

Serving New Immigrant Families in Taiwan For More Than Five Decades

In 1968, Pearl S. Buck established the Taiwan branch of the Pearl S. Buck Foundation, which under the support of the US headquarters looked after mixed-race children born to US and Taiwanese parents. In 2000, it began to provide comprehensive and systematic services to the so-called new immigrant children and their families.

In May 2021, in response to the surge in community-based infections, the government-imposed restrictions on people's daily life. It was especially hard for the children served by PSBFTT. They were from poor families of new immigrants, and most lived in single-parent households. Many breadwinners faced reduced wages, furloughs, or even unemployment, which led to a plunge in family incomes. The economic impact was also felt by some sponsors or donors, forcing them to reduce their financial contribution.



Despite these challenges, PSBFTT provided health services such as regular social worker visits to monitor and keep track of the physical and mental development of the children, and healthcare interpreting service training for new immigrants.

PSBFTT also provided educational services such as scholarships and student grants; career planning workshops for teenagers; and parenting workshops for new immigrant parents. PSBFTT provided psycho-social support through adolescent workshops; lunar new year gatherings; Christmas gifts; training of new immigrant interpreters for consultation and reception services at New Immigrant Centers; and school/classroom assistants for new immigrant children newly arrived in Taiwan.

During the year, PSBFTT found ways to make fundraising more diverse and accessible, such as offering mobile payment; and sought donations and collaboration from reliable corporate partners and social welfare organizations.

PSBFTT has been committed to Pearl Buck's mission of providing aid to children in need across the world. Their legacy is the service provided to children of cross-cultural relationships and to their families.

"A foreigner is a friend I have yet to meet."

- Pearl S. Buck

A Letter From Pearl S. Buck International President & CEO Christy Holland

The past few months have been a time of exciting revitalization here at Pearl S. Buck International. We were so pleased to bring back many of you to our beautiful grounds for the Taste of the World event on May 18th. It was inspiring and heartwarming to welcome back friends, donors, and new faces onto our campus!

We just concluded hosting a full Global Leadership Summer program for aspiring leaders in grades 9 – 11.



The program encompassed a full week of leadership building activities and culminated with the students using their newfound skills to organize service project fundraisers to support the ongoing humanitarian, cross-cultural, and educational work and mission of Pearl S. Buck International.

Our two enlightening and inspiring museum tours - the "Pearl S. Buck: Life and Legacy Tour" and the "Taking Action Tour" - are in full swing with our beautiful grounds in bloom!

The "Taking Action Tour" features interactive dialogue of the Pearl S. Buck House Museum and highlights Pearl S. Buck's human rights advocacy for issues that remain relevant today. This tour encourages voluntary reflection on ways we might take action in our lives to continue Pearl S. Buck's legacy.

With your invaluable support, Pearl S. Buck International continues to thrive in its resiliency in:

- Providing education for children facing discrimination around the world to break the chains of poverty and societal stigma to find hope and opportunity.

- Building cultural awareness and diversity appreciation to reduce conflict and increase collaboration supporting the skills necessary to thrive at home, in school, and in the workplace.
- Inspiring visitors across the country to visit the Pearl S. Buck House, a rare National Historic Landmark dedicated to a woman's contribution to society, which focuses on social justice issues relevant during Pearl Buck's lifetime and today.

That is why I am asking you to please join me in making a 100% tax-deductible gift today by going to pearlsbuck.org/donation.

Together, we will ensure that the work of Pearl S. Buck International and the legacy of this extraordinary woman continues for years to come.

Gratefully,

Christy Holland
President & CEO

