

## Serving Multicultural and Immigrant Families in Korea

Pearl S. Buck Foundation Korea (PSBFK) was founded as the first South Korean institution specializing in caring for Korean American biracial children born as a result of the Korean War.

Pearl S. Buck Foundation Korea continues to focus its outreach on multicultural families living in Korea. Since children from multicultural families have a lower rate of enrolling in higher educational institutions and parents from multicultural families have a higher unemployment rate and are more likely to work in simple labor jobs, all of which have been affected adversely by Covid-19, PSBFK made various efforts to secure and improve the lives of multicultural families.

PSBFK implemented a Well-Living Campaign to support elderly



Amerasians and improve their living conditions and livelihood. Amid changes in society, attention and support are urgently needed for Amerasians in old age who are living in neglect with minimal government support. The most successful project of the year was a special Motherland Tour—Discovering Korea's Treasures. The goal was to contribute to the positive relationship-building between immigrant mothers and their children and help immigrant women to experience emotional

stability and strengthen the family support system.

As income and childcare difficulties from the pandemic got serious, active support for health care and protection of children from multicultural families has been needed. One way PSBFK reached out last year was to celebrate Pearl Buck's 130th birthday and her spirit of protecting children from discrimination by hosting a toy support project. It provided 1,144 children from infants to elementary school age containing a box of Korean animated character toys and teaching aids.

For families whose financial conditions have deteriorated due to COVID-19, the toys and teaching aids were helpful for parents who had to work while their children were home; the project also eased the burden of household spending on children's toys.



# Psycho-Social Support to Help Sponsored Children This Summer

School is out for the summer for all the children served by our overseas offices thanks to your generous support. Although the homework, tutoring, uniforms and the majority of the educational support has been put aside until next school term, you continue to help these most vulnerable children throughout the summer months not just with nutritional and health aid but with psycho-social support - by contributing to their summer fun.



Jump Rope for Fun \$4

For just \$4, you can bring a smile to the face of a child in a Vietnamese orphanage with a jump rope that promotes physical fitness and fun! <https://pearlsbuck.org/gifts/jump-rope-for-fun-4/>



Socialization Activities \$45

For a donation of \$45, you can also help children in need living in Vietnamese orphanages by supporting seasonal social activities and community field trips. <https://pearlsbuck.org/gifts/socialization-activities-45/>



Bicycle \$70

Your generous donation of \$70 will provide a bicycle for a student in Cambodia. The simple gift of a bicycle allows them to not only play with friends but to visit with family and go to the store. <https://pearlsbuck.org/gifts/bicycle-71/>



In Phitsanulok Province, Thailand, 50 families with children aged 8 and younger will benefit from our "Magic Boxes" project.



This project will distribute "magic boxes" containing books, toys, and learning materials to help keep young children engaged in fun and educational activities at home. By helping to fund this project, you will support the building up of children's learning development, promote children's physical development, and help children and families better manage stress and anxiety through mental exercises and activities during summer vacation. <https://pearlsbuck.org/projects/magicbox/>

All these items and many more that make a difference in the life of a child in need can be found on our Fund A Project page or in our Gift Catalog on our website. As always, we are so grateful for the life-changing generosity you provide for marginalized and disadvantaged children every day. We thank you for going above and beyond to ensure the psycho-social well-being of these children during the upcoming summer months. **Wishing you and your family a happy and safe summer!**