



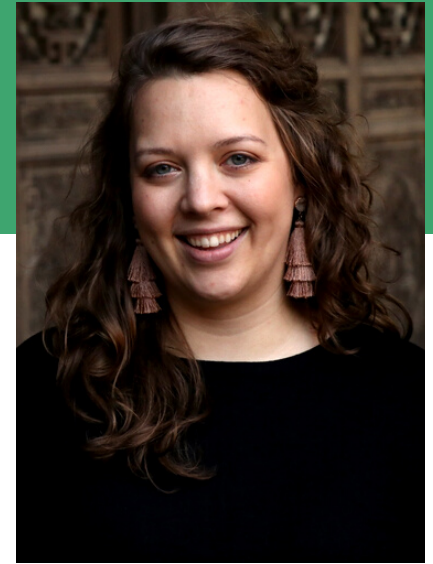
HOPE STATION

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公益服务中心



2023
ANNUAL
REPORT

A NOTE FROM OUR *founder + director*



2023 was a fresh start for Hope Station!

It was an absolute joy to see families open wide their doors to us after 3 years of pandemic restrictions. Families eagerly stepped out of their homes to attend our family activity days, bring their child to therapy every week, and engage in our parent workshops.

We hosted more events for children and families than ever before in one year. Children that had struggled for too long made great strides through consistent speech and physical therapy. And we also saw our first family graduate from our Family Strengthening program.

In August, I made my first trip back to China since 2020. It was jam packed with visits to all the families I had never personally met, leading workshops for parents and therapists, staff trainings and team building activities, and meeting partners and donors all over Chengdu. I was so encouraged to hear directly from the families how the support they've received has made an impact on their lives.

Going into 2024, we are excited to welcome 2 new members to our staff team in China. With an Events Coordinator and a Communications Specialist, we are now uniquely positioned to serve even more families and reach even further into the community.

Thank you for your prayers, support, and generosity throughout 2023. Your support has been instrumental in moving families raising children with special needs from surviving to thriving.

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.



A NOTE FROM OUR *China Director*

随着中国的大门敞开，我们每个人都为之兴奋。新春一开始，项目就如火如荼地开展起来。

经过三年的蛰伏，我们在项目服务质量上也有了更高的追求，为了丰富受助家庭的生活，我们认真倾听每个家庭的需求并及时调整，项目组会精心策划不同类型的户外活动或线上课程：在我们邀请心理咨询师为受助家庭提供免费的咨询服务，曾经有过轻生念头的一名家长通过持续的服务也恢复了对生活的信心。

由于自身缺陷受到的社会偏见，我们服务的孩子大部份都没有机会认识跟他同龄的小伙伴，我们联合成都的学校开展趣味活动，给双方的孩子更多机会了解。我们也鼓励受助儿童尝试学习多一些技能，例如游泳、乐器、播音等，我们帮助了2名视力受损儿童和1名自闭儿童学习这些技能。

正如我们机构的名称一样，我们邀请所有关心特需儿童的爱心人士跟我们一同前行，为弱势儿童及家庭带去生活的希望！

When China's doors opened earlier this year, all of us were excited! And by the beginning of Chinese New Year, our services were back in full swing.

After three years of waiting, we were finally able to pursue a high quality of services for families in need. In order to enrich their lives, we listened to the needs of each family and made adjustments to their services, and we designed a variety of activities and webinars. After collaborating with professional counselors to provide free counseling to families, one parent who had struggled with suicidal thoughts regained her confidence and embraced her life raising her child with a serious medical condition.

Most of the children we work with don't spend much time with other children their age, due to social prejudice against disabilities. So this year, we collaborated with several local schools to host fun activities that gave children from both sides more opportunities to get to know each other. We also supported children in learning special skills: two children with visual impairments received swimming and music lessons, and one child with autism received specialized tutoring.

Just like the name of our organization claims, we continue to invite kind-hearted people who care about children with special needs to walk with us as we bring hope into the lives of vulnerable children and families!



张群

Margarete Zhang
China Director



One of the most common questions we get: “How is the orphanage doing?” Actually, we haven’t done orphanage work for 4 years now. In 2020, we shifted our focus from orphanage work to orphan prevention... more specifically, family strengthening.

The second most common question we get: “What do you actually do for the families?”

This is a *great* question. Each family has unique needs, which means that each needs unique support. But primarily, the support we provide centers around 3 pillars: home visits, therapy or skills training for the child, and activities and events for the whole family.

We strongly believe that strengthening families is the key to preventing children from ending up in orphanages in the first place.

WHAT IS FAMILY STRENGTHENING?





XiaoHang's family was one of the first ever to join our Family Strengthening Program.

In 2023, XiaoHang turned 18 years old, and so his family officially graduated from our program. It was a bittersweet day when we showed up with celebratory cake, a graduation certificate, and flowers for his mama. We sent them into this next season of life with our full blessings, and as many resources as we could find for young adults with disabilities.

"Hope Station and you all helped us a lot during the past few years, I'm so thankful to you, and it makes me really happy." -- XiaoHang's mama

[Learn about Family Sponsorship here.](#)

XIAO HANG'S FAMILY

RUI RUI'S FAMILY

RuiRui's family joined our Family Strengthening Program several years ago. 6 year old Rui Rui has autism. She loves to read books, draw cartoons with her dad, and go to special needs school. She has incredibly supportive parents who are doing everything they can to help their daughter thrive.

During one of our home visits with them, we asked her mama what she's appreciated about being part of our Family Strengthening Program. She said:

"I used to think our daughter is a burden to the society. But after meeting you all, I now see that there are more people in the world who love our daughter."

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2023 HIGHLIGHTS



16

FAMILIES ENROLLED IN OUR FAMILY STRENGTHENING PROGRAM



513

THERAPY SESSIONS PROVIDED TO CHILDREN WITH DISABILITIES



120

HOME VISITS MADE TO FAMILIES RAISING CHILDREN WITH SPECIAL NEEDS



55

PARENTS, GRANDPARENTS, AND CAREGIVERS RECEIVED PROFESSIONAL TRAINING



10

CHILDREN WITH SPECIAL NEEDS RECEIVED DIRECT THERAPY SERVICES



22

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



1st

FAMILY GRADUATED FROM OUR FAMILY STRENGTHENING PROGRAM



DIRECTOR REBEKAH'S **1st** TRIP TO CHINA SINCE 2020



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A SPECIAL TRIP

Director Rebekah Kepha made her first trip to China this year since moving to the US in 2020.

It was a very special time for the entire team, and a turning point for our organization in many ways.

During the visits to meet each family, our team was encouraged to hear how deeply each of these parents love their child, and how eager they are to find the unique support their child needs.

But we also noticed many gaps in the resources available to families, especially related to mental health for parents and education opportunities for children with disabilities.

We look forward to focusing more on filling these specific gaps in 2024 and beyond.

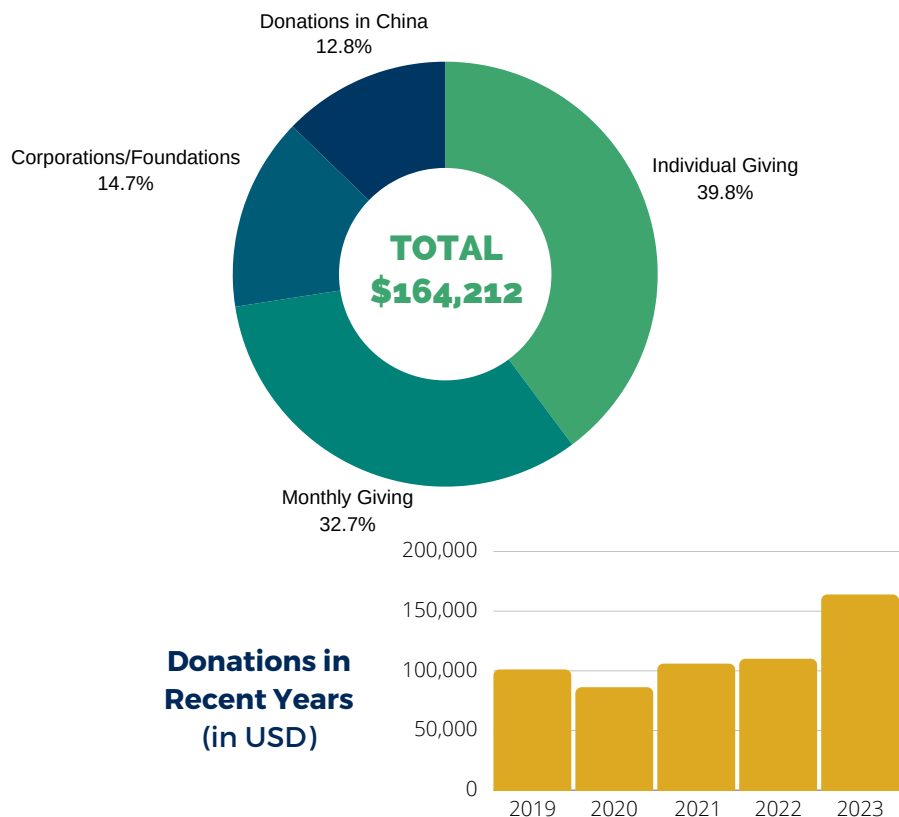
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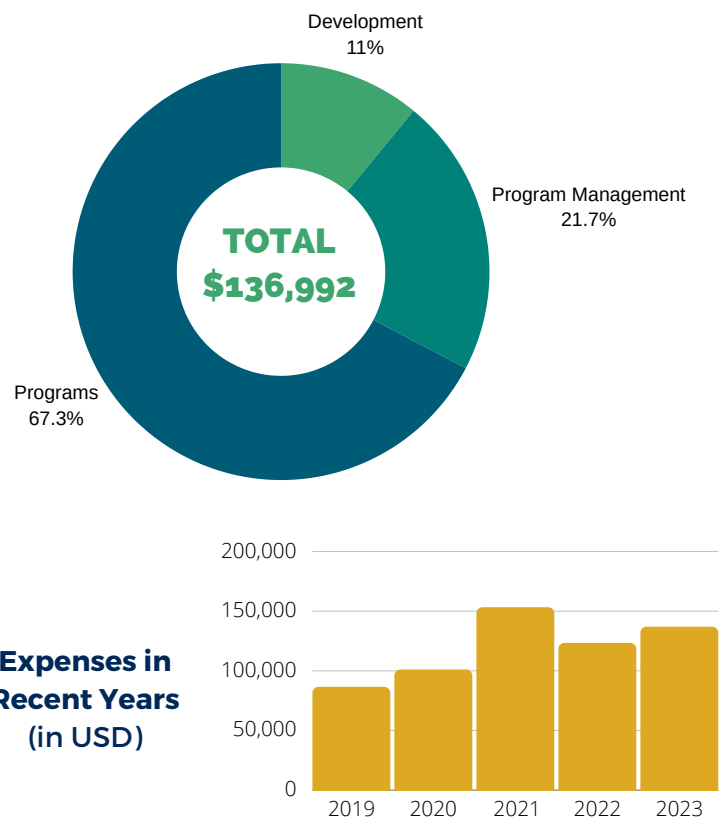
None of this important work would be possible without the faithful support of our donor family. We are incredibly grateful for those that chose to give in 2023. Thank you from the bottom of our hearts. Your gifts are hard at work changing lives and healing homes.

We use our financial resources very intentionally. Many factors go into how each expense category is calculated below. 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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