



HOPE STATION



2022 ANNUAL REPORT

**10 YEARS OF SERVING
CHILDREN + THEIR FAMILIES**

A NOTE FROM OUR *founder + director*

"Love is never wasted." A wise friend said this to me after an orphanage visit in the early days of Hope Station. Her words have always stuck with me.

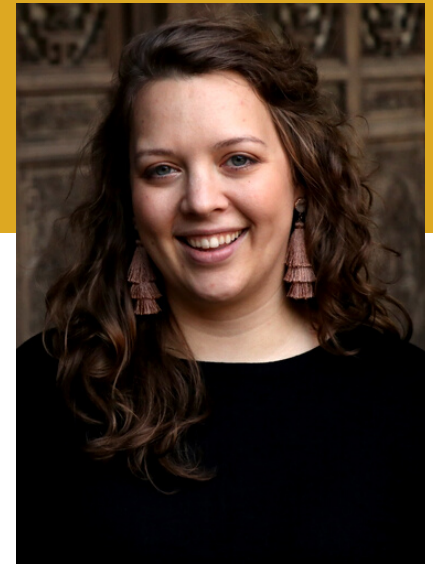
In 2022, we commemorated 10 years of service to children with special needs and their families in China. It was a year of celebration, for all the children that have received love and care, and for the families that remain united together.

At the same time, it was a difficult year. Pandemic restrictions made it difficult for families to get the consistent services they need.

Nevertheless, through it all, my friend's words rang true. Every hug for a lonely child, every therapy session, every encouraging word to a struggling mother, every holiday gift, every webinar for parents... it all mattered. None of it was wasted.

I want to thank our Board of Directors for their governance and support throughout this unpredictable and tumultuous year. My special thanks goes to our Board Chair, Jim Smith, who stepped down after 6 years of faithful service. I welcome board member Chloe Banks as our new Board Chair, and Pao Her as a new member and Treasurer. I also look forward to welcoming Paika Liu and Dawn Seabolt in 2023, bringing valuable expertise in trauma, parenting, family care, adoption, and fundraising.

Thank you for your prayers, support, and generosity throughout 2022. Know that it made an incredibly significant difference for vulnerable children and their families throughout an incredibly difficult year.



Rebekah Jo Kephau
Founder + Director



OUR MISSION

Hope Station serves children who are orphaned or disabled in Asia by raising up champions and caregivers who are motivated by love and equipped to care for their unique needs.





10 YEARS OF SERVING CHILDREN WITH SPECIAL NEEDS IN CHINA



99

CHILDREN WITH SPECIAL
NEEDS SERVED, IN
ORPHANAGES AND IN FAMILIES



24

FAMILIES RAISING CHILDREN
WITH SPECIAL NEEDS
SUPPORTED THROUGH VISITS,
THERAPY, EDUCATION AND MORE



299

HOME VISITS MADE TO
FAMILIES RAISING CHILDREN
WITH SPECIAL NEEDS



60

CAREGIVERS AND PARENTS
RECEIVED PROFESSIONAL
TRAINING



22

CHILDREN WITH SPECIAL
NEEDS RECEIVED DIRECT
THERAPY SERVICES



120

VOLUNTEERS EMPOWERED TO
LOVE, SERVE, TEACH, EQUIP,
AND CARE FOR CHILDREN AND
CAREGIVERS



5

ADOPTIONS SUPPORTED
LOCALLY AND
INTERNATIONALLY



2

LOCAL ORPHANAGE
PARTNERSHIPS

A NOTE FROM OUR *China Director*

回顾2022年，在经历了长达近2个月的因为国内疫情持续反复的封控下，我不禁感慨万千。

在2022年年初的时候，我们在成都成功地注册了民办非，这样的官方身份让我们满心鼓舞，因为这将为我们未来的工作预备道路。

每次驱车前往其他的小城镇家访时，我们从来不觉得疲惫，仿佛就像郊游。家长们紧紧地握住我们的手，热情地招待我们，这些都是他们对我们工作的信任。尤其是在听到家长向我们诉说他们孩子的进步时候，我内心的满足感也油然而生。

而后的疫情反复、限电和新冠感染导致我们不能正常探访，甚至都不能走出屋外。好几次我都感到无力和失落，甚至产生无价值感。感谢Rebekah和我们的赞助者时常用语言鼓励我，叫我不至灰心。我们也将鼓励传递给每个孩子和他们的家人，他们也会满有盼望地面对新的一年。

2023年对于中国是重新开放的一年，我想它对我们也会是突破的一年。感谢大家与我们一直同在。

Looking back on 2022, and after almost 2 months of continuous lockdown and repeated containment throughout the year, I can't help but feel a thousand emotions.

At the beginning of the year, we successfully registered our NGO in Chengdu—something we never thought was possible. This official status inspires our team and prepares the way for our future work.

Even after 2 years of pandemic restrictions, we never get tired of going on home visits to the families. To our team, these visits feel more like outings rather than work. The parents hold our hands so tightly and treat us so warmly, showing the special trust that has been built with each vulnerable family. When I hear the families tell us about their children's progress, I feel incredibly proud and honored to be part of this valuable work.

Later in the year, repeated outbreaks and quarantine periods, electrical power outages, and Covid-19 infections left us unable to visit families or even get out of our own houses. There were days when I felt frustrated and even useless. I'm thankful to Rebekah and all of our sponsors and supporters for their kind words that encouraged me and the team to not lose heart. We passed that encouragement on to each child and their family, and they all continue to remain strong and hopeful in the face of a new season.

2023 will be a year of re-opening year for this country, and I think it will also be a breakthrough year for the children and families we serve. Thank you for standing with us.



张群

Margarete Zhang
China Director





Family Strengthening Program

98% of the children who end up in China's orphanages have special needs. Social stigmas, financial pressures, and lack of resources make it incredibly difficult for families to raise a child with special needs.

Strengthening families is the key to preventing children from ending up in orphanages. Families who join our program receive:

- + Home visits
- + Therapy
- + Training + resources
- + Encouragement



Orphanage Support Program

100,000 children are abandoned every year in China. Growing up behind the closed doors of local orphanages, children are forgotten, alone, and nameless.

We hope to see a China without orphanages someday. In the meantime, we assist orphanages to improve the quality of care they provide to children, through caregiver training, direct therapy services, adoption support, and activity days for children.

****Services for orphanages were limited in 2022 due to pandemic restrictions.**



OUR PROGRAMS





XIN XIN'S FAMILY

XinXin's family joined our Family Strengthening Program this year. Her parents are both blind, and though she herself is not, her genetics means she is at risk of developing blindness. The good news is, it can be prevented.

Hope Station helped her parents to find and pay for the right medical check ups for little Xin Xin. She will continue to receive check ups on a regular basis, and Hope Station will help her get the resources, therapy, and supplies that she needs to prevent her from developing blindness.

Xin Xin's family has 3 incredible sponsors that support their care month after month, and needs one more sponsor.

[Learn about Family Sponsorship here.](#)

FuYin (which means "grace") was born with Down Syndrome, and she has two older brothers who also have major medical needs.

After her mom left them suddenly, FuYin and her father and brothers struggled significantly. But Hope Station was there with them to walk them through the transition emotionally, logistically, and financially. Her father travels for work, so FuYin especially loves the home visits with the Hope Station staff every week. She gets speech therapy right in her home, on top of the love, attention, and care she desperately needs.

FuYin's family has 3 incredible sponsors that support their care month after month, and needs one more sponsor.

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FU YIN'S FAMILY





2022 HIGHLIGHTS

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FAMILIES RAISING CHILDREN WITH SPECIAL NEEDS SUPPORTED THROUGH VISITS, THERAPY, EDUCATION AND MORE

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CHILDREN WITH SPECIAL NEEDS RECEIVED DIRECT THERAPY SERVICES

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VOLUNTEERS FROM AROUND THE WORLD SERVING CHILDREN AND THEIR FAMILIES

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FAMILY STRENGTHENING ACTIVITIES HOSTED ONLINE TO OFFER TRAINING, COUNSELING, AND COMMUNITY

105

HOME VISITS MADE TO FAMILIES RAISING CHILDREN WITH SPECIAL NEEDS

1

FAMILY STRENGTHENING ACTIVITY HOSTED IN PERSON TO HONOR MOTHERS

21

ORIGINAL ARTICLES AND VIDEOS PUBLISHED TO RAISE LOCAL AWARENESS ABOUT SPECIAL NEEDS

ALL ACHIEVED DESPITE **120** DAYS OF LOCKDOWN, QUARANTINE, OR RESTRICTED MOVEMENT AROUND THE CITY



THANK YOU!

The generosity of our faithful donors, sponsors, partners and supporters, has provided life-changing support to children with special needs and their families this year.

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Over 166 Individual Donors and 15 volunteers
from around the world



WHAT'S NEXT

There was so much uncertainty over the last 3 years, with high pandemic restrictions coming and going. Our team and our families have been in survival mode for too long.

It's time to get back to what we do best: helping special needs families that want to stay together to stay together.

2023 will be a year to heal and re-establish. Each family will finally get the unique and consistent support that they need from our staff, without interruption.

Consistent therapy will help children to grow and learn. Monthly home visits will help families to get specialized support, training, and encouragement. Group activities will help special needs parents and their children to build community with others like them.

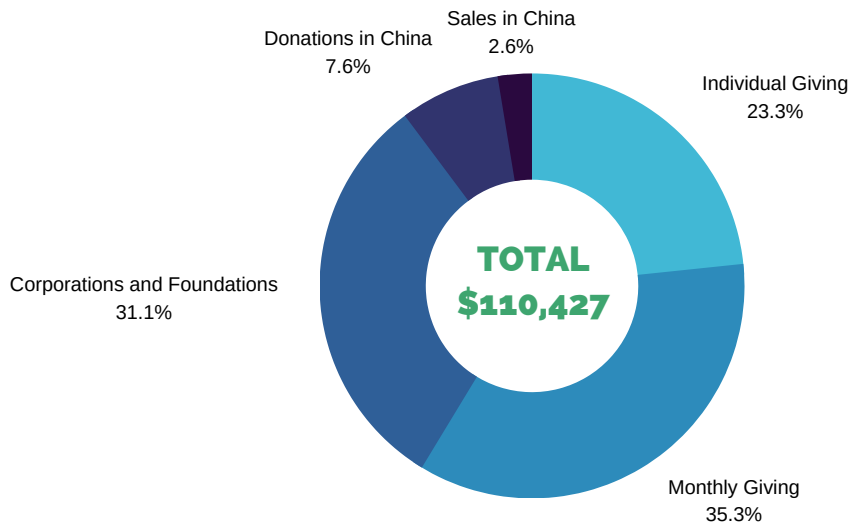
Here's to more families staying together in 2023.



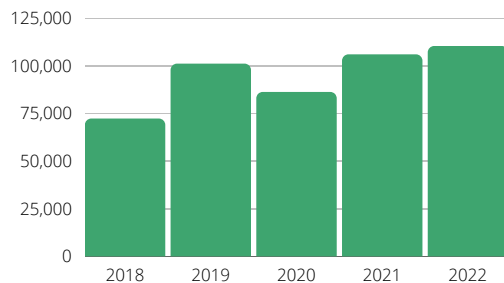
None of this important work would be possible without the faithful support of our donor family. We are incredibly grateful for those that chose to give in 2022. Thank you from the bottom of our hearts. Your gifts are hard at work changing lives and healing hearts and homes.

We use our financial resources very intentionally. Many factors go into how each expense category is calculated below. The deficit between income and expenses in 2022 was covered by previous years' reserves. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact us. Here's how your donation gave hope to vulnerable children and families in China in 2022:

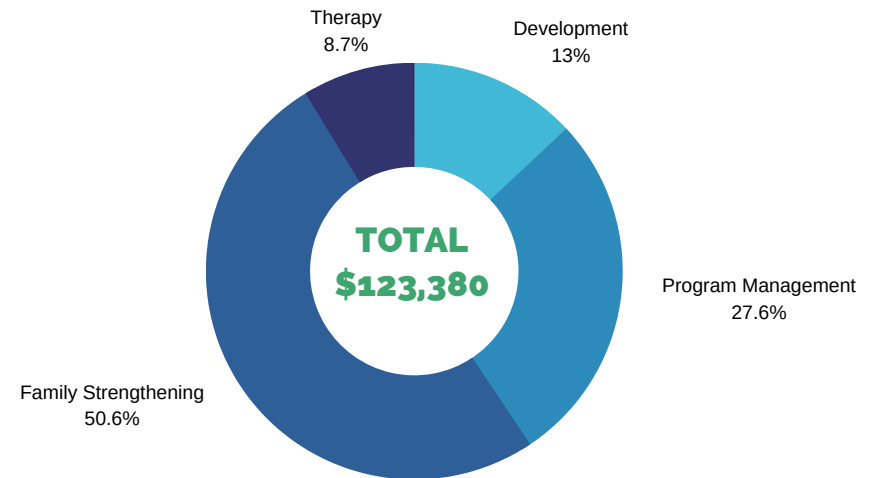
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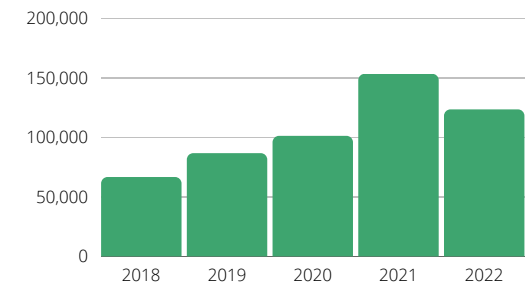
Donations in Recent Years (in USD)



EXPENSES



Expenses in Recent Years (in USD)



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