

Looking Back on A Year of Bridging Cultures & Changing Lives



Philippines



Taipei-Taiwan



Thailand



China



Vietnam



Korea

Thanks to all of Pearl S. Buck International's generous child sponsors and donors, the impoverished and marginalized children, families, and communities supported and served by our global affiliates and their humanitarian aid programs continued to receive nutritional, educational, health, and livelihood aid during 2023.

- The **Philippines** continued to support educational endeavors. Thanks to tutoring and other educational programming, 100 percent of sponsored students advanced to the next grade level. In addition, 30 college scholars finished college, the first time with that many college graduates at one time.

- Thailand** also helped to support families dealing with food insecurity by providing education for raising livestock such as pigs and chickens so they not only have a

nutritious source of food but also a source of income with the sale of the animals.

- Thanks to the generosity of PSBI sponsors and donors, **Vietnam** was still able to supply the orphans with healthy food, educational support, and social programming despite limited funding from the government.

- Chongshi Girls School in China** is helping keep the legacy of Pearl S. Buck alive with a curriculum dedicated to her life and literary works. At school, the girls continue to have opportunities to overcome their difficulties, develop skills, and have a better life in the future.

- Korea** started a wonderful initiative to support underprivileged children and families with "Science Magic Boxes," a creative science support project for the education and care of the children of multicultural families.

- Taipei-Taiwan** continues to help immigrant students develop the necessary skills to do well in school and immigrant parents, in particular women supporting their families on entry-level jobs, to learn crucial professional skills for employability and the potential to start their own businesses.

In all, the overseas affiliates continue to do outstanding work with marginalized populations as they continue and build on the legacy of Pearl S. Buck. None of this humanitarian service to the most vulnerable around the world this past year could have been possible without your generosity and kindness. You provided help and hope and ensured that our work and outreach to those most in need will continue into the future. **Wishing you a very happy holiday season, and thank you for all that you do!**

In 2024, Pearl S. Buck International will celebrate the 60th anniversary of our founding by Nobel and Pulitzer Prize-winning writer, humanitarian, and activist Pearl S. Buck. There will be a full line-up of special and signature events and programming over the course of the entire year to commemorate this momentous milestone.

On March 15, 2024 a special limited-time exhibition will open. **Hidden Gems: Fashioning A Legacy** will showcase the best representations of Pearl Buck's personal style through her intact collection of American and Asian fashion, jewelry, shoes, handbags, hand fans, gloves, and associated archival material to tell the story of Pearl S. Buck International's work and impact since 1964.

HIDDEN GEMS: FASHIONING A LEGACY



Dresses worn by Pearl Buck at the White House Nobel Luncheon, 1938

On May 16, 2024, save the date for our **60th Anniversary Gala**, which will feature food, music, and dancing as well as the sharing of Pearl S. Buck International's six decade-long humanitarian, educational, and cross-cultural legacy.



June 26, 2024, which also happens to be Pearl Buck's birthday, will see the return of the always inspirational **Living the Legacy Breakfast**. This heartwarming annual event is a community favorite. Inspirational speakers and videos showcase the lives changed by the work of Pearl S. Buck International and invites guests to find out how they can become a part of this amazing story and legacy into the next 60 years.

In the fall, Pearl S. Buck International will host the **Pearl S. Buck Symposium**. In partnership with local universities and international institutions, keep an eye out soon for a call for research papers, as we invite local high school, university, and professional scholars to join us in collaboration, discussion, and fellowship at this stimulating and thought-provoking research and educational symposium.

More information on all our 60th anniversary celebrations can be found at <https://pearlsbuck.org/60/>

Other events and programming visitors can look forward to during our 60th anniversary year include:

Lunar New Year Celebration on February 10. In collaboration with the Central Bucks Chinese American Association, this family friendly event will feature activities, games, music, and dancing. Help us usher in the Year of the Dragon! <https://pearlsbuck.org/lunar/>

High School Global Leadership will be an expanded offering this summer. The Global Leadership Program, for high school students from grades 9 through 11, is designed to help teens and young adults become better students, college applicants, and global citizens. <https://pearlsbuck.org/intercultural-education/leadership/>

The **Woman of Influence Award** will celebrate six decades of women in leadership following in Pearl Buck's humanitarian, educational, cross-cultural, and trailblazing footsteps. <https://pearlsbuck.org/woman-of-influence/>