



You can help Xuan's family thrive!

The Family Partners Program aims to strengthen vulnerable families as they care for their child with a disability. One family needing help right now is Xuan's.

Xuan is 14yrs old and has Cerebral Palsy. He lives with his parents and younger sister. His Dad is a taxi driver and the sole breadwinner for the family. Unfortunately, his young Mum is battling bowel cancer and is undergoing chemotherapy. In China the family needs to pay medical expenses and it's a large financial burden on the family.

We want to help! And through your generosity we can!

Portia, our FPP manager explained "we are already supporting Xuan's therapy needs but we'd love to help with some of their education costs so Xuan can stay in the local school. One of their main struggles is paying the daily school meal costs for Xuan and his sister. If we can help them for the next few months, it will help ease their financial burden during Mum's cancer treatment."

Could you help? Your gift of just \$55 will provide a week of school meals for Xuan and his sister. It takes a village to raise a child! Thank you!



Our Vision
All children with a disability living fulfilling lives in a welcoming society that accepts and respects them.

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Well done, good and faithful servant

After 21 years of service to the children of China, one of our favorite people headed home to Australia recently. **Karen** has served faithfully in a number of key roles in ICC projects. Over the years, Karen's constant companion was a fuzzy, friendly dog named Rainbow. They were quite the team!

Now Karen is back in Australia, taking a well-deserved break as she seeks God's guidance for her future. We wish her much happiness in this new season—and many thanks for a life of service.

Stories of Hope



Poverty, Disability and Bereavement

How you helped one family to cope



We first met Fengfeng, a playful, bubbly ten-year old with an intellectual disability, in June 2022. He and his younger brother were living with their parents, who also have intellectual disabilities. Our team assessed Fengfeng and created a therapy and special education plan for him that focused on his verbal and social communication skills, gross motor skills and cognitive ability.

Although he was initially quite shy around our team, he soon formed a close bond with Teacher Guo. After their sessions, he would often call her on Wechat to talk. She always picks up, even if he calls after 9pm! I find that amazing—such love and commitment. If you could listen to these calls,

you would hear the joy, excitement and love in Fengfeng's voice.

Thanks to your amazing love and commitment, Fengfeng's entire family attended a fun-filled event for the first time. I can just imagine their excitement! When they first arrived, Fengfeng began to cry, he was so overwhelmed by the large crowd. Thankfully our lovely team noticed and immediately approached him.

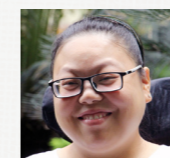
At the familiar sight of his beloved teachers, he was comforted, and began to calm down. Fengfeng and his family had an absolutely wonderful day that they will remember for a long time! Their time splashing around in the swimming pool together was a particular highlight.

Sadly Fengfeng's grandfather recently fell ill and passed away. As Fengfeng's father devoted his time towards caring for him, he also lost his job. Thankfully, your gifts provided a much needed financial subsidy for the family.

Thanks to wonderful supporters like you, Fengfeng and his family will continue to be loved and supported by trained and compassionate staff.



FengFeng's life is forever changed because of your love.



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"I have come that they might have life and have it to the full"
— John 10:10

NATIONAL DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE

Dear Friends,

This year ICC celebrates 30 years of love and service in China. Now, thanks to you and all the amazing people who have prayed, given and volunteered over the last 30 years, life for these children is filled with love and joy. I want to thank you and encourage you that it has made a HUGE difference.

You have had a wonderful impact on so many young people over the years. And your ongoing support will transform the lives of children with disabilities—whether they have experienced abandonment or live with their families in a daily struggle.

In Changsha we've signed a new, extended agreement to continue providing 24/7 care to children who have experienced abandonment.

We're also excited about more opportunities to reach out to families in the countryside. Our Family Partners (FPP) Cross Care teams are meeting parents who never had anywhere to turn. Now, thanks to you, they can see hope for a future and opportunities for their children.

So, grab a warm drink, relax and enjoy reading how you are changing their world.

Warm regards,

Lyndel Clancy

Lyndel Clancy,
National Director



Your 26 years of love for Jie, is making her dreams come to life!

Dong Jie's dreams can come true!

Jie is an intelligent and compassionate young woman who came into ICC's care in Changsha when she was just seven years old. She has muscular dystrophy. She has gone on to grow and thrive thanks to your support.

Vocational training opportunities, funded by your gifts, have given Jie a future with dignity and purpose. The Little Ark food trucks teach young people food preparation, hospitality, accounting and communication skills.

Smart, passionate and an excellent leader, Jie was an easy choice to be our first Little Ark captain. Here, she shares some of the triumphs and challenges she has faced:

How do you feel about your time at Little Ark?

It hasn't always been a smooth journey! During the pandemic my crew encountered various health issues. My own hands were weak, and I sometimes couldn't knead noodles or make coffee.

What was the biggest difficulty you encountered, and how did you face it?

During the pandemic, there were no customers! Many workers in the nearby Welfare Centre and hospital didn't have much time to eat.

There were limited options in the cafeteria. So Teacher Su



Your support has helped to:

- Create 4 Little Ark food trucks
- Establish and support a bakery for young people with hearing loss
- Produce beautiful craft through the craft workshop
- Support the community farm in Hengyang

taught us how to make egg noodles! We young people would knead, cook, and mix the noodles by ourselves. The noodles were very popular with everyone, and our orders were full.

We even hand delivered the food as the staff were often too busy to eat downstairs.

What skills did you gain during this process?

I am quite introverted. But as a captain, I have to take the initiative to understand the needs of customers. With the help of the teachers, I learned how to communicate well and guide and lead my colleagues.

The happiest time of day for me is when I am recording the day's accounts. Although it is not my own money, it represents the fruits of the labour of the whole team. This makes me feel valued and I have a sense of accomplishment for the work I do.

What are your hopes for the future?

I hope I can earn enough money to help make my dreams come true. I want to go to Yunnan and Hainan to see the sea and the mountains and the rivers.

ICC 30th Anniversary

David Gotts, ICC Founder, came to Australia in March to help us celebrate our 30th anniversary. We were challenged and uplifted by his ongoing passion for children with disabilities in China and his big vision for the next 30 years! Thanks to all who attended an event.



Your generosity is giving them skills! Thank you!

From begging to learning new skills!

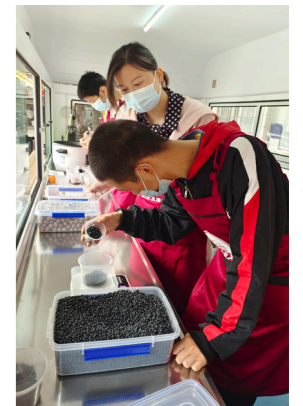
Anna first met Ling Kai, when he was begging in the streets.

You've helped change Kai's Life!

As a twenty-four-year old with an intellectual disability, he had little choice. Kai shared that he was often "bullied and chased off by people who thought I was a nuisance." Thanks to lovely people like you, Kai is now off the streets and working in a Little Ark food truck!

Kai grew up in Zhuzhou, a small city in Hunan Province, in a single-parent household. He left school with only a middle school education. Anna introduced Kai to ICC's Pathways program on October 31st, 2022. He threw himself into training on food preparation and hygiene. And, he started working at our third Little Ark in November!

Your gifts mean that he has been able to learn so much and be supported by people who really care about him.



"I help prepare the ingredients for the desserts," Kai says. "It's a lot of fun! And it's given me a sense of responsibility. It gives me an income and great hope for the future."

Our Pathways team continues to provide Kai with holistic, loving support. They have shown him they understand him and his struggles.

Your gifts have brought him safety, friends and opportunities. He has embarked on a journey towards independence and self-confidence thanks to you.

Kai is off the streets, making new friends and gaining skills for life thanks to you.