



Supporting Education in China

The daily life of the students at Chongshi Girls' High School continued to be adversely affected by Covid-19 over the last year because they could not continue their normal learning at school and many activities were canceled. In spite of this, approved funding from Pearl S. Buck International child sponsors and donors made it possible for the school to implement programs and projects for the children on healthy development and achieving a bright future. Students were encouraged to participate in a variety of activities throughout the year. This included participating in the opening ceremony of Pearl S. Buck Reading Day, visiting the Pearl S. Buck Museum, attending a lecture on "Pearl S. Buck and Her Chinese Hometown, Zhenjiang," engaging in on-line activities with their sister school, La Salle Girona in Spain, and collaborating on international green innovation activities for young people with their sister school.



In addition to providing support to Chongshi students through the child sponsorship program, Pearl S. Buck International recently added child sponsorship opportunities for students attending Mao Yi-sheng School. The school is named after a famous bridge engineer, educator and social activist in contemporary China, and the students there celebrate Mao Yi-sheng Science and Culture Week every year in his memory.

The sponsored seniors held a party before they graduated, in which they shared their experiences at the school and their thanks to PSBI and their warm-hearted sponsors. Each of these students made a short video and wrote emails to the school and PSBI to show their sincere gratitude. The Chongshi students continued to keep close contact virtually with schools in Spain, as well as those in the areas of Hong Kong, Taiwan, and PSBI. Because of the pandemic, Chongshi has temporarily stopped their visits to the other schools and all travel abroad programs. Throughout the fiscal year, Chongshi implemented various projects and programs to support the students' achievements and honor and provide good opportunities for the girls to reduce life difficulties, comprehensively develop skills, and help them have a better life in the future.



We are so happy to be able to expand our support in China and provide even more students with a chance to complete their educations and build promising careers and futures. Thank you for everything you do to support this expansion and outreach in China and throughout our International Programs.



Reminders for Writing your Sponsored Child



Pearl S. Buck International is grateful for you and each and every person who chooses to make a difference in the life of a child through our sponsorship program. Child sponsorship at Pearl S. Buck International is unique in that there is one sponsor per child and the ability to build a connection with your child through letters and pictures. Whether you have been a sponsor for many years or you have just started your sponsorship journey, these are just some reminders about corresponding with your child.

You may email your letters directly to our Director of International Programs, Stephanie Saveriano, at ssaveriano@pearlsbuck.org or through our website here. When emailing directly to our director you are welcome to attach photos of yourself, your family, pets, or things you think would be of interest to your sponsored child. Please do not include any personal contact information within the letter. Your emailed letter will be forwarded on the day it is received to the country staff for delivery.

Mailed letters, cards, and gifts for the children are sent bi-monthly. There is a \$5 shipping fee for cards. Sending large packages to sponsored children is discouraged due to the high price of shipping and issues with customs in the countries where we work. Please address the correspondence in the child's name and send it to Pearl S. Buck International, 520 Dublin Rd., Perkasie, PA 18944. If sending a birthday card, please make a note to do so two months in advance of the birth date to ensure timely delivery to the child. Please add their full name and their Sponsored Child Number and your Sponsor Number to the top of your correspondence. Please include the Sponsored Child Number and your Sponsor Number on ALL correspondences, even emailed communications. These numbers were assigned to you when you became a sponsor and should be in your introductory email and/or packet. Please reach out to us at any time if you do not have this information.

Sponsored children are encouraged to write – or draw a picture if they are very young – twice a year, but you may write to them as often as you would like! Children who are older and who are in school and involved in activities may have a lot to share and write more often. If your sponsored child is younger or not much of a writer, we ask you to be patient with them and remember there is also, in most cases, a language barrier. Even if they do not have a lot of new information to share with you, they always benefit from hearing from you. If you're not sure what to write, consider:

- Encouraging them with their school work, family life, and any difficulties they mention to you in their letters
- Acknowledge their accomplishments and share things about your family traditions, customs, culture, hobbies, or interests

Thank you for your generous support. If you ever have any questions regarding communication with your child, please don't hesitate to reach out. Your kindness is forever changing the life of your sponsored child!