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## A NOTE FROM OUR founder + director

"Orphans are easier to ignore before you know their names. They are easier to ignore before you see their faces. It is easier to pretend they're not real before you hold them in your arms."

-- David Platt (Pastor + Author of "Radical")

Dear Hope Station family,

Children who have been orphaned or abandoned are some of the hardest children in China to reach. 98% of these children have special needs, left out in the cold simply because their families weren't prepared to face the social stigma of raising a child who is different. Kept behind closed orphanage doors, they are unwanted and untouchable.

In the face of this glaring reality, Hope Station extends a hand of hope. Our volunteers go into local orphanages week after week to hold a crying baby, to play face-to-face with a child who's been forgotten, to sing happy birthday to a teen who's never blown out the candles before. Hope Station staff members meet with young parents who just found out their son has autism and don't know where to turn. Our trained therapists listen to orphanage caregivers share their struggles and then offer practical solutions.

I moved to China 5 years ago with a dream to bring hope to orphaned children through foster care. Those who have followed our story know that although the mission of our work was forced to adjust, our vision has become clearer. Because of this, Hope Station is now serving children and local families so much better, and expanding into new communities is possible. It is beyond what I could have imagined.

It has been a joy to walk this journey with you, our donors, prayer warriors, and all around champions. Every day, I feel your strength from near and far. As our most faithful supporters, you are standing in the gap for these incredibly precious lives. No longer are they ignored or invisible. They are precious, they are known, and they are loved. On behalf of the children, thank you. Your generosity has truly changed their lives.

Gratefully,

Rebekah Kepha

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Founder + Director



## **WHO WE ARE**

HOPE STATION serves children who are orphaned in Asia by raising up champions and caregivers who are motivated by love and equipped to care for their unique needs.











## **OUR TEAM**

### staff

Rebekah Kepha, Executive Director Margarete Zhang, Cultural Liaison Ryan Li, Communications Specialist Talia He, Program Site Manager Erica Xu, Program Manager Marsha Wilder, Administrative Associate

## board of directors

Jim Smith, Board Chair Michael Wilder, Secretary Erin Harris, Member Joel Baerg, Member Tarrah Palm (through 2019) Deanna Morrow (through 2019)



## WHAT WE DO



Children in orphanages are unable to get the amount of quality attention that they deserve. Through Hope Station's 1-on-1 Volunteer Program, over 50 children have been impacted for good. These children are growing up feeling loved, valued, and known.



#### **THERAPY**

The majority of children in orphanages have special needs.
Through Hope Station's Therapy
Program, children receive therapy in many forms from professional therapists. Each victory brings them closer to a thriving, independent life.



## CAREGIVER TRAINING

Child to caregiver ratios are often as high as 40:1 in orphanages. Caregivers are overworked and lack support. We provide professional training and support to these caregivers, so they can give their children the care they deserve.



## **ADOPTION SUPPORT**

We advocate for waiting children and offer support to families in the adoption process. We are honored to have walked with some incredible forever families as they journeyed through adoption, both before and after their "Gotcha!" days.



#### **FAMILY STRENGTHENING - NEW!**

We walk alongside families as they raise their special needs children at home. We believe that supporting families in need is the answer to seeing a China without orphans!

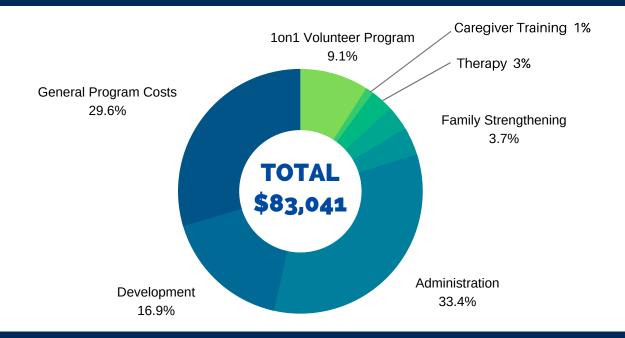


## 2019 HIGHLIGHTS

- **ORPHANAGES RECEIVED** SUPPORT SERVICES
- CHILDREN IN ORPHANAGES **75** SERVED THROUGH VARIOUS **PROGRAMS**
- CAREGIVERS SUPPORTED THROUGH TRAINING. RESOURCES. ENCOURAGEMENT **OR SUPPORT**
- **ORPHANAGE VISITS THAT** PROVIDED ACTIVITIES AND 144 QUALITY TIME FOR THE KIDS AND TRAINING AND **RESOURCES FOR STAFF** 
  - KIDS RECEIVED THERAPY
  - **FAMILIES WITH SPECIAL NEEDS CHILDREN SUPPORTED** THROUGH THE FAMILY STRENGTHENING PROGRAM
  - **VOLUNTEERS VISITED THE** 35 ORPHANAGE ON A REGULAR BASIS TO PLAY 1-ON-1 WITH A CHILD
    - **FAMILIES RECEIVED PRE OR** POST ADOPTION SUPPORT
    - **EVENTS HOSTED TO RAISE COMMUNITY AWARENESS**

## **OUR FINANCIALS**

We do our best to use our financial resources wisely. This year our expenses have been higher as we expanded our staff team, opened a new office, started a second orphanage partnership, and invested in our overall infrastructure to ensure the strength and stability of our work. Here's how your donation gave hope to vulnerable children and families in China in 2019:



None of this would be possible without the faithful support of our donor family. This year, we were especially blown away by your generosity. Thank you from the bottom of our hearts. Your gifts are hard at work changing lives and healing hearts and homes.















