

Dear Yiyuan Foundation of Care and,

It's so happy to write you the second half year report, and though it is a little bit early for wishing Merry Christmas, please allow me, on behalf of all the children in the village, to send our best wishes, and Merry Christmas!

SOS Children's Village

The big news for the next half year is the university acceptance of our two girls and one boy. All of them made remarkable achievement in the university entrance exam, which is one of the most important tests for students in China. The girl in No.13 family has become the first one in the village who passes the score line for key universities, and she is also the first one who's going to get the bachelor-master diploma after 7-year's study of biomedicine, meaning she is the first would-be postgraduate of the village.



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This year, we newly recruited 2 kids, one boy and one girl. They've been living in No.5 and No.9 families for several months, and both of them have adapted to the new life well. The boy is such a cute pie both at home and in the kindergarten that whoever meets him can't help loving him. He loves to laugh, and every time he laughs, two little dimples would appear in the face, and such a lovely face. He is also a quite clever boy. Once, his mom saw him doing add and subtract exercises with an unusual method. She felt quite strange, and asked him how did he think of the method, and he replied: "My grandpa taught this to me before." But his mom still felt quite puzzled about how such a little boy could understand this method.

Transportation around the village is under sustained improvement. Bus stations have been set up just right before the village, and it takes less than 2 minutes for us to walk to the station. It is a new path for people to take buses, the bus company, therefore, has offered free buses for a period of time to have an experience. With more people knowing the path, we believe there will be more buses stopped at the station, and it will be more and more convenient for us to go to other places with less time and less money.

Youth Facility

This year, a batch of elder youth who passes 18 or graduates from school has left the village for their own independent life, and several younger ones have moved to the facility from families. Youth Facility continues to play its role of promoting democratic management. In order to help the younger ones who newly move there, elders are encouraged to integrate more into the younger ones' life and study, setting a good example for them and instilling their positive influence. In summer, the study teacher for the youth resigned, and a new teacher was needed to be employed. We immediately put the employment advertisement on the job market website, and before long, a girl came for the interview. She is qualified, and we employed her soon after. She is responsible and diligent for the work, and we believe she is able to do a wonderful job.

Training center

A session of lectures themed with child protection will be held in November in the village. The ten SOS villages in China will altogether send 20 SOS moms and aunts as the representatives to come to our village to receive the training courses. Right now, the education teachers are busy with contacting experienced professors and teacher to give the lectures. All preparations are underway. We will try our best to make the training this time as successful as we can.

SOS Kindergarten

The kindergarten this year has recruited 163 kids, including 8 SOS kids. Security is a priority that needs concern for the children, and regulatory security check on the facilities, equipments has been carried about periodically. At the same time, teachers will also be given security training on time so as to improve their awareness on children's safety. During the past year, there have been no incidents happening.

There is something happened to Shuaiyong. Since this semester, his mom found that he got not any reflection when calling him or talking to him, and only after repetition or loud voice could he realize that he was called. Mom took him to for a health check in the hospital, and the doctor diagnosed that something was wrong with his nose which affected his hearing. It was suggested that he take some pills at first, if not so effective, operation should be carried out. All of us feel so sorry for this little boy, and our leaders and relative working members are doing best to give him help.

Shuaiyong's been into comics recently. Often, he sits alone, holding a comic book, eyes on the pictures, so addictive. This is not a bad thing for him, as he seems to have some talent on drawing, this may be helpful for his imagination. Hope Shuaiyong get better and better.

Again, we have to thanks for your kind support and care for our children. We often receive your kind birthday card, gift and letter for them, and it is just the warmest love they need. Despite the distance of thousands of miles, we deeply appreciate what you've done, and Merry Christmas!

Yours,

Miss Zou Ying, Mr. He Sheng(Village director)