



**SOONG CHING LING CHILDREN'S FOUNDATION OF CANADA**

**加拿大宋慶齡兒童基金會**

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Dear Supporter/Friend of the Soong Ching Ling Children's Foundation of Canada,

For the past forty years, the Foundation has been finding ways to help needy children in both Canada and China. By identifying children's vital unmet needs and gaps in existing services, the Foundation has been able to develop and sustain programs that improve the physical, educational, emotional, and cultural well-being of children in both countries. We reach out to help children who are vulnerable or in need because of their background or social environment, because they are new immigrants, or who are challenged in other ways. Without our assistance, many of those children might never have had a chance to succeed and realize their potential.

With the outbreak of the COVID-19 pandemic, many new difficulties have confronted children in Canada and China, as well as those who care for them and attempt to improve their lives. At the same time, organizations such as the Soong Ching Ling Children's Foundation of Canada have been increasingly challenged in their efforts to raise funds for programs to assist those children. The Foundation has had to cancel its fundraising dinner for the second year in a row. This event normally provides much of the funding that allows us to support children with greatest needs throughout the year.

Instead of our fundraising dinner, the Foundation is launching a fundraising drive through appeals starting this month and continuing to June 2022. Our total project expenditures for this school year is currently approximately \$62,000. This includes the following programs:

- The **Brite 8 program** at Britannia Secondary School in Vancouver, which helps 8<sup>th</sup> graders at this inner-city school successfully navigate the difficult transition to high school, reducing absenteeism and disciplinary problems, while improving students' sense of belonging, self-esteem, and volunteerism. The program also helps train older students to serve as mentors.

- The **Boys Program** (formerly known as the “Boys Who Dare” program) also at Britannia, which targets particularly vulnerable boys who are struggling within the school environment by running weekly sessions that target life skills and leadership development.
- The **Outreach and Connect** after-school program at Tupper Secondary School, Vancouver. This program provides many vulnerable students with opportunities to connect with peers and caring adults, addressing their mental health needs, strengthening their ties to the school community and providing guidance and counseling within the context of enjoyable and educational activities.
- The **Sunrise iRead Program** at two schools located in poor rural areas of Henan Province, China. This program develops school libraries and provides training to teachers at those schools in ways to increase children’s love of reading and ability to think critically.

The Covid pandemic has only made clearer how many children desperately need our help, and in how many ways. Please do what you can to allow us to continue providing that help. To learn more about the Foundation, the ways in which we have helped children over the years, and how you can donate to support our work, please visit our website at [www.sclchildren.ca](http://www.sclchildren.ca).

Please consider making a donation today for the children. We are so grateful for your support and thank you in advance on behalf of all the children you will be helping.

For the Children,

Lisa Tsai

Chair, Fundraising Committee  
Soong Ching Ling Children’s Foundation of Canada