

# Building Better Futures



**2020**  
IN REVIEW



UNLOCKING THE POTENTIAL OF OUR WORLD'S VULNERABLE CHILDREN

Dear Friend,

The COVID-19 pandemic has certainly turned lives upside down this year, keeping millions of children around the world at home for extended periods and creating more challenges for already struggling families. **But thanks to you, OneSky is still here to help.**

With so much uncertainty in the world today, one thing remains constant, OneSky's unrelenting focus on supporting vulnerable young children in orphanages, rural villages, factory towns and urban slums throughout Asia. **Our vital work, providing loving, nurturing care for these at-risk children, feels more important now than ever.**

**And it's your support that continues to make that work possible.**

Thank you for standing by us through this challenging year. We hope that you'll enjoy reading about the impact we've made together on young lives this year, despite the obstacles!

Wishing you and your loved ones health, happiness and peace this holiday season.

Sincerely,



Jenny Bowen  
Founder




Morgan Lance  
Incoming CEO



**61,922**  
CAREGIVERS  
TRAINED

**218,587**  
CHILDREN  
REACHED

**OVER 650,000**  
CHILDREN  
INDIRECTLY IMPACTED

## TOGETHER, WITH YOUR SUPPORT, WE HAVE ...\*

### CHINA

Reached more than **9,145 children** by implementing OneSky programs in 52 partner institutions and training **2,053 caregivers from 96 orphanages.**

Supported more than **19,000 caregivers living in rural villages** in providing nurturing and responsive care and early learning activities to **12,690 children.**

### HONG KONG S.A.R.

Launched the **P. C. Lee OneSky Global Centre for Early Childhood Development** including the opening of our Family Centre and training hub.

### MONGOLIA

Opened the **OneSky Family Center in Ulaanbaatar** and registered **144 families for Family Skills Training.**

### VIETNAM

**Welcomed 251 children back to our Early Learning Center** after repeated closures due to COVID-19 and provided ongoing virtual support to **147 home-based care providers.**

*\*As of September 30, 2020*

*OneSky teachers play virtual learning games in Vietnam.*





## GIVING HOPE TO ABANDONED AND LEFT-BEHIND CHILDREN

Across China, most orphanages were on complete lockdown for the first part of the year. Fortunately, **our online learning platform enabled caregivers to continue learning and connecting with a community of peers.**

We developed and uploaded a wealth of rich digital content, including important COVID-19 information, songs and stories that develop language skills, engaging play activities, toy-making guides, and more.

During this time, **our training team had to rapidly increase their skills in teaching virtually** – from preparation of online materials to conducting classes and activities remotely. These skills proved to be useful beyond the pandemic, as many institutions are confronted with the reality of virtual learning for the foreseeable future.



In fact, when our team was invited to present our Inclusive Education Model and Sports Program at a Caregivers Training Workshop by the Guangxi Provincial Bureau of Civil Affairs this fall, out of 700 participants, 600 attended online. The event expanded our training impact and the quality of the participating trainers was recognized by both the government and the participant trainees.

In rural villages, the Family Skills Training Sessions resumed as did the early learning programming at the OneSky Community Centers.

During quarantine, **Family Mentors supported families through WeChat** by sending out at least two simple but effective games or activities a week.

In late summer, training was held for 43 government employed Child Welfare Directors. These women will now bring the OneSky methodology to their home villages, **reaching more than 64,000 villagers.**



From orphanages to villages, day-to-day life has never been easy. Now, it's even more challenging.

**Thanks to your support, we have been able to keep our programs running and the children well-cared for.**





# SUPPORTING VULNERABLE COMMUNITIES VIRTUALLY AND IN-PERSON

In Hong Kong, our new Family Centre was closed through much of the summer. Our team of Family Mentors held virtual playgroups to continue the work that started with families during their first visits. Up to five families joined each Family Mentor once a week for an hour of guided parent and child activities.

In the short time the Centre has been open, **240 caregivers have registered and enjoyed the play spaces with their**

**children.** Early monitoring efforts indicated high satisfaction rates with both the facilities and services provided.

With kindergartens and daycare centers closed, **home learning environments are more important than ever.** Play is a powerful tool in building resilience in young children and **we are committed to providing families with resources** as we continue to navigate through the COVID-19 pandemic.



# BUILDING A BRIGHTER FUTURE FOR AT-RISK CHILDREN IN GER DISTRICTS



While the construction might look unusual, **OneSky's new home in Ulaanbaatar** replicates a traditional Mongolian family dwelling. Our new Family Center opened its doors in September and serves as a safe play place for local families in the Bayanzurkh district. The local government generously donated the land on which the Center is built.

This first stage of our project serves as a research and development effort to learn more about local issues and **possible ways to find the best system to reach as many children as possible.**



**Parenting-skills training is also offered to local families.** The first 18-week training period was launched in September to 144 registered parents.



## A YEAR OF UPHEAVAL FOR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES IN FACTORY ZONES

As the second wave of COVID-19 spread through central Vietnam in July, kindergartens and schools shut down, yet again, and migrant factory worker parents struggled. Some had to lose much-needed work shifts to care for their children in cramped one-room accommodations, others lost their jobs altogether. Working with friends and volunteers, **our Early Learning Center (ELC) staff assembled over 620 emergency packages**, each containing rice, eggs, kids' vitamins, cooking oil, fish sauce and masks.

When the ELC reopened in September, the families rejoiced. For most of the children, the Center is not just a kindergarten – **it is a place of safety, where they can play, learn, see their friends, and receive meals.**

In October, during Typhoon Molave, OneSky staff worked with the local police and government officials to reinforce the ELC building and offer it as an **emergency shelter for children and families**. Families expressed gratitude and relief to have a safe haven, with food also being provided thanks to donations of eggs, rice and noodles.

Meanwhile, in November, our training for home-based daycare providers resumed in Quang Nam and another cohort of 160 caregivers started their training in Da Nang.



**We look forward to the year ahead** and expanding home-based care training to the north of the country.

### Plan Your Giving

Please consider helping vulnerable children for generations to come. To find out how to include OneSky in your will or as a beneficiary, reach out to [heather@onesky.org](mailto:heather@onesky.org).

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EVERY CHILD.**

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