verification, Silver Lining will offer individual protection services to qualified children, such as family counseling, afterschool tutoring, scholarships, and summer activities. We'll also partner with a team of college volunteers in their training to serve the children living in poverty.

The types of children living in poverty supported by Spring in Hearts in 2019 are single-parent children, children of prisoners serving their sentences, orphans, children with disabilities, children subjected to domestic violence, and children with guardians that are disabled or with serious illness. A majority of the children begin to love reading once they receive their support, and they also develop good learning habits while getting better grades at school. The parents also become more introspective as they learn to appreciate the sweetness of the children while they come into their own.

Service locations include :

Spring in Hearts Beihu Village Service Center
Spring in Hearts Wanxiu Village Service Center
Spring in Hearts Xingning Middle School Social Work Station
Spring in Hearts Home for Children with Leukemia

Number of Beneficiaries **1134**



Rural School Sponsorship

Myanmar – Pyin Oo Lwin



Number of Beneficiaries **172**

Silver Lining School of Ho Yan

Learning different languages can help to enhance children's employment and development opportunities. Under such a premise, Silver Lining opened the School of Ho Yan in the Myanmar Silver Lining Family Village in 2019 to teach the children there both Chinese and English that expand their language skills through diversification. In addition to the current 111 Silver Lining Family Village students, the School of Ho Yan increases its enrollment by taking in 61 children from impoverished families as more children will have access to school.

There are currently seven Chinese classes in the School of Ho Yan. The children would take Chinese from Monday to Saturday, and most of them know Chinese at the fundamental level. Twenty-seven students can understand and use the most commonly used Chinese words and sentences, while another 25 students can use Chinese in their daily conversations.

With the assistance of volunteers from the United States, the School of Ho Yan has success rolling out a distance learning curriculum for English. By conversing through the means of audio-visual communication, volunteer teachers speak with the children every day by teaching them children songs and daily conversations. They train their pronunciation and verbal skills. Presently there are 4 English classes with a total of 39 students.

Myanmar – Northern Myanmar

Children in Myanmar Rural Areas Development Project

The mainstream schools in Myanmar are ten-year Burmese schools. Many school-age children in impoverished rural areas are eager to go to school, yet many fail to get the opportunity because of their financial situations. School dropouts at the war-torn areas are even more severe. The students lost everything, and also their birth certificates while fleeing the conflict, as they can't even enroll in the local Burmese schools. Chinese schools become their only opportunity to learn. Under such circumstances, Silver Lining partnered with the local Chinese schools in Nan Weng, Nan Zhan, Lashio, Nong Man, and Dang Yang to develop school sponsorship programs. We offer financial support for education and development and defend their rights to learning to the children from the impoverished rural areas in Myanmar.

Silver Lining currently operates the Nanweng Silver Lining School of Po Yi in Nanweng. We partnered with the local Chinese schools in Nanzhan, Lashio, Nongman, and Danyang to run the following four schools: Danyang School of Po Yan, Lashio Guizheng Center, Nan Zhan Mingguang School and Nongman School of Peace. In addition to Chinese classes, we also sponsor health checkups and vaccination for the children. We also organize a drug prevention workshop, provide subsidies for students' room and board, and improve the campus facilities. The Rural Area Development Project is a win as the students are more prepared for their studies and lives after the school's over. They can look at their future with assurances.



Number of Beneficiaries **865**

China — Guangxi

Impoverished Schools Sponsorship Project

Most of the children in the schools in the Dahua mountains come from the surrounding rural areas of the ethnic minorities, and their families live in austerity. The teaching staff and resources are also in short supply, and the students have very few relevant extra-curricular activities as the mountain schools are generally devoid of support. Silver Lining hence becomes a strong education advocate for the rural areas, aspiring to improve the teaching environment of the mountain schools and to create a more robust student life for the children.

The Dahua Silver Lining continues its support of the Dahua mountain area schools in 2019. We funded school infrastructure improvement projects for eight elementary and middle schools. They include the procurement of computer equipment, improvement to the school's drainage piping, and the expansion of the cooking and showering facilities at the dormitories. First, these projects complement the teachers in their work, and they also help improve the hygiene and comfort of the children's living space. Silver Lining also commits to bring more variety to the students' life on campus. In addition to providing financial aid for the families in poverty, it would also organize student fairs, and picture book meetings, sports day, and graduation parties. They help to impart the feeling that the school is a big family to the children; it's a place for learning as well as a comfort zone for their growth.

The sponsored rural schools include:

Dahua Yao Autonomous County Guhe Township Central Primary School, Dahua Yao Autonomous County Beijing Town Nongguan Village Primary School, Dahua Yao Autonomous County Beijing Town Nongguan Village Primary School Kazu Teaching Point, Dahua Yao Autonomous County Jingzhen Banlan Village Primary School Anlan Village Primary School in Beijing Town, Yao Autonomous County, Kekou Primary School in Beijing Town, Dahua Yao Autonomous County, Nongjing Primary School in Qibailong Township, Dahua Yao Autonomous County, Beijing Town Junior High School in Dahua Yao Autonomous County.



Benefited from **9747**

Rural Area Early Childhood Development and Care Project

Early childhood is a crucial period for children's growth. Excellent child care and education would lay a solid foundation for their physical and mental development and future learning. Dahua Silver Lining initiated early childhood development and care projects in rural areas. It improved the facilities of 3 kindergartens in Dahua County. It offered teacher training and provided living and meal subsidies for the children to reinforce their education and physical development.

The sponsored kindergartens include

Dahua Yao Autonomous County Beijing Town Banlan Village Experimental Kindergarten, Dahua Yao Autonomous County Beijing Town Anlan Primary School Kindergarten, Dahua Yao Autonomous County Beijing Town Banlan Village Primary School Affiliated Kindergarten.



Benefited from **1231**

Emergency Medical Assistance

Children from impoverished rural areas live in families of dismal economic conditions, and they live in poverty. Many families can ill afford the expensive medical bills that prevent the child from receiving timely treatment if the child is sick or injured. Missing the best time for treatment may jeopardize lives or cause more significant harm to the body. Therefore, Silver Lining offers medical assistance to children from low-income families to ease their burden of living, and to provide timely treatment for the sick children while staying with them through their difficulties until they become rejuvenated.

We provided emergency medical assistance services to 21 impoverished children or staff in Guangxi and Myanmar in 2019.



Total Funding **\$581,520**

Disability Employment and Training

Silver Lining Workshop

Silver Lining operates an accessories workshop to provide employment opportunities for people and parents of children with disabilities who learn to master crafts. All sales proceeds go to supporting the projects to care for families of children with disabilities. Aside from providing employment and training for people with disabilities, we also want to raise public awareness that people with disabilities can participate in social activities and have the right to equal employment opportunities.



Besides the superb craftsmanship, every jewelry piece bears the maker's blessings and gratitude! To support and affirm their contributions, please feel free to inquire about ordering the accessories from us.

Number of Beneficiaries **12**

Lighthouse Kids Ministry

The team at Lighthouse 226 comprises professionals from several disciplines, including education, psychology, and arts. We teach the children a variety of art courses at schools and community centers to cultivate their proper values and upright characters for them to distinguish between right and wrong and to make the right choice in life. We wish the children can become like a lighthouse to guide and shine upon others in the path of life.



| Service Location | Number of Children Beneficiaries | Indirect Beneficiaries |
|------------------|----------------------------------|------------------------|
| Hong Kong | 1879 | 4697 |
| Guangxi | 2353 | 5882 |
| Myanmar | 2752 | 200 |
| | 6984 | 10779 |



Lighthouse Kids Ministry – Teacher Training

The instructors of Lighthouse 226 will also provide training courses for teachers in Hong Kong, Guangxi, and Myanmar to help them master the objectives and key points of the character education curriculum, bringing the Silver Lining character education to more places.

Number of Beneficiaries **124**

Silver Lining

Activity Highlights

My Ballet Self



Guangxi Silver Lining established the Silver Lining Artist Group to give the Silver Lining's children with cerebral palsy an opportunity of self-expression. A group of children with cerebral palsy learned ballet under the guidance of the instructor. The rehearsals are quite challenging because children with cerebral palsy suffer from poor coordination of their limbs. The children did their best in their practices, however, and they completed the rehearsal successfully. Their dreams finally came true as they brought their acts to a stage performance.

"Dreamcatcher Angels" Marathon



Guangxi Silver Lining held a large-scale marathon event to give the children with cerebral palsy in the Guangxi Nanning Silver Lining Rehabilitation Center, and children with disabilities from all other places the opportunity to run the marathon. The participants completed the 5 km course with assistance from the parents and volunteers. Despite the many challenges, the children persisted as they managed to reach the finish line. This marathon gives the children with disabilities a firm belief in self-confidence, self-reliance, and self-improvement, and it fosters the integration of the people with disabilities with the abled.

Youth Visit and Exchange Group



To give more young people a better understanding of the Silver Lining's work, we organized a "Beyond Pals Camp" in the summer to lead 17 students from the colleges and universities in Hong Kong to visit the Silver Lining Rehabilitation Center in Nanning, Guangxi. They worked with a group of children with disabilities and orphans. They brought in-depth exchanges and interactions with their support and encouragements to the children, promoting cultural and social inclusion.

Guangxi Silver Lining “Husband and Wife Camp”



Caring for children with disabilities is an extremely challenging feat. Thus many couples frequently found themselves in conflict and at odds with each other. Therefore, Silver Lining held the "Husband and Wife Camp" several years in a row with the hope of rekindling love while letting go of the bad times in their relationship through interactions and games. The couples in attendance would commit to meet their lives and challenges ahead with unflinching love. Together with Silver Lining, they'll set their children up for success.

“Schoolbag with Love” Program



The Silver Lining Foundation will hold a used schoolbag collection drive every summer in Hong Kong to collect school bags in the right conditions for children in the rural areas of Guangxi and Myanmar. With ample support from the public, we received a total of 1800 used school bags in 2019. We delivered all the schoolbags and greeting cards to the children in need after cleaning and packing them.

Myanmar Children Health Checkup



The medical resource in Myanmar is quite lacking. To provide proper medical assistance to the orphans in the Silver Lining Family Village and the students and their family members at the Eden Center for Children with Disabilities, we invited dentists and ophthalmologists from the United States to provide free medical clinics in Myanmar. The doctors performed examinations for the teeth and eyes of the children and gave them the relevant health education. The children are better off in their hygiene and general health.

2019 Financial Report Highlights



We are thankful for the consistent and faithful supporters and donors for the past year. Thank you for working with us to create lasting change in the lives of children, families, and communities of special-need children and children in poverty. Despite the fundraising challenges arising from the unrelenting economy in the world, with the continued support from you as a donors and supporters, we were able to maintain a stable income to support and meet the project needs in the past year. We are facing a special challenge that we have never experienced before, but the supporters and donors of Silver Lining are still investing in bring hope and a future to the underprivileged children.

In the year of 2019, our incoming fund was 14.7 million but our expenditure was 18.1 million; as a result, we have a 3.4 million deficit. But we are thankful that our sponsorship up by 336 more sponsors. We are grateful that our organizational support went up significantly compared with the previous year. Our incoming funds mainly are from the sponsorship support 23%, organizational support 41%, and individual support 35%. These funding have been giving support to thousands of children who 100% rely on Silver Lining for their daily living.

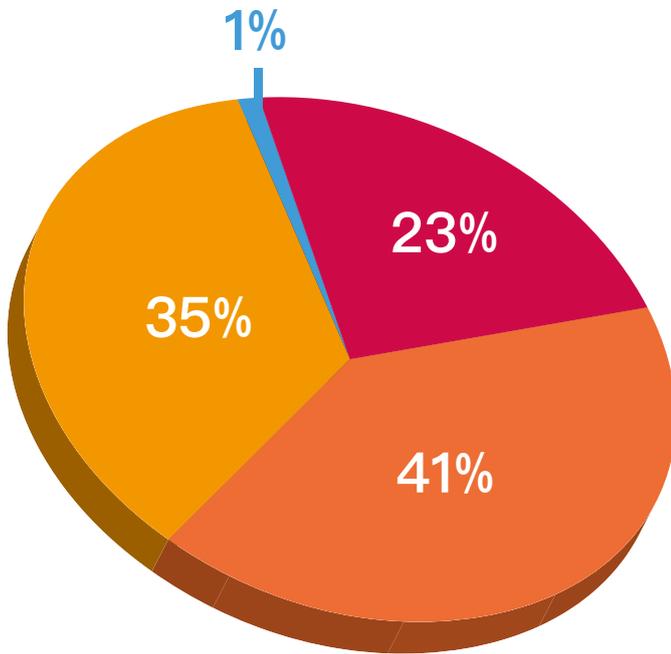
On our expenditure, our actual expenditure was underspent by 13% from our original budget. We continue to expand in the Family Village and rehabilitation ministry in Myanmar projects. We added 51 kids to our Family Village the past year and funded 183 special-need children in our rehabilitation center in Yangon. Emergency-fund spending took up more than 3% of our expenditure which mostly was spent on the surgery of Li Zheng Cui in Hong Kong. The spending on the orphanage ministry and the rehabilitation ministry are 32% and 25% respectively. Our administrative spending takes up 3% and our fundraising costs take up 2%. We spend 95% of the total cost directly to the special-need children and orphans. In the world economy slowdown, we are trying to reduce cost. We have little room to reduce a large amount of expenditure because we are directly supporting and providing their daily living and rehabilitation service. We are meeting the basic needs of our orphans and special-need children but will try to be reserved in our spending in the years ahead.

We appreciate your trust to invest your funding to these underprivileged children. Our operation is bound by strict cost controls and our spending has tight procedures in place to ensure that every dollar raised is properly used. We are also committed to ensure our incoming funds and resources are used efficiently, effectively, and responsibly. We serve all special-need children and children in poverty regardless of religion, race, ethnicity or gender. We are dedicated to working with the world's most vulnerable people. We continue to witness lives changed of the needy children and families because of your participation and generous giving. We believe that your giving can bring everlasting change to the lives of the special-need children and orphans.

Andy Wong

Andy Wong
Chief Financial Officer

2019 Source of Funding



23%

Regular sponsorship donations
\$3,432,354

41%

Corporation and organization donations
\$6,085,885

35%

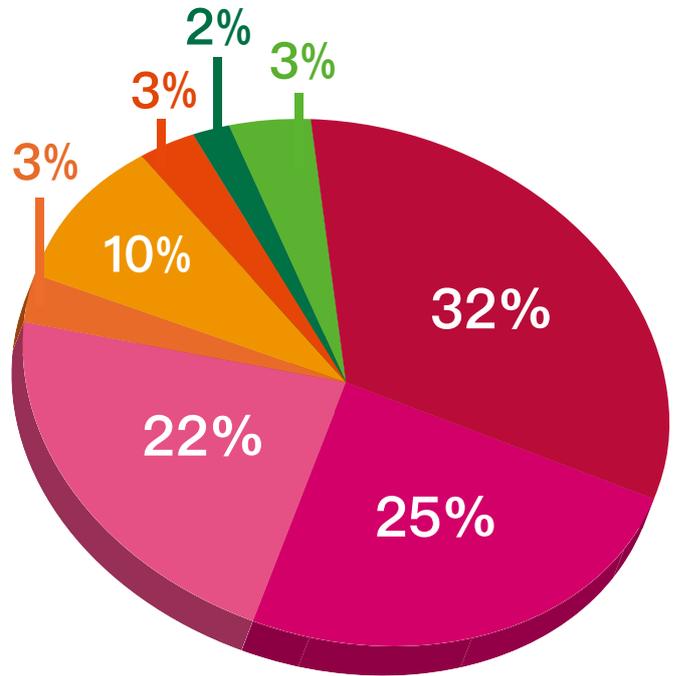
Individual donations
\$5,151,404

1%

Charity sales
\$61,011

Total Incoming Fund **\$14,730,654**

2019 Funding Allocation & Reserved



32%

A Home for Orphans
\$5,829,766

25%

Rehabilitation Path
\$4,496,562

22%

Services for children under Poverty
\$3,973,271

3%

Emergency medical fund
\$581,520

10%

Rural Schools Sponsorship Program
\$1,768,255

3%

Character Education
\$505,759

2%

Fundraising
\$382,671

3%

Administration
\$641,377

Total Allocation **\$18,179,181**

Note : Our reserve funds cover the 3.4 million deficit in the year of 2019.

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Silver Lining launched its poverty relief operation in Guangxi, China in 2005, committed to helping the impoverished ethnic minorities and orphans in the rural mountain areas by sponsoring their education and improving their living standards. Also, we provide rehabilitation training and education for children who have cerebral palsy, offering employment opportunities to women and people with disabilities, as well as giving emergency medical assistance to children that came down with an illness. We assist and care for the migrant children and those left-behind children. The children will also receive our character education program. In 2017, we expanded our services to Myanmar to provide aid to orphans and children who have cerebral palsy. The Vietnam Silver Lining Rehabilitation Center is also formally in service in 2019. Through our love and actions, we hope more people in need of assistance will receive care and blessings, enabling them to improve their lives and to restore their dignity and hope.

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