On A Mission To Reach All Children With Loving Care

In recent years, international recognition of the importance of early childhood education has grown dramatically. The inclusion of early childhood development in the United Nations Agenda for Sustainable Development is evidence of this increased global attention. However, according to a recent report, 50 percent of the world’s children are not enrolled in early learning programs. The gap is much wider for lower income countries where only 22 percent of children are enrolled.

In 2019, we continued to work alongside the global community towards the achievement of Sustainable Development Goal 4: Ensuring Inclusive and Equitable Quality Education and Promoting Lifelong Learning Opportunities for All.

Your generous support continues to make a significant difference and has allowed OneSky to further expand its impact in 2019. Thank you from all of us.

Your Impact…

Your support has helped us provide life-changing responsive care and early education to thousands of at-risk children across Asia.

43,270 Caregivers Trained

209,907 Children Impacted

since 1998 in China
42,488
195,315

since 2017 in Vietnam
730
14,317

since 2018 in Mongolia
52
275

revised March 2020
A Brighter Future for Every Child

Our pilot program for children with special needs in China’s Nanjing Child Welfare Institution has produced great results. The program is based on multidisciplinary collaborations and combines responsive special education and rehabilitation concepts into an inclusive teaching method that is unique and effective. The success of this program is of great importance as it allows us to obtain buy-in from institutional leadership and government partners as we scale special needs and inclusive education programs across Chinese orphanages.

Children's Progress at Nanjing's Pilot Program

- Is able to sit on her or his own
- Is able to crawl
- Is able to walk with help
- Is able to chew
- Is able to grasp
- Responds to eye contact and gestures
- Responds to speech

[Progress bar graph showing improvements from May 2019 to August 2017]

Championing Early Childhood Education Internationally

This year, our team presented at three different Asia-Pacific Regional Network for Early Childhood (ARNEC) conferences: in Vietnam, Singapore, and Indonesia, as well as at the International Step-by-Step Conference in the Netherlands. These unique and prestigious opportunities allowed us to share our projects with the world’s leading early childhood experts, researchers, practitioners, and policy makers in Asia and around the world.

OneSky also participated in the Massachusetts Institute of Technology Solve Global Challenges Initiative. The initiative advances solutions for the world’s most pressing issues. Our caregiver training in Vietnam was selected as one of eight Solver projects for early childhood development and as such will receive technical and capacity building support from both the Solve community and the Harvard Center on the Developing Child.
Big Steps in Institutions in China

Since the launch of our first program 20 years ago, we have established quality programs in 108 orphanages and provided training to 785 institutions across China. This remarkable scale would not have been possible without your support.

2019 was a landmark year for our work in orphanages.

With the successful launch of our program in Lhasa, Tibet, OneSky marked its presence in all 31 provinces of Mainland China. Moreover, revenue received for our training services in 2019 was the highest since launching the fee-for-service model in China three years ago.

We estimate that this trend will continue in the coming years, paving the path towards future sustainability. Both achievements are a testament to the government’s confidence in our work and changing attitudes in regards to provision of quality early care for the most vulnerable children.

This year, OneSky trained 3,662 caregivers to provide quality care for 17,416 children living in welfare institutions.

Having a warm, supportive caregiver early on correlates with successes on many levels in adulthood including education attainment, relationships, and health.
Building Community in Rural Chinese Villages

This year our program for left-behind children in rural villages expanded to an additional county in Henan Province. In the new county, thanks to the generosity of our donors, a Training Center was established and opened doors in August. Local government officials attended the opening ceremony which was followed by a celebration and festive activities for both children and adults.

Prior to the launch of the programs in new villages, more than 400 households with young children were surveyed in regards to parenting practices and their responses were compared with those of parents who had already gone through OneSky Family Skills Training. The results demonstrated substantial differences in attitudes.

Parents who attended training were more likely to practice positive parenting techniques, were more affectionate towards their children, and were less likely to criticize and physically punish their children.

14,927 caregivers trained, impacting 9,863 children living in impoverished villages.
Training Expansion in Vietnam

The OneSky leadership team visited several provinces in Vietnam in the second half of 2019, scouting locations for expansion of our training program to improve conditions in home-based daycares operated in the country’s rapidly growing industrial zones. After careful consideration, Quang Nam was chosen as our next province for expansion.

Our training program expansion, along with an external evaluation of the program being conducted by the Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health, were made possible by a grant from Grand Challenges Canada Saving Brains initiative. Saving Brains has been recognized as a powerful influencer and instigator on ECD programming and has developed a strong learning community that OneSky is honored to be a part of.

There are 715 home-based daycare facilities in Quang Nam serving more than 23,000 children. The first cohort of 160 trainees will start training in December 2019. This is in addition to the 240 trainees from home-based daycare facilities in Da Nang who progressed through OneSky training earlier in the year.

Caregivers trained by OneSky are better equipped to provide quality care and early learning programs so ensuring a future filled with opportunity for the children in their care.

649 caregivers trained to provide quality care to 11,981 children in Vietnam
Expanding our Reach to Transform our Shared Future

The success of our intervention in Nursery #40 in Mongolia won us the partnership needed for our work in the nation’s capital city, Ulaanbaatar, to continue.

This winter, OneSky’s local training team is working closely with the teachers of Kindergarten #83 in Ulaanbaatar to enhance their skills in responsive care and provide hands-on support for implementing our evidence-based early care methodology. New learning materials, toys, books, and structures have been provided to create developmentally stimulating classroom environments for the children. Next year, we plan a larger-scale project to improve outcomes for young children and families living in impoverished ger communities. Program components include parenting education, community building, and more.

The P. C. Lee OneSky Global Centre for Early Childhood Development

Due to open doors in March 2020, our centre in Hong Kong will soon begin providing services to vulnerable young children and their parents through our Family Centre. We are also excited to report that we are in the process of finalizing our first training partnership with the social workers of Tung Wah Group of Hospitals to support caregivers and parents of very young children achieve early prevention and early intervention. The organization welcomes training collaboration with OneSky to deliver a systematic child care curriculum.
Thank you for helping us build better, brighter and bolder futures.

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Unlocking the potential of our world’s vulnerable children