



**THE SOONG CHING LING CHILDREN'S FOUNDATION OF CANADA**  
**加拿大宋慶齡兒童基金會**

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Dear Supporter/Friend of the Soong Ching Ling Children's Foundation of Canada,

As you are all aware, due to the outbreak of the COVID-19 virus, we find ourselves in extraordinarily challenging times. While this is true for everyone, it is particularly true for many of the children and families helped by the Foundation: the ones who struggle to make ends meet and access food and other basic needs, who may be immigrants or refugees, or who may be disadvantaged by growing up in a place where low wages or high crime rates prevail.

Like many other non-profit organizations, the Soong Ching Ling Children's Foundation of Canada has been forced to cancel a planned fundraising event: our May 2020 Fundraising Dinner. Accordingly, we have decided that we will briefly share with you in this letter some of our accomplishments, while asking that each of you consider donating to the Foundation. This would allow us to continue our work and indeed act to meet the new challenges and needs facing our children during this extraordinarily difficult time.

During the past two years, the Foundation has:

- Provided \$12,000 per year to fund the **Brite 8 Program** at Britannia Secondary School in Vancouver, which helps Grade 8 students with the difficult transition to high school;
- Provided \$5,000 to start a "**Boys Who Dare**" mentoring program, teaching leadership skills to at-risk boys at Tupper School, also in Vancouver;
- Funded \$3,500 to a **Nutrition and Cooking programs** at Tupper School which help students learn about cooking and nutrition while developing social skills;
- Provided \$4,500 for a **Girl's Group** for at-risk girls, primarily immigrants and refugees, run by Tupper School with local Neighbourhood Houses;
- Provided \$10,500 per year to run a **choir program** for children of migrant workers in Shenzhen, China, which also teaches social skills and builds self-esteem for these disadvantaged children;
- Provided \$8,500 and \$7,500 to two schools in Henan Province, China to support the **Sunrise iRead program**, which builds libraries and trains teachers in poor rural areas of China for the purpose of increasing children's love of reading and developing their critical thinking ability.

In March of this year, as the virus spread and schools were closed, the Foundation recognized that the children were facing new challenges that could not be addressed by our existing programs. We rapidly sprang into action, liaising with the schools to learn what pressing new needs had emerged for the children:

- At the Tupper School, we learned that many of the children faced food insecurity at home, and we allowed the repurposing of some already allocated funds to help meet this need.
- At Britannia Secondary, many children lacked access to necessary devices to continue their learning through the new on-line education system. The Foundation directed \$36,000 towards the purchase of over a hundred new personal computers for loan to the students so they could participate in on-line lessons.

We hope you will agree that helping needy children at this challenging time is very important and will donate to support our work. If you would like to make a donation, or to learn more about our work for the children, please visit our website at: <http://www.sclchildren.ca/>.

We are very grateful to all of you for your support and thank you in advance on behalf of all the children you will be helping with your donation.

For the Children,

Lisa Tsai

Chair, Fundraising Committee

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