



LILYS FOUNDATION



LILY'S HOUSE

Give children love, hope and future

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Our story

I have been working for several foster homes to help orphans and other children who are at-risk and in need of help in China for almost 19 years. Children came to our foster home with all types of different and complex health issues such as heart disease, spina bifida, cerebral palsy, cleft lip palate etc. They were all given great amounts of love and care and received necessary surgeries, therapies, and education to prepare them to go into their adoptive families in the future. In the summer of 2018, I continued my foster home in Langfang and had 13 children to care for, but I also began to help children in poor families helping fund their education and giving much needed donations such as food and clothing. I also began to arrange much needed mental health training (Psychiatric and Psychological) to staff members in a multitude of orphanages.

Work continued but due to policy changes in China, a few of the orphans needed to go back to their original orphanages to receive care. Some children were extremely fortunate and were able to be adopted to loving and waiting families. After discussing this situation with our donors, we decided to close the old foster home and establish a new foster home within a state-run orphanage. The benefit to the children would be that they could receive the same level of care but in a more familiar environment without having to transport them to many unfamiliar places. I would like to say many thanks to our good partner Holt International organization, who aided us in our projects in China.

Everything is in HIS plan and HIS hands. In the summer of 2019, most of the children at my foster home in Langfang either went back to their orphanages, were adopted before going back, or were transferred to friendly foster homes. A happy ending for me is our last sweet little girl who will be adopted to a family whose home is only 40 mins away from my home in Chicago. In May of 2019, our new foster home, an orphanage in Inner-Mongolia, was opened and currently has 13



orphans residing there. Nannies have already been provided to take care of the children 24/7 and to provide them with good nutritional food. Therapist have been assigned to help these children with their multitude of needs and a brand new and beautiful environment has been provided for these children to live. Our children are incredibly happy to live in this new home.



As a result of the continued support of many good friends Yipai, Johanna, Guan Wei etc. LILYS FOUNDATION was established and currently has a 501(c)(3) nonprofit status. You can now receive a tax deduction if you donate to Lilys Foundation. Allen Kuo and I are co-founder and founder of LILYS FOUNDATION. Allen Kuo, MD is a practicing psychiatrist and has worked over 20 years in the field of Psychiatry. He will oversee our training program. We work as volunteers receiving no salary because we want to be HIS servants to continue to help in any way we can in the future.

By Lily Huang

Lily's House is now one year old.



Lily's House was established in a state-run orphanage in Inner Mongolia and started to receive children in May 2019. Currently there are 13 children residing there with a multitude of different health problem such as cerebral palsy, heart disease, down's syndrome etc. Two of our more beloved and experienced nannies were transfered from Langfang, where our old foster home was closed. They have worked for us for many years and now bring their years of experience and love to Inner Mongolia to continue to care for these children as well as teach and train the other nannies in their art. We have also added therapist to our staff to continue to aid our children's physical and mental wellbeing. Lily's House has its own kitchen so we can continue to provide nutritious meals for the children. After several months, we have seen the children progress to become happier, healthier, and truly have grown to love and call this their home. In the past year, our foster home has become a major showcase project in the entire orphanage. The mayor of the city and the leader of the Civil Affairs Bureau has actually paid us a visit celebrating Lily's House's accomplishments and giving gifts to the children. Our desire for all our children this year is that their adoption files can be finished so they will have an



opportunity to be adopted in the future.

Children's stories



Calla just celebrated her 10th birthday. She was brought to the orphanage when she was around 4 years old. She is an extremely sweet girl with a wonderful amount of energy and a cheerful heart. Her health issue is cerebral palsy, and she continues to need physical therapy. While at Lily's House this past year her walking has improved tremendously, she is completely toilet trained, and her cognitive understanding has skyrocketed. She has significantly improved in all areas of her life since being with us.

One of our best friends and supporters, Johanna, gave her this beautiful name.

Johanna and her family previously adopted sweet Gia, and when her family went back to China last summer to adopt Junjun they ended up meeting Calla for the first time. From the moment she snuggled up with them they fell in love with her energy, her heart, and her radiance.

Please pray for Calla's adoption paperwork to be finalized soon so she can be available for adoption.

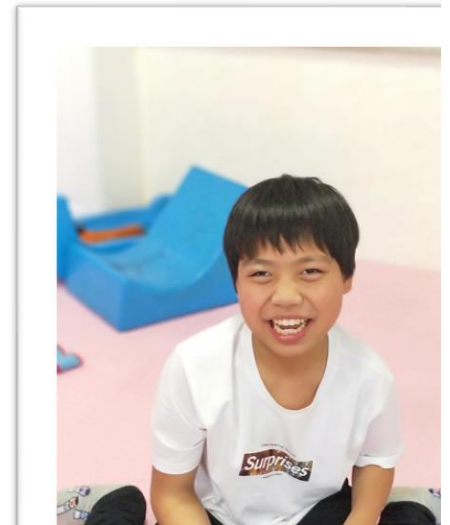


Brian came to our house in

May of 2019, and shortly after he found his adoptive family. He should have gone to his adoptive family this summer before his 14th birthday in August 2020, but the pandemic delayed this process, and his adoptive family was unable to go to China. Chinese adoption law requires that a child be under 14 years old to be adopted but fortunately for him the laws were changed this year to 18 years of age.

Brian has cerebral palsy, but he speaks fluently and can walk for himself without aid for about 100 feet. He also uses a walker. He loves to sing songs and he sings constantly in the orphanage.

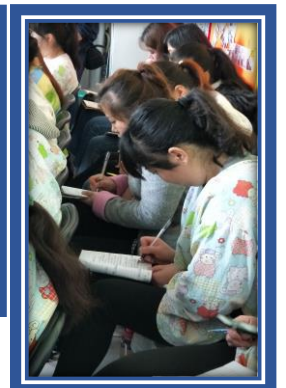
Please pray for him and his adoptive family that the doors will be opened soon so they can go to China and bring him home.



Mental Health

Training Project

Mental health training will be one of our main projects of our work in the future. After working and discussing with many orphanage directors and foster homes, we knew that mental health, its understanding and clinical usage, is becoming a growing need in orphanages. We have since had the privilege to travel to several orphanages to teach their staff as well as work on clinical cases together to improve the lives of some of these children. One orphanage we visited we had the privilege to work with a 28-year-old boy who in the end the result





was nothing short of a miracle. This boy arrived at the orphanage at the age of 24 and has spent the last 4 years of his life solely at the orphanage. The staff provided him good care, was very friendly to him and attempted to obtain information from him such as his home address and telephone number so they could send him back to his family, since he had not connected with them for a long time and they were certain his family missed him. Unfortunately, he never disclosed this information to them and

was unwilling to tell them why he would not do so. While we were there, we were able to have about 20 minutes alone with him. Before the 20 minutes were up, he broke down and told us everything and then asked to borrow the director's cell phone to call his father. After talking to his father for a short period of time he told the orphanage director his home address and informed us that his father would be coming to bring him home right away. What a miracle to not only see him talking again to his father after such a long time but to see that in 20 minutes his life was changed for the better. He now has a new life, a new hope, and a new future. We are very encouraged and hope



eventually we can help more and more children with mental health issues. A big thanks to Selah Healthcare Professionals, to Dr. Kuo, MD and Dr. Ronald Ercoli (Psy.D.) who went to China to help orphans, and to all of the group members for their selfless dedication. We are very saddened, because of the pandemic, that we have had to cancel trips this year, but we hope we can continue our training after the pandemic has settled down.



Needs for Lily's House

We are grateful and appreciative to have your support. Lily's House budget is 30000rmb (\$4393usd per month depending on the current exchange rate) a month to pay for staff salaries, healthy nutritious food, and other supply needs. So please continue to help us to keep Lily's House going well during this Pandemic time. Without your support, we cannot continue to help orphans or provide the necessary training to make their lives improved and possibly ready for adoption. Several ways to join us monetarily to help orphans are listed below:

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