



THE SOONG CHING LING CHILDREN'S FOUNDATION OF CANADA

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2005 REPORT OF DIRECTORS

(For the Years Ended 31 December 2005)

Board of Directors

This year the foundation was very honoured to have Mrs. Cynthia Lam join our board. Cynthia is a long time social worker and recipient of the Order of Canada. Dr. Nelson Hui resigned from the board citing personal reasons.

Programmes and Activities

Although we did not hold any events during the year, we never took a break from fundraising. Special acknowledgement should be given to Mr. Howard Chu for his tireless efforts to that end. He is responsible for over \$15,000 committed for a short-term senior high school scholarship programme.

The Three-Year Senior High School Scholarship Programme

Through our work in the Paul & Eileen Lin Endowment Trust Scholarship project we realized that there is indication that the government of China is realizing the gapping void of financial aid for senior high school students and they might take measures to remedy that in the near future. This realization inspired us to start a Three Year Senior High School Scholarship Programme. Donors are solicited to commit to donating a certain amount for a three-year term. The funds go to fund a scholarship for senior high school students in impoverished regions in China. By the end of 2005, we have successfully obtained a commitment of \$15,000 per year for this programme. This means ninety students from three schools in China will be recipients of CNY1,000 per year each for three years.

The Hastings Community School Project

The success of our 2004 fundraising dinner was reinforced immediately by two fundings that happened in 2005. The BC Ministry of Children and Family Development came forth with \$12,000 to match the funds we raised. Gore Mutual Foundation made a donation of \$2,000 to the school through us. Also in 2005 we appealed to various private organizations for funding on behalf of the school. As a result, Teck Cominco of Vancouver Canada pledged \$20,000 per year for the next three years to fund the Kids First Programme.

The Poetry Project

As a continuation of a Chinese Poetry scholarship project that we undertook in 1998, we are going to fund a project to convert into VCDs the video taping of a series of lectures on Chinese lyrical poetry appreciation by Professor Yeh Chia-Ying, renowned expert in ancient Chinese literature. Copies of the VCDs will be distributed to not only high schools and universities in China but also education institutes in North America where Chinese literature is part of the curriculum. We believe this is a worthy cause because the philosophical and morals thoughts embedded in ancient Chinese poetry is important to younger generations who grow up in an environment lacking in moral ideals. The cost of this project is estimated at \$20,000 and is covered by the generous donation we have secured through Mr. and Mrs. Tse Yim. We would like to thank board member Marian Leung for spearheading this meaningful project.

The Early Childhood Education Symposium And Visit With Shanghai SCL And China SCL

In October 2005 we sent a delegation of eight to Shanghai for the International Seminar on Early Childhood Education in Multiculture Background. Board members Eve Adams and Nina Halpern as well as Advisory Board member Ben Choi delivered excellent presentations at the seminars.

We met with representatives of China Soong Ching Ling Foundation and Shanghai Soong Ching Ling Foundation and confirmed mutual intention to keep our long-term cooperation.

Barbara Tong attended the first World Soong Ching Ling Foundation Chairman's Forum in Shanghai and made a presentation outlining the Foundation's mission and history. She met with counterparts from six other SCL foundations who called our work inspirational.

The Stars and Rain Centre Project

During their October visit to Beijing, board members Eve Adams, Nina Halpern and Cynthia Lam visited the Stars and Rain Centre for Children with Autism in Beijing. They were very impressed with the work its founder Ms. Hope Tian has done in the field of training children with autism and their families. They reported to the board their fact finding and proposed that we provide some much needed assistance to the center. The board approved to allocate \$3,000 for bringing two teachers from the Stars and Rain Centre to Canada for observing autism therapy programs in BC. The board approved a further \$2,000 to fund the Stars and Rain Centre's outreach programme in China.

Financial Position

In 2005 the Foundation's expenditures on administrative costs have increased significantly. The increase is explained mostly by an increase in auditing fees. The reason being we changed our yearend from the end of October to the end of December in 2004. This resulted in two sets of financial statements being audited. In 2005 we paid almost double the regular fee for this service --- a one-time exception. Fortunately the increase in auditing cost is partly offset by a reduction in secretarial service fee thanks to Bill Gooderham who volunteered to take the minutes of all our meetings. As at Dec 31, 2005 the balance of our General Fund was \$30,985 versus \$30,738 as at Dec 31, 2004 despite the increase in expenses.

In closing, we would like to thank members of the Board of Directors for their extraordinary dedication. They are the reasons for another successful year. We would also like to thank members of the Board and Advisory Board who have served and are departing. We wish you all the best in your undertakings and look forward to your continued support for our work on behalf of the children.

Submitted on behalf of the Board of Directors.



Barbara Jian Tong

President

8 April 2006

THE PAUL AND EILEEN LIN ENDOWMENT TRUST

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2005 REPORT OF TRUSTEES

(For the year ending Dec 31, 2005)

The Paul and Eileen Lin Endowment Trust Fund saw its scholarship programme benefiting thirty more students in 2005.

In April 2005 Executive Director, Howard Chu, made a fact-finding trip to Xinglong County Hebei Province China in search of a fourth location to implement the scholarship program. This location was recommended by China Soong Ching Ling Foundation. The board of trustees were satisfied with Howard's report and approved the Xing Long No. 1 Middle School be adopted as the fourth location for the Endowment Trust Scholarship Program for a duration of three years subject to review for renewal. Upon completion of formal agreements with the local authorities and our agent China Soong Ching Ling Foundation, the first funding was sent in September 2005. So far, the scholarship program is benefiting a total of 120 students from five schools in four poor areas in Anhui, Ningxia, Hebei and Inner Mongolia.

During the year, five members of Board of Trustees, Eve Adams, Howard Chu, Nina Halpern, Cynthia Lam and Barbara Tong traveled to Hebei to visit Xing Long No. 1 Middle School. They met with student recipients, talked to teachers and administrators. They learnt that the scholarship programme more than doubled the number of students who are able to attend senior high school because of financial aid. They talked to the students about the history of the endowment trust and Professor and Mrs. Lin's intention. They encouraged the students to not only appreciate the opportunities that they were given but to live the spirit of this endowment trust and give back to their less advantaged countrymen when they achieved success in future.

As at Dec 31, 2005 the balance of our Endowment Trust was \$363,461, indicating a slight decrease from 31 Dec 2004's \$364,871, which is explained by the exchange loss due to the depreciation of US Dollar.

Submitted on behalf of the Board of Trustees



Barbara Jian Tong

Trustee

8 April 2006