



Continuing Pearl Buck's Humanitarian Legacy in Korea



Bucheon City, Korea has long had strong ties to Pearl S. Buck, who began helping multicultural families there back in the 1960s. Today, Pearl S. Buck Foundation Korea has its headquarters in Bucheon, where they continue the work and legacy of Pearl Buck to this day.

Pearl S. Buck Foundation Korea serves a multi-cultural population who face many obstacles, mainly migrant women, married to Korean men, with biracial children. The programs and services the organization offers include medical support and dental treatment, educational and scholarship opportunities, multicultural festivals, empowerment programs, provision of food and emergency support, legal services, summer camps, and family enrichment and cultural excursions.

As multicultural households increase dramatically, the Korean government has taken diverse measures to recognize foreign cultures. One of the significant developments

has been a growing interest in Pearl Buck by the people of Bucheon City. Pearl Buck established original operations in Bucheon back in 1965 and is the site of the Pearl S. Buck Memorial Hall.

Bucheon is a cultural city with a vibrant manufacturing industry and, therefore, many imported laborers and multicultural families. To encourage an appreciation of diversity, a bronze statue of Pearl S. Buck and a little girl sitting on a bench was unveiled at a railroad station plaza; it was the winner of a design competition, with the goal of spreading and enhancing awareness of the legacy of Pearl Buck. Plans are also in development to expand the Pearl Buck Memorial Hall and build a larger park surrounding it.

A special initiative of the Foundation is the “Core People-Future Dream” project to improve the learning and emotional abilities of 25 multicultural youth from the most vulnerable families. This program promotes the holistic development of a healthy identity and dedicated scholarship. The project uses various measurement methods including pre- and post-comparison, interviews with the family and school personnel for project performance, and evaluation. It is a remarkable project in terms of systemic implementation, evaluation, and management.

Pearl S. Buck Foundation Korea is dedicated to continuing the legacy and spirit of love which Pearl Buck left behind. The Foundation is grateful for the support of donors as they continue her humanitarian work. 🌐



More Opportunities to Help Children in Need

Pearl S. Buck International is grateful for all the extra support from child sponsors and donors for the children and families in the sponsorship program during the coronavirus pandemic. Your generosity has been invaluable. As the world begins to shift back to a “new normal,” there is still a lot of need that sponsored children, their families, and their communities face.

Mosquito and Insect Control and Prevention – Vietnam

In Vietnam, mosquitoes and other insects spread deadly diseases such as malaria, dengue fever, and yellow fever. The orphanages are at high risk of mosquito and insect infestation due to a combination of high temperatures and prime breeding sources such as cramped, unclean living spaces and stagnant water. The goal of this project is to provide mosquito-proofing and insect control within the orphanages to reduce the number of children who become sick, miss school, and end up in the hospital.

The test of a civilization is in the way that it cares for its helpless members.

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Provide Vaccinations to Children – Thailand

Mae Ramard District is located in the high mountains of northwest Thailand, where the weather is very hot in summer, very cold in winter, and very windy during the rainy season. Because of this, many children suffer from colds, pneumonia, lung inflammation, asthma, and respiratory disease. This project will support vaccination treatments for the young children of Ban Nong Luang village to keep them from getting sick and promoting their overall health.

Help a Child Prepare for Disaster – Philippines

This Disaster Preparedness Project has two components. First, it teaches sponsored children and their parents the importance of environmental protection, disaster preparedness, and disease prevention. Second, the beneficiaries receive boots, raincoats, umbrellas, and disaster kits which they can use during the rainy season and at times when strong typhoons or earthquakes hit their communities.

For more details on these projects, information on other projects, and how you can help, go to <https://pearlsbuck.org/fund-a-project/>. As always, we are so grateful for your generous contributions to the continued well-being of all the children and families in the sponsorship program. 🌍