2024-2025 Annual Report



Bridging Cultures and Changing Lives

Pearl S. Buck International

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International Programs

Pearl S. Buck International works to provide life-changing health, nutritional, educational, psycho-social and livelihood 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



This past year, Chongshi Girls' School completed a newly constructed section of campus, including a new canteen and an indoor sports area. Chongshi and Mao-Yisheng School continued to implement programs, projects and activities throughout the school year for the children focused on healthy physical, mental, and emotional development, including visiting the Pearl S. Buck Museum and Pearl S. Buck Residence, a school sports meet and other sporting activities, and participation in the Pearl S. Buck Reading Club. The school has returned to its focus on encouraging international educational exchange, a core component of the students' education before Covid, with its sister schools in Spain, Germany, Hong Kong, and Taiwan.

Korea

To assist multicultural families, Pearl S. Buck Foundation Korea (PSBFK) offered several programs over the course of the year. One was "Finding Hidden Planet," helping multicultural adolescents through relationship building, learning activities, bicultural exploration during a visit to Vietnam, and youth mentor training. This program was an extension of PSBFK's successful "Motherland Tour" program which has operated since 2008. The most successful project of the year was the Energy Plus Multicultural Youth Creative Talent Development Support. It provided scholarship support to six students with outstanding talent in math, science, and foreign languages to enable them to stay in school and pursue their studies. Other projects and programs included medical expense support for the children of multicultural families; scholarship offerings; online learning coaching; gifts for Chuseok; clothing and meals for underprivileged children; the provision of feminine care products; childcare support; residential improvement projects; and crisis support.



Philippines

Education remains the most challenging mission of Pearl S. Buck Foundation Philippines (PSBP). Students continue to learn both in-person and in online classrooms. College scholars offer tutoring services to younrger students through PSBP's successful Tutorial Program.

The College Scholarship Program continues to succeed; the number of sponsored children who are entering college is increasing. Through PSBP's education program, 100% of sponsored children were able to advance to the next grade level. The Health Program continues to be important to sponsored children and their families, including dental and medical check-ups. November's National Children's Month celebration included a lantern-making class, art and sports activities, and a seminar for college students on how to apply for a job. During the summer, PSBP conducted a teenage pregnancy awareness seminar to try to combat the high number of teenage pregnancies in the Philippines.



PSBP continues to grow its partnerships with local schools, businesses, and other groups and organizations. Through PSBP's strong partnership with De La Salle University, 16 projects focusing on mental health and psychological well-being were offered, including a career path seminar, a cooking class, mental health awareness training and mastering effective study habits seminar for teens, business planning, and more.

Taiwan

Pearl S. Buck Foundation Taiwan continued its work with new immigrant families including the operation of service centers providing family members with welfare consultation, case management, multicultural advocacy, interpretation services, volunteer training, on-the-job training, and community resources.

This past year the foundation organized a Youth Dialogue Session, allowing second-generation new immigrants to engage in self-reflection and value exploration through interactive board games and peer discussion. On the same day, the foundation also presented scholarships in recognition of outstanding second-generation students currently enrolled in senior high schools, vocational schools, and universities.



In addition to interpretation services for children and adults, Pearl S. Buck Foundation Taiwan once again offered job training sessions, including nail art and hairdressing workshops, to help new immigrant mothers convert their skills into actual income and entrepreneurial opportunities. Other workshops and training sessions included parent-child financial literacy and workplace experience camps for teens.

Thailand

Pearl S. Buck Foundation Thailand's key achievements over the year included providing children with scholarships, uniforms, and learning materials; strengthening early childhood education support through tutoring and mentoring programs; improving school attendance; providing regular health check-ups and education on preventing communicable diseases; promoting proper hygiene; and providing counseling and other psycho-social support.



Pearl S. Buck Foundation Thailand's most successful project this year focused on improving the health and nutrition of 83 students at Ban Gud Ra-ngum School. This project trained families on how to raise hens, providing 300 hens for families and the school. By providing protein-rich chicken meat and eggs, the project supports children's growth while reducing food costs for families and the school.

Vietnam

This past year, Pearl S. Buck International Vietnam (PSBIV) served 488 disadvantaged children in seven orphanages. PSBIV provided monthly nutrition support and kept the children fed even during storms when the orphanages lose access to food supplies due to flooding and damaged infrastructure. PSBIV's Scholarship Aid program supported three students from disadvantaged backgrounds who excelled academically but struggled with the high costs of higher education.

All 488 children took part in celebrations throughout the year such as Lunar New Year, International Children's Day, Summer Vacation, and Mid-Autumn Festival.



This year, PSBIV's most successful project was food support for the children living in Birla Village in the aftermath of Typhoon Yagi, cosidered the strongest typhoon in 2024. In Birla Village, the whole orphanage got flooded. On stormy days, going to markets to buy food is difficult and dangerous. PSBIV provided food support during and after the storm for 94 children so no one had to venture out and everyone stayed safe. The foremost mission of PSBIV is to implement meaningful programs and projects that deliver practical benefits to disadvantaged children in Vietnam. The ultimate goal is to help them break free from poverty, illiteracy, and both psychological and physical harm.

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 Historic Landmark home to educate the public and develop cross-cultural appreciation, opportunities for children and families, and worldwide partnerships.

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.



Exhibits & Intercultural Programming

Lunar New Year
Pearl S. Buck International hosted a Lunar New Year Celebration of the Year of the Snake in collaboration with the Central Bucks Chinese-American Association (CBCA) on Feb 8. Families were welcomed for an afternoon of activities, live entertainment, games, and food while learning who celebrates and how they celebrate Lunar New Year around the globe.



Global Leadership Program
Local high school students were welcomed to our campus for a summer session of our Global Leadership Program. This program is designed to help them become better students, college applicants, and global citizens and leaders.



"Pearl & Petals' Summer Exhibit
This special summer exhibit opened May 13 and featured a wide range of floral displays by local designers and florists throughout the rooms of the historic Pearl S. Buck House museum, inspired by the life and legacy of Pearl Buck and her love of flowers and gardens.



Financials

PEARL S. BUCK INTERNATIONAL, INC.
Statement of Activities
Year Ended June 30, 2025

	Without Donor Restrictions	With Donor Restrictions	Total
Support and Revenue			
Public Support			
General Contributions	$ 532,696	$ -	$ 532,696
International Program	379,218	37,342	416,560
Memberships	4,309	-	4,309
Gross Special Events Revenue	24,981	-	24,981
Total Public Support	941,204	37,342	978,546
Pearl S Buck House Tours	80,983	-	80,983
Rental	132,810	-	132,810
Royalties	10,000	-	10,000
Other	968	-	968
Global Leadership	2,060	-	2,060
Grants and Contracts	16,000	60,590	76,590
Net Assets Released from Restrictions	184,705	(184,705)	-
Total Support and Revenues	1,368,730	(86,773)	1,281,957
Expenses			
Program Services	1,140,155	-	1,140,155
Supporting Services			
Management and General	305,374	-	305,374
Fundraising	97,975	-	97,975
Total Expenses	1,543,504	-	1,543,504
Change in Net Assets before Nonoperating Revenues, Gains and Other Suport	(174,774)	(86,773)	(261,547)
Nonoperating Revenue, Gains and Other Support			
Net Investment Income	2,073	-	2,073
Change in Value of Split-Interest Agreements	-	10,693	10,693
Increase in Cash Surrender Value of Bequested Life Insurance Policy	828	-	828
Insurance Proceeds	41,006	-	41,006
Total Nonoperating Revenue, Gains and Other Support	43,907	10,693	54,600
Change in Net Assets	(130,867)	(76,080)	(206,947)
Net Assets			
Beginning of Year	451,959	176,694	628,653
End of Year	**$ 321,092**	**$ 100,614**	**$ 421,706**

Audited Financial Statements available upon request. Audited by DunlapSLK, Certified Public Accountants.

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PEARL S. BUCK INTERNATIONAL, INC.
Statement of Activities
Year Ended June 30, 2024

	Without Donor Restrictions	With Donor Restrictions	Total
Support and Revenue			
Public Support			
General Contributions	$ 604,177	$ 5,000	$ 609,177
International Program	527,529	37,412	564,941
Memberships	5,655	-	5,655
Gross Special Events Revenue	122,395	-	122,395
Less: Cost of Direct Benefit to Donors	(36,210)	-	(36,210)
Total Public Support	1,223,546	42,412	1,265,958
Pearl S Buck House Tours	55,177	-	55,177
Rental	158,074	-	158,074
Other	24,025	-	24,025
Cultural Tours	6,390	-	6,390
Grants and Contracts	21,000	65,500	86,500
Net Assets Released from Restrictions	98,108	(98,108)	-
Total Support and Revenues	1,586,320	9,804	1,596,124
Expenses			
Program Services			
Cultural Programs	11,825	-	11,825
International Programs	723,002	-	723,002
Pearl S. Buck House	822,436	-	822,436
Supporting Services			
Management and General	224,101	-	224,101
Fundraising	141,783	-	141,783
Total Expenses	1,923,147	-	1,923,147
Change in Net Assets before Nonoperating Revenues, Gains and Other Suport	(336,827)	9,804	(327,023)
Nonoperating Revenue, Gains and Other Support			
Net Investment Income	2,315	-	2,315
Increase in Value of Split-Interest Agreements	-	2,842	2,842
Increase in Cash Surrender Value of Bequested Life Insurance Policy	1,034	-	1,034
Insurance Proceeds	64,371	-	64,371
Total Nonoperating Revenue, Gains and Other Support	67,720	2,842	70,562
Change in Net Assets	(269,107)	12,646	(256,461)
Net Assets			
Beginning of Year	721,066	164,048	885,114
End of Year	**$ 451,959**	**$ 176,694**	**$ 628,653**

Financials

PEARL S. BUCK INTERNATIONAL, INC.
Statements of Financial Position
June 30, 2025 and 2024

	2025	2024
Assets		
Current Assets		
Cash and Cash Equivalents	$ 151,796	$ 180,652
Investments - Cash and Cash Equivalents	4,092	3,909
Investments - Operating	34,715	32,955
Current Unconditional Promises to Give	211,815	75,915
Grant Receivable	-	32,000
Prepaid Expenses and Other Assets	27,764	17,137
Total Current Assets	430,182	342,568
Property and Equipment, Net	1,570,327	1,755,065
Other Assets		
Long-Term Unconditional Promises to Give, Net	68,045	45,346
Investments - Endowment	6,427	6,427
Split-Interest Agreements	144,816	138,052
Cash Surrender Value of Bequested Insurance Policy	14,408	13,580
Right of Use Assets - Operating Lease	46,554	58,644
Total Other Assets	280,250	262,049
Total Assets	**$ 2,280,759**	**$ 2,359,682**

PEARL S. BUCK INTERNATIONAL, INC.
Statements of Financial Position
June 30, 2025 and 2024

	2025	2024
Liabilities and Net Assets		
Current Liabilities		
Line of Credit	$ 199,226	$ 72,316
Current Maturities of Long-Term Debt	100,152	63,635
Operating Lease Liabilities, Current	12,842	12,090
Accounts Payable	68,508	80,863
Accrued Expenses and Other Current Liabilities	112,173	118,811
Deferred Revenue	64,550	-
Total Current Liabilities	557,451	347,715
Long Term Liabilities		
Long-Term Debt	1,163,379	1,228,320
Operating Leases Liabilities	33,712	46,554
Split-Interest Agreement Liabilities	104,511	108,440
Total Long Term Liabilities	1,301,602	1,383,314
Total Liabilities	1,859,053	1,731,029
Net Assets		
Without Donor Restrictions		
Undesignated	(985,704)	(976,010)
Invested in Property and Equipment, Net of Related Debt	1,306,796	1,427,969
Total Without Donor Restrictions	321,092	451,959
With Donor Restrictions		
Perpetual in Nature	3,180	3,180
Purpose Restrictions	97,434	173,514
Total With Donor Restrictions	100,614	176,694
Total Net Assets	421,706	628,653
Total Liabilities and Net Assets	**$ 2,280,759**	**$ 2,359,682**

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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.

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