# 2022-2023 Annual Report





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### A Letter to Our Supporters

We at Pearl S. Buck International are deeply grateful for the tremendous support each of you provide, enabling us to bridge cultures and change lives. Internationally, your contributions empower our affiliate teams to offer vital supplies, healthcare, nutrition, and social services to every child, ensuring their safety and success in school. Beyond the tangible resources, your sponsorships and gifts convey a powerful message—your belief in the importance of every child's contribution to the world. As a result, the students in PSBI programs are not just finishing school; they are proving that our global community thrives with the inclusion of every member. For this, we extend our heartfelt thanks.

In Perkasie, at the historic Pearl S. Buck House, exciting developments are underway for the future, with the expansion of our Global Leadership Program for high school students and the creation of Pearl S. Buck clubs in some of our local schools. Responding to the demand for enriching experiences, we are diversifying tour options for students and community members to visit Pearl S. Buck Historic House recurrently, providing immersive insights into the enduring relevance of Pearl S. Buck's legacy.

Next fiscal year will see the commencement of Pearl S. Buck International's 60th anniversary, providing opportunities to celebrate our achievements, highlight our humanitarian work happening around the globe, and focus on the future and usher in the next great era of this remarkable organization.

Together with you, we carry forward Pearl Buck's legacy of Bridging Cultures and Changing Lives. All that we've achieved this past year and all we plan to do in this upcoming year is only made possible by your generosity and support. We are all a part of Pearl Buck's legacy and ensure Pearl S. Buck International's humanitarian, educational, and cross-cultural work will continue for decades to come.

### The Staff of Pearl S. Buck International

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#### Pearl S. Buck International Vision

The legacy of Pearl S. Buck unites nations, societies, communities, and individuals with an appreciation for cultural differences and a commitment to service.

#### Pearl S. Buck International Mission

Pearl S. Buck International provides opportunities to explore and appreciate other cultures, builds better lives for children around the globe and promotes the legacy of our founder by preserving and interpreting her National Historic Landmark home.

We welcome your comments and suggestions. You can contact any staff member by email using the first letter of their first name and their entire last name @ pearlsbuck.org, or call 215- 249-0100.

### **International Programs**

Pearl S. Buck believed that all humans were deserving of dignity and opportunity, but poverty and marginalization continue to work as barriers to education, health care, psycho-social help and activities, and nutrition. Despite these challenges, Pearl S. Buck International continues to work with those most in need living in abject poverty around the globe, by providing this life-changing support to children, families, and entire communities. This is all made possible thanks to the generosity of donors and child sponsors, whose kindness truly changes lives every day.

### China

After the first year of the pandemic, the daily lives of the students at the Chongshi Girls' School returned to normal with the implementation of programs and projects to help graduates of the school inherit and pass on the spirit of Pearl S. Buck.

Activities the girls participated in included a visit to the Pearl S. Buck Museum and a lecture on "Pearl S. Buck and her Chinese Hometown of Zhenjiang." Many of the students participated in an oral English contest as well as took part in the Pearl S. Buck Reading Club. While study abroad opportunities continue to be suspended



but are in future plans, the girls engaged in online activities with their sister school La Salle, in Girona, Spain, Hong Kong Diocesan Girls' School, and Taipei Wesley Girls' High School.

The sponsored seniors held a party before they graduated, in which they shared their experiences at the school and thanked Pearl S. Buck International and their sponsors. Each of the students made a short video and wrote emails to Chongshi and PSBI to show their sincere gratitude.

The priority of all the projects and programs implemented this past year was to provide good opportunities for all the students to overcome their difficulties, comprehensively develop skills, and help each of them have a better life in the future.

### Philippines

Education programs remain the most challenging mission of Pearl S. Buck Foundation Philippines. Now in its third year, PSBP's college scholars serve as tutors for elementary and high school sponsored children. Through PSBP's education program, 100% of sponsored children were able to advance to the next grade level at the elementary, high school and college levels.

PSBP launched several projects this year, including a Sex Education Webinar for sponsored high school and college students in Pampanga, which has the highest rate of teenage pregnancy, and the Pre-Loved Selling for School Supplies project, in which the students collected gently used clothing and scheduled a one-day sale of these items. The proceeds were used to buy school supplies for 100 elementary sponsored children in Zambales and Bulacan.

The Christmas Gathering was once again held in-person, with the giving of the "Noche Buena" package, a pack of food for each family for their Christmas celebration. Amerasian Day 2023 was also celebrated with a poster-making contest using any Pearl S. Buck quote.



Two special projects were implemented last fiscal year. These are the "Pinoy Sari-Sari" Livelihood Support Project in Ormoc and the Psychological Assessment of 16 Girls at Lost Coin Ministries Foundation Shelter, which serves girls who are the victims of online sexual abuse and exploitation, three of whom are sponsored children.

There are 30 college scholars who have earned a bachelor's degree and finished their college education this year. It is PSBP's first time having that many college graduates at one time. This number is timely because PSBP is celebrating its 20th Anniversary this year and the PSBP-Alumni Association is scheduled to launch during the Anniversary celebration in December.

South Korea

According to the data and materials released by the Korean government, as of 2021, there are 385,000 multicultural households in Korean society, which account for 1.8% of all households. As the settlement of multicultural families has grown, the number of children from multicultural families aged 7 to 18 is fast growing.

Pearl S. Buck Foundation Korea (PSBFK) continues to carry out various support projects such as educational support for multicultural children and adolescents and livelihood support for vulnerable multicultural families (single parent families, families with disabilities, families suffering from disease, etc.), and provision of multicultural understanding education to help enhance awareness. PSBFK has implemented several projects to help support the multicultural families of Korea, including a kiosk donation campaign in the Samsung employee dining hall. The funds from this project provide medical support for a

multicultural adolescent suffering from a rare and incurable disease as well as livelihood support for his single mother. PSBFK's most successful project of the year was " Science Magic," a creative science support project for the education and care of the children of multicultural families. 30 children from underprivileged multicultural families participated in 'Science Magic,' receiving four types of



"science magic" teaching aids and participating in six contactless science programs.Consequently, the children were able to spend their leisure time after school engaged in these activities instead of spending that time alone; in particular, they were able to spend their time usefully instead of using their mobile phones or watching television.

Other projects implemented by Pearl S. Buck Foundation Korea supported the health, educational, livelihood, nutritional, and psycho-social needs of their constituents, including an after-school program for teenagers, creative science support, multicultural festivals, mask donations, meal support for children of multicultural families, a Pearl S. Buck 130th birthday celebration, legal advice for multicultural families, and multicultural family communication improvement.

#### Taiwan

Despite the challenges posed by the pandemic, PSBFTT continued to make a difference in the lives of those they serve. Thanks to the generous contributions from local enterprises to earmarked fund, they provided personal protective anti-COVID supplies and daily necessities to 193 families and 317 children under their care. PSBFTT support allowed them to re-engage in social activities with peace of mind while ensuring that the basic needs of the children were met.

The pandemic also affected PSBFTT funding sources. Corporate donations were redirected towards disease control and relief subsidies over the past two years, resulting in a significant reduction or cancellation of funding for services and activities. Furthermore, support from both the public and private sectors for personnel and administrative expenses has steadily decreased in recent years, with some sources being discontinued. However, the planning and execution of social care services, which require the dedication and



expertise of PSBFTT colleagues, cannot be replaced by cost-saving measures such as AI. Therefore, they have been actively exploring new funding sources and partnerships, increasing engagement with the public, in order to sustain operations and services. This has been one of the most significant challenges in recent years.

In the current year, core services have continued while introducing new initiatives:

- Scholarships and Bursaries: To encourage academic excellence, a total of 74 scholarships and bursaries were awarded to students ranging from elementary school to university.
- Empowerment Program for Second-generation Immigrants: Thirty high school students with a new immigrant parent were selected based on their academic accomplishments and character. These students are granted scholarships and bursaries for three consecutive years, encouraging them to pursue their aspirations and enhancing their competitiveness for the future.
- Empowerment Training in Hairdressing Skills: Recognizing that many primary caregivers in the families supported by PSBFTT are women, most of whom held entry-level service industry positions that were disrupted by the pandemic, it has been deemed crucial to equip them with professional skills. This not only increases their employability but also offers the potential to start their own businesses. This year, eight women successfully completed the training program.
- Shooting Service Videos: In the era of video marketing, it has become imperative to disseminate information about PSBFTT services through video content. They are delighted to have partnered with a business-established foundation that provided a professional team to produce six videos. These videos serve to effectively introduce and promote PSBFTT services and values to the public.

Sadly, in March 2023, Ms. Feng Hsien-Mei, the founding chair of the foundation, passed away at the age of 89. Ms. Feng was a pillar of strength and dedication to the Pearl S. Buck Foundation for an astounding 55 years since 1968. Initially focused on Asian-American mixed-race children, the mission shifted under her guidance to cater to the needs of new immigrant families. Her tireless efforts not only fulfilled the needs of countless children but also ensured the foundation's stability and growth, setting an inspiring example for all our colleagues.

### Thailand

The most successful project of the 2022-23 year for Pearl S. Buck Foundation Thailand was the Raising Black Pig for Food and Income project in Mae Ramard. This project taught children and their parents how to raise

black pigs for food and income; a pilot program of 20 sponsored children and their families participated, learning how to raise and breed the pigs for food security and to sell for extra income.

Other projects included teaching 61 sponsored children and their families about physical and oral healthcare check-ups; supporting families with vegetable garden-growing to promote better nutrition and provide extra income; knitted hats that were donated by a group of women to 65 young Karen hill tribe children to protect them from the cold and elements; and supporting frog and chicken-raising for better nutrition, some of which benefited children living with HIV/AIDS. Another project geared toward supporting the educational needs of sponsored children provided necessary education assistance such as school uniforms, school shoes, socks, school bags, and other supplies. This project allows each individual child to study better and do better in school while lessening the educational expenses of their families. PSBFT also provided career training and skills, in particular sewing and embroidery, to sponsored children and their families living below the poverty level to help them supplement their incomes.



Many children received extra support from their sponsors in the face of unexpected medical emergencies, helping to pay for medical treatments and physical therapy. 99 sponsored children benefited from donations to buy presents for New Year's and Children's Day celebrations. PSBFT staff made home visits to sponsored children and their families to give advice and teach them about healthcare, education, physical and psycho-social development, reduce malnutrition, support better communication among family members, and help build up good relationships between sponsored children and their generous sponsors, helping the children in writing letters and drawing pictures to send to the sponsors.

National Children Day's activities were organized for 38 preschool-age children, including showing off their abilities and talents, exercising to keep warm and strong in winter, developing friendships, and learning to work in groups. The children all had fun and learned pride and self-esteem.

### Vietnam

Covid-19 adversely affected the livelihood, health, and entire food systems of children in Vietnam. The pandemic in Vietnam resulted in nearly 12 million confirmed cases and more than 43,000 deaths. Even though each disadvantaged child is supported by the government, funding is limited to raise and educate a person. Therefore, the orphanages served by Pearl S. Buck International Vietnam remain in dire need of support from donors and organizations to supplement the nutrition, education and psycho-social development support. PSBIV has made great efforts to implement myriads of programs and projects to make a significant contribution to the hundreds of served beneficiaries living in 7 orphanages in Vietnam.

Under the Health Program, PSBIV continuously provided decent meals and appliances to the children, including children with HIV and children with disabilities, with funding from sponsorship program.

The children receive monthly nutrition supplementation to improve their daily meals, their standard of living, and their mental and physical health. In addition, 88 children in Birla are given hand soaps and toilet cleaner to prevent the spread of Covid as well as common contagious summerrelated diseases. Thanks to generous donations from donors and sponsors, 165 children with disabilities living in Thuy An Orphanage received diapers. In addition, PSBIV provided all 322 young children with milk and yogurt. 72 children also had eye check-ups and treatment then were provided with glasses.

Under the Education Program, PSBIV had supported essential learning items for 202 children including



books, notebooks, pens, calculators, lamps, and schoolbags. PSBIV hopes all children have enough supplies to confidently attend class, focus on their studies, and be motivated for the new academic year. Additionally, 156 children received 10 computers, 6 printers and 2 computer power supplies for their

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computer room, to attend online classes and practice their computer skills, which encourages self-studying and improvement in their academic performance. Furthermore, 18 children in Birla Village received shoes.

Under the Psycho-social Protection and Development Program, the orphans took part in special occasions including Lunar New Year, International Children's Day, Summer Vacation, and Mid-Autumn Festival. It is not only a recreational time for the children, but also a meaningful occasion to broaden their knowledge and understanding of Vietnamese culture and boost their spiritual development. These events offer time for the children to relax together, enjoy their childhood, and integrate well into the community. Moreover, PSBIV supported the orphans in Birla Orphanage with badminton rackets and badminton balls so the children can improve their health and use their free time effectively.

Apart from the great dedication and the devotion of the housemothers and staff in the seven orphanages, the significant support and endless love of sponsors and donors have also contributed to the children's development. Thanks to their spiritual and material aid, PSBIV could conveniently and successfully support the orphanages with basic necessities. Among these remarkable projects was the Computer Lab Project for 156 children in Center No.2 and Center No.3. Thanks to PSBIV's support, the orphanages have computer rooms with enough facilities for all the children to utilize.

The Child Sponsorship Program is the most crucial part of PSBIV activities. Despite challenges and difficulties caused by the Covid-19 pandemic, social and political changes, the Child Sponsorship Program has been operating successfully in Vietnam. Thanks to the program, the children have a good chance and favorable conditions to access well-qualified healthcare, good education, and a healthy living environment. Therefore, the children sincerely and honestly express their high appreciation, deep gratitude and thanks to PSBI in general and PSBIV in particular.

More financial details available on our website at: https:// pearlsbuck.org/financial-reportsand-documents/

# Pearl S. Buck House National Historic Landmark Museum

### Mission

Opening doors to promote the legacy of Pearl S. Buck by preserving and interpreting her National Hisotric Landmark home to educate the public and develop cross-cultural appreciation, opportunities for children and families, and worldwide partnerships.



520 Dublin Rd Perkasie PA 18944 215-249-0100 pearlsbuck.org The Pearl S. Buck House National Historic Landmark Museum continues to embody the life and legacy of Pearl S. Buck — as an award-winning author, as a humanitarian, and as an activist.

The Pearl S. Buck House shares Pearl Buck's legacy through preservation, interpretation, storytelling, and dialogue, linking the past to the present, to engage diverse audiences, while educating, inspiring, and empowering visitors to become active citizens and humanitarians. 2022-2023 saw XXX visitors to the property.

### Museum Receives Donation of Original Pearl S. Buck Book Illustrations

In September 2022, Pearl S. Buck International acquired original Anna Marie Magagna artwork created to illustrate Pearl Buck's 1958 children's book, *Christmas Miniature*. The artwork was donated by Jeanne Deuschle, sister of the artist, who died January 1, 2022. Magagna was chosen to illustrate the book after her neighbor, who worked at Pearl Buck's publisher, the John Day Company, submitted some of her drawings for consideration. The collection included the original proof drawings submitted to John Day; process drawings with notes, depicting how color layers were used for printing; and process study drawings. The artwork was put on display inside the Pearl S. Buck House during Festival of Trees.

### Virtual Exhibit: *Top Secret: The Pearl S. Buck FBI File*

To commemorate Women's History Month, Pearl S. Buck International released a new virtual exhibit on its website, **Top Secret: The Pearl S. Buck FBI File**, on March 29, followed by a complimentary virtual evening discussion and Q & A with curator Samantha Freise.

Pearl S. Buck was an outspoken public figure in a time of racial, social, and political



tension and upheaval. She was critical of government, war, and the treatment of people who were different. Her writings and actions drew the attention of the Federal Bureau Investigation and its Director, J. Edgar Hoover. The FBI, suspicious of communist propaganda and leanings, began compiling files on well-known personalities including, over the course of decades, a massive file on Pearl Buck.



**Top Secret** takes you through this journey of the FBI's tracking of Buck's writings, activities, and associations. Their files contains information on her involvement with the NAACP and other "organizations of concern", her writings advocating for racial justice and democracy, her opinions on military segregation, relief work for China, advocacy for India's independence, and more. Top Secret reveals not just the public essays and works of Buck that drew suspicion to her, but the private letters and memos written by Buck, Hoover, Winston Churchill, and more.

### **Financials**

### PEARL S. BUCK INTERNATIONAL, INC.

Statements of Financial Position June 30, 2023 and 2022

2023 2022 Assets Current Assets Cash and Cash Equivalents \$ 118,049 \$ 297,822 Investments - Cash and Cash Equivalents 3,708 3,574 Investments - Operating 30,914 29,725 252,226 Current Unconditional Promises to Give 263,388 Prepaid Expenses and Other Assets 6,015 12,679 Total Current Assets 422,074 596,026 Property and Equipment, Net 1,887,334 2,073,153 Other Assets Long-Term Unconditional Promises to Give, Net 71,974 172,260 Investments - Endowment 6,427 6,427 129,548 Split-Interest Agreements 127,397 Right of Use Assets - Operating Lease 34,679 306,084 Total Other Assets 242,628 Total Assets \$ 2,552,036 \$ 2,975,263

### PEARL S. BUCK INTERNATIONAL, INC. Statements of Financial Position June 30, 2023 and 2022

	2023	2022
Liabilities and Net Assets		
Current Liabilities		
Line of Credit	\$ 45,000	\$ -
Current Maturities of Mortgages Payable	29,725	28,790
Operating Lease Liabilities, Current	16,776	-
Accounts Payable	37,132	12,455
Accrued Expenses and Other Current Liabilities	89,518	66,803
Deferred Revenue	30,750	41,750
Total Current Liabilities	248,901	149,798
Long Term Liabilities		
Mortgages Payable	1,297,340	1,326,872
Operating Leases Liabilities	17,903	-
Split-Interest Agreement Liabilities	102,778	88,812
Total Long Term Liabilities	1,418,021	1,415,684
Total Liabilities	1,666,922	1,565,482
Net Assets		
Without Donor Restrictions		
Undesignated	(839,203)	(495,036)
Invested in Property and Equipment, Net of Related Debt	1,560,269	1,717,491
Total Without Donor Restrictions	721,066	1,222,455
With Donor Restrictions		
Perpetual in Nature	3,180	3,180
Purpose Restrictions	160,868	184,146
Total With Donor Restrictions	164,048	187,326
Total Net Assets	885,114	1,409,781
Total Liabilities and Net Assets	\$ 2,552,036	\$ 2,975,263

## **Financials**

### PEARL S. BUCK INTERNATIONAL, INC. Statement of Activities Year Ended June 30, 2023

	Without Donor Restrictions	With Donor Restrictions	Total
Support and Revenue			
Public Support General Contributions	\$ 514.001	s -	\$ 514.001
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International Program	546,579	40,408	586,987
Memberships	7,770	-	7,770
Gross Special Events Revenue	67,508	-	67,508
Less: Cost of Direct Benefit to Donors	(12,364)	-	(12,364)
Total Public Support	1,123,494	40,408	1,163,902
Pearl S Buck House Tours	40,930	-	40,930
Rental	134,723	-	134,723
Other	15,060	-	15,060
Cultural Tours	2,760	-	2,760
Consulting	16,004	-	16,004
Grants and Contracts	15,117	32,500	47,617
Net Assets Released from Restrictions	84,371	(84,371)	-
Total Support and Revenues	1,432,459	(11,463)	1,420,996
Expenses			
Program Services			
Cultural Programs	108,758	-	108,758
International Programs	757,269	-	757,269
Pearl S. Buck House	784,097	-	784,097
Supporting Services			
Management and General	178,874	-	178,874
Fundraising	106,344	-	106,344
Total Expenses	1,935,342	-	1,935,342
Change in Net Assets before Nonoperating			
Revenues, Gains and Other Suport	(502,883)	(11,463)	(514,346)
Nonoperating Revenue, Gains and Other Support			
Net Investment Income	1,494	-	1,494
Decrease in Value of Split-Interest Agreements	-	(11,815)	(11,815)
Total Nonoperating Revenue, Gains and Other Support	1,494	(11,815)	(10,321)
Change in Net Assets	(501,389)	(23,278)	(524,667)
Net Assets			
Beginning of Year	1,222,455	187,326	1,409,781
End of Year	\$ 721,066	\$ 164,048	\$ 885,114

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### PEARL S. BUCK INTERNATIONAL, INC. Statement of Activities Year Ended June 30, 2022

	Without Donor Restrictions	With Donor Restrictions	Total
Support and Revenue			
Public Support			
General Contributions	\$ 318,621	s -	\$ 318,621
International Program	564,971	64,737	629,708
Memberships	11,080	-	11,080
Gross Special Events Revenue	24,018	-	24,018
Less: Cost of Direct Benefit to Donors	(2,202)	-	(2,202)
Total Public Support	916,488	64,737	981,225
Pearl S Buck House Tours	32,357	-	32,357
Rental	181,380	-	181,380
Other	17,970	-	17,970
Cultural Tours	1,800	-	1,800
Consulting	31,619	-	31,619
Grants and Contracts	66,931	15,568	82,499
Net Assets Released from Restrictions	42,328	(42,328)	-
Total Support and Revenues	1,290,873	37,977	1,328,850
Expenses Program Services Cultural Programs International Programs Pearl S. Buck House Supporting Services Management and General Fundraising Total Expenses	179,035 787,111 837,998 124,838 76,496 2,005,478	- - - - -	179,035 787,111 837,998 124,838 76,496 2,005,478
Change in Net Assets before Nonoperating	(714 (05)	27.077	((7( (20)
Revenues, Gains and Other Suport	(714,605)	37,977	(676,628)
Nonoperating Revenue, Gains and Other Support Net Investment Income Decrease in Value of Split-Interest Agreements Total Nonoperating Revenue, Gains and Other Support	2,570	(10,296) (10,296)	2,570 (10,296) (7,726)
Change in Net Assets	(712,035)	27,681	(684,354)
Net Assets Beginning of Year	1,934,490	159,645	2,094,135
End of Year	\$ 1,222,455	\$ 187,326	\$ 1,409,781