

# A Life A Time Foundation

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## Congenital Heart Disease Project Report

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In the first half of 2011 (until the end of June), the Congenital Heart Disease Project, launched by A Life A Time Foundation for the impoverished children, has sponsored a total of 58 children to receive cardiac surgeries, with a total funding of about 622,300 Yuan. The average funding per child was around 10,700 Yuan.

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To learn more about the project information, please visit: [A Life A Time Foundation's Congenital Heart Disease project official website](#)



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## Close-up:

### Dr. Man: Head of the Loving Heart and Medical

In April 2006, Zhengzhou No. 7 People's Hospital began to establish cooperation with a number of charities, including A Life A Time Foundation. Together we launched the "Loving Heart and Medical Assistance" program. So far it has rescued more than 600 impoverished children with congenital heart disease in fourteen Provinces and cities throughout the country.



Dr. Man at work

Since then, Dr. Man, as the head of Loving Heart and Medical

Assistance office in the hospital has been responsible for the admission of the impoverished sick children, as well as the communication with the charities. In this report, we would particularly like to introduce you this caring and professional doctor.

#### ❖ **Understanding the situation of the rural impoverished families, more fairly and objectively review applications**

In many parts of China, for the rural impoverished families with sick children, ten thousand Yuan is an astronomical number. Most of these families are living off the land by farming. In China's rural area, the current stage is still in the family based peasant economy model, especially in densely populated and mountainous areas. Some small families can only have four acres of arable land at most. Some have less than an acre of land. Although the government abolished the agricultural tax and gave grain subsidies to farmers a few years ago, the income from cultivating a few acres of land can only provide the most basic food and clothing without any extra money. The government widely propagates new cooperative medical care in rural areas to reduce the financial burden of the farmers. However, for serious or costly illnesses, the portion that families contribute on their own still causes them financial hardship. Income is limited even when the farmers go out to another city to work.

Dr. Man said, the children suffering from congenital heart disease are generally frail, requiring care by someone in the family. So labor force in the family is reduced relatively and the corresponding income is reduced. Among the medical rescues he has been responsible for in the recent years, most of the families fall under this category. Also, in some families, when either one or both

parents lose their job(s), get divorced, die or get sick, children are left to their elderly grandparents and life is even more difficult.

Dr. Man said: "As an educated youth I had the experience of living in the rural areas when I was young. Most of our hospital patients with heart disease are from rural areas. From the sick children's hopeless expressions, I can feel that they are eager to get medical treatments. Many years of charitable rescue work tells me the realities of rural life. I learned first-hand the difficulties of seeking medical advice for the impoverished families with gravely ill children. Communication with the parents can allow me to better understand the situation of the impoverished families. These experiences helped me become more objective and fair while I review applications."

❖ **One thing that impressed Dr. Man the most during his rescue work**

Dr. Man receives hundreds of impoverished children every year. During the process of contacting children and their parents, He has encountered many moving stories. In one instance, Dr. Man recalled: "This May, Liuting Zhang from Yucheng County Henan Province was suffering from congenital heart disease (ventricular septal defect with severe pulmonary hypertension), and was later rescued by A Life A Time Foundation. When her parents divorced, neither of them wanted to have anything to do with her. Liuting lived with her grandparents. They could not work outside the home and had no financial capacity for her surgical treatments. When our hospital staff went to Yucheng County to do the congenital heart disease screening, we found out that the child's disease had progressed into a severe pulmonary hypertension. If not treated in time,

she could die. After explaining the child's situation to the grandparents, her grandfather borrowed a lot of money. Along with the donation from A Life A Time Foundation, Liuting was finally brought to the hospital for surgery.

After Liuting's hospitalization, her grandfather told the other parents in the hospital that, in his recollection, he could not believe it would be possible for people who never knew Liuting to help her get treatments for her heart disease. He further added that if they didn't participate in A Life A Time Foundation's medical assistance program, didn't come to Zhengzhou No. 7 People's Hospital, and didn't see so many children with congenital heart disease from the impoverished families like Liuting to be rescued by A Life A Time Foundation, it would have been impossible.

After Liuting was discharged, he told me that he sincerely thanked A Life A Time Foundation, even being overseas, the staff are still thinking of the children with congenital heart disease from the impoverished families in homeland, giving them love and help."

Dr. Man said, "There were a lot of parents of children with congenital heart disease who received funds from A Life A Time Foundation. They all expressed their deep gratitude to the foundation before they were discharged from the hospital."

❖ **"Whether rich or poor, children with congenital heart disease have the right to live in dignity."**

Having extensive clinical experience as a physician, Dr. Man left his clinical work to take charge of Loving Heart and Medical Assistance program. This job is very hard while the income is much less than his clinical job. However, during the process of working with Dr. Man, we deeply felt his enthusiasm and professionalism. Many children's

parents still praised Dr. Man for being a kind and personable doctor after returning to their hometown and treating them as his own loved ones during the children's hospital stays.



In Chinese New Year 2010, Dr. Man (1<sup>st</sup> right) participated in a charity fundraising event for sick children.

Regarding his position, Dr. Mann says:

“If I have not personally witnessed much of this, I would not have many feelings about them. Once engaged in the area of medical relief work, you have a profound experience. Most of the patients I contact are the poor in

need of help. I think no matter if the family is rich or poor, every child with congenital heart disease has the right to live in dignity. When these patients come for help, I will patiently explain to them, putting myself in their shoes. Although they are simple peasants, they can still feel whether you are for their own good and are sincerely wish to help them. Many parents and I become friends later and they trust me very much as well. It is their trust and faith that make me more serious and responsible in my work. The hospital arranged for me to do medical rescue work. My understanding is that first I am a doctor; therefore I should take the Hippocratic Oath -- The Oath of Medicine as a guideline, being responsible for the patients. In my opinion, each form of “Charitable Aid Application for the Sick and Impoverished Children” is one life at stake.

Before children are discharged, the parents of children express their appreciation to me. I tell them not to thank me. First they should thank those charity donors who are enthusiastic to help their cause. It is their love and kindness that gives the sick children from impoverished families the hope to live. Secondly, they should give thanks to the charities that rescue them. They are the ones who work hard and put a lot of efforts to raise the funds for the children. Third, they should thank the medical staff that provides the surgical treatment to their children. It is their superb medical skills and their passion for service that save the sick children, enabling them to have healthy hearts. The medical assistance to these children for the poor families, not only save their lives, but also reduces their financial burden and allows them to see hope. Before the patients are discharged from the hospital, I also talk to the parents of children -- when the child

grows up, and tell him (her) to be grateful, study well, be a kind-hearted person and try their best to return to the community. Society is a big family. If we all do the things that we can do, then this big family will have more warmth and happiness.

I love my job. Nothing can make me happier than seeing the children who suffer from the diseases to be discharged. I am willing to help more children with the people who share the same purpose and path as me. My work has enabled me to see my value and my work gives me much inspiration. On behalf of all the children and parents who received assistance, here I would like to express our deepest gratitude towards various charity staffs and the charitable people and organizations that contribute their love.”

#### ❖ Conclusion

We appreciate that Dr. Man works hard day after day and making A Life A Time Foundation’s wish to help children come true. In China we call for love and help. We hope more people like Dr. Man can bring warmth and care to others and spread the seeds of love and hope in the hearts our children.

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# The Complete List of Children Who Have Received Aid under the CHD Program

January – June 2011

For detailed project information, please visit: [A Life A Time Foundation's CHD Project webpage](http://www.alifetime.org)

1. **Hao Ding: Male, 4, Huangchuan city, Henan Province. Funded amount: ¥10,000.** Because of Hao's heart condition, his parents could not work out of town for extra income and had to stay with him and farm for a living. The family mainly relied on his grandfather, an elementary school teacher, for income. When Hao's aunt was admitted to a school in the capital of the Province, she cried and said: "I won't go to school, save the money to cure my nephew." The family was all in tears. Hao's family was unable to pay for all of his medical expenses because his condition was not covered within the range of the government-sponsored program.



At admission

1<sup>st</sup> day after surgery4<sup>st</sup> day after surgery

At suture removal

2. **Yuxuan Ding: Female, 1, Si County, Suzhou, Anhui Province. Funded amount: ¥10,000.** Yuxuan's father used to make ¥2,000 per month while paying off student loans. Her mother stayed at home with no income. After Yuxuan was diagnosed with complex CHD, her father had to seek treatment for her full-time and could no longer work. Her parents were already deep in debt paying for her surgery, and could no longer afford her prohibitive post-surgery ICU expenses. In 2 weeks, A Life A Time approved funding for Yuxuan before her family ran out of funds



With dad before surgery



After surgery



After Surgery

3. **Haolin Yu: Male, 9, Zhanyi County, Yunnan Province. Funded amount: ¥16,000.** Haolin's family lives in a poor mountainous area with cold weather. Their entire income of less than ¥1,000 is from farming. Haolin's father is handicapped and cannot work, making their financial situation extremely difficult.



Before surgery

2<sup>nd</sup> day after surgery

At suture removal



Before discharged

4. **Chenghong Hou: Male, 13, Fuyuan County, Yunnan Province. Funded amount: ¥10,000.** Chenghong's parents are farmers with very low income. **Words from his father,** "I'm the child's father. Because of our financial difficulties, we cannot afford my child's surgery. I thank you on behalf of my child and the entire family."



Before surgery

2<sup>nd</sup> day after surgery

With dad before discharged

5. **Feng Rui: Female, 6, Zhanyi County, Yunnan Province. Funded amount: ¥12,000.** Rui's parents are farmers with very low income.

**Words from her guardians:** "Thank you for making my child healthy again so she can repay the community and those who helped her. I am genuinely grateful."



Before surgery



1<sup>st</sup> day after surgery



At suture removal



Before discharged

6. **Jiaxin Liu: Female, 4, Biyang County, Henan Province. Funded amount: ¥10,000.** Jiaxin's family is poor as her parents are farmers and her grandparents need constant medical attention.

**Words from her guardians,** "We are so poor that there was no way to pay for Jiaxin's treatments. Fortunately donors paid for her surgery. I am deeply grateful to the donors, the government and the hospital staff for the treatment and help."



Before surgery



1<sup>st</sup> day after surgery



5<sup>th</sup> day after surgery



At suture removal



Before discharged

7. **Daling Liu: Female, 13, Xincai County, Henan Province. Funded amount: 5,000.** Daling's father is the only breadwinner of the family. He has congestive heart disease requiring chronic medical treatment. Her mother has difficulty walking because of a lumbar spine disease that causes chronic leg pain. She has since lost the ability to work. Her grandmother is old and has chronic diseases requiring medication as well. The whole family lives on the income from farming an eight-acre land. Their maximal annual income is about ¥4,000. Daling's father is getting old and is sick himself. He cannot leave the village to work outside. With multiple sick members, they are a family with the most need in the village. Daling's surgery was estimated to cost approximately ¥20,000. Her dad said that if she needed hospitalization for the operation, he could try selling all available harvests from home, which would only give them ¥4,000 to spend.



Before surgery

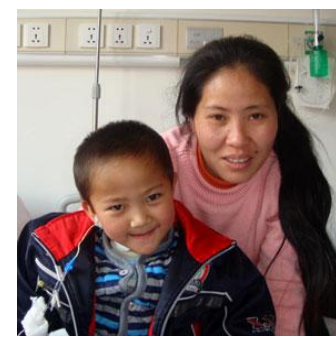
1<sup>st</sup> day after surgery

5th day after surgery

8. **Shaonan Liu: Male, 6, Zhanyi County, Yunnan Province. Funded amount: ¥23,000.** Shaonan's family lives in a poor mountain area and their life depends on farming exclusively. The annual income per person is less than ¥500, very low even compared to others in the village.



At admission

3<sup>rd</sup> day after surgery19<sup>th</sup> day after surgery24<sup>th</sup> day after surgery

Whole family before discharged

9. **Xiangwei Liu: Male, 2, Weihui County, Henan Province. Funded amount: ¥10,000.** Xiangwei's parents are farmers and have no other income.



Before surgery



1<sup>st</sup> day after surgery



At suture removal



Before discharged

10. **Annie Lu: Female, 1, Luliang County, Yunnan Province. Funded amount: ¥12,000.** Annie's family has 4 members and an annual income of ¥5,000. To treat Annie's disease, the family spent all of their savings, but still could not afford her operation even after receiving loans.



At admission



3<sup>rd</sup> day after surgery



6<sup>th</sup> day after surgery



At suture removal



Before discharged

11. **Menghan Wu: Female, 1, Wuyang County, Henan Province. Funded amount: ¥5,000.** Menghan's parents are unemployed and the family is extremely poor.



Before surgery

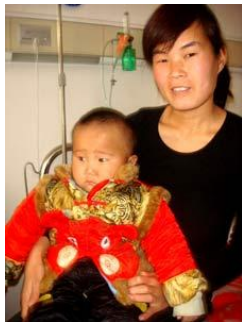
1<sup>st</sup> day after surgery

At suture removal

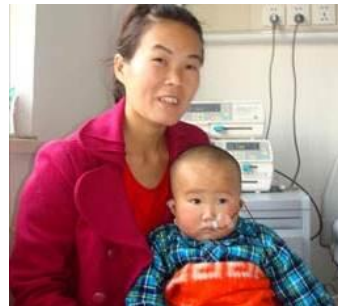


Before discharged

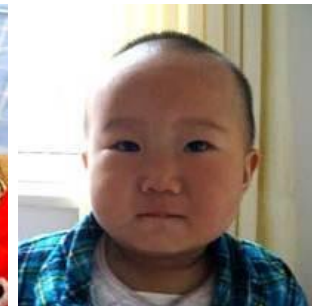
12. **Yuxin Zhou: Male, 1, Lushi County, Henan Province. Funded amount: ¥10,000.** Yuxin's father is a farmer. His mother is a homemaker. Their income is very low.



with mom at admission

1<sup>st</sup> day after surgery4<sup>th</sup> day after surgery9<sup>th</sup> day after surgery

At suture removal



Before discharged

13. **Wenwen Xia: Female, 7, Dongming County, Shandong Province. Funded amount: ¥10,000.** Her parents are farmers with limited farmland. They have a large family to support. The family suffers financially.



Before Surgery

7<sup>th</sup> day after surgery

At suture removal



Before discharged

14. **Huichao Song: Male, 4, Ruyang County, Henan Province. Funded amount: ¥9,678.** The family lives in a remote area. Huichao's father is a farmer. His mother has a mental illness. And they do not have much income.

**Words from his guardians,** "I am the child's father. Because I am not educated, I don't know how to express myself. For the generous donors, I thank you thousands of times but I'm not an educated and have a hard time expressing myself. I can only thank those Good Samaritans who have donated to us. I will never forget you."



With uncle at admission

1<sup>st</sup> day after surgery5<sup>th</sup> day after surgery

At suture removal



Before discharged

15. **Zhiyin Song: Female, 2, Zhenping County, Henan Province. Funded amount: ¥5,000.** The family lives in a mountainous area. There is no convenient transportation. The local economy is backwards and they lack laborers and there is generally no stable household income.

**Words from her guardians, "I'm very grateful for what you did. Without you people, I really don't know when I could come up with the money for my child's surgery. I will forever remember you Good Samaritans."**



At admission



1<sup>st</sup> day after surgery



8<sup>th</sup> day after surgery

16. **Zhengping Shang: Male, 4, Shizong County, Yunnan Province. Funded amount: ¥10,000.** Both parents are farmers. Their only source of income comes from selling what they grow. It could barely cover their living expenses. Having a sick child has made things much harder for them. With no money to cure his illness and his disease worsened, they watched their son suffer and were desperate.



Before Surgery



7<sup>th</sup> day after surgery



At suture removal



Before discharged

17. **Zhongxun Chang: Male, 1, Fangcheng County, Henan Province. Funded amount: 10,000.** He came from a low-income family with very little resources or income.



Before surgery

6<sup>th</sup> day after surgery15<sup>th</sup> day after surgery19<sup>th</sup> day after surgery

18. **Jiali Zhang: Female, 11, Xihua County, Henan Province. Funded amount: ¥20,000.** Jiali is a sensible child and a good student. When she was 6 months old, she was abandoned in front of the house of a family who happened to have lost their own 6-year old daughter who died from a car accident. Jiali's arrival brought tremendous comfort for her adopted parents. Even though they were poor, they never gave up on Jiali who suffered from heart disease. It's just that they never had the financial ability to give her a surgery. When they learned their application for donation was approved, her adoptive parents said words of appreciation over and over.



Before Surgery

3<sup>rd</sup> day after surgery

At suture removal



Before discharged

19. **Liuting Zhang: Female, 3, Yucheng County, Henan Province. Funded amount: ¥10,000.** Her parents were divorced and she lived with her grandfather. Her grandparents had no source of income and couldn't have her treated.

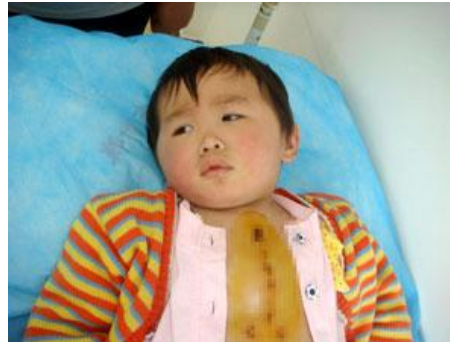
**Words from her guardians,** "We not only thank all of you who have saved Liuting's life, but also we will teach her to study hard and never forget who gave her life and health."



Before Surgery



1<sup>st</sup> day after surgery



At suture removal



Before discharged

20. **Chong Zhang: Male, 3, Miyang County, Henan Province. Funded amount: ¥10,000.** His family had no stable income. His father could not go to another city to work. His mother had to stay at home to care for him. His grandmother was chronically ill.

**Words from his guardians,** "Thanks for the help from the donors, thanks the hospital staffs, it gives the second life of my child. Our whole family will never forget."



At admission



4<sup>th</sup> day after surgery



At suture removal



Before discharged

21. **Qinwen Zhang: Male, 13, Guyi County, Yunnan Province. Funded amount: ¥10,000.** His family has two elderly people. They had no stable income and they couldn't afford his surgery.

**Words from his guardians,** "Thank you for giving our child the most beautiful and the most precious thing – life. You gave our child a new life so that he can grow up and enjoy his life. We will teach him humanity, philanthropy and sacrifice. When he grows up, just like what you did to him, he will help those who are in need. We sincerely wish you and your family a healthy life.



At admission

2<sup>nd</sup> day after surgery

At suture removal



Before discharged

22. **Huifan Zhang: Female, 2, Changge, Henan Province. Funded amount: ¥10,000.** Her family didn't have a stable income. Their life was difficult. Her mother had a mental illness and couldn't take care of her child. Her father took her everywhere to seek treatments, and this made their life even more difficult.



Before surgery



Same day after surgery

4<sup>th</sup> day after surgery

At suture removal

23. **Yuxin Zhang: Female, 1, Xinxiang, Henan Province. Funded amount: ¥10,000.** Because her family was poor so she had not been able to see a doctor. Yuxin was growing at a slower pace and had a weaker immune system.

**Her parents said,** "I really appreciate your unconditional help to my family and my daughter. Your loving donation gave us the help that our family desperately needed. You have given my daughter a second chance to life."



At admission

6<sup>th</sup> day after surgery8<sup>th</sup> day after surgery

At suture removal



Whole family before discharged

24. **Jingxin Zhang: Female, 6, Lankao County, Henan Province. Funded amount: ¥5,000.** Her family has 6 people and they only have half acre of farming land per person.



Before surgery

1<sup>st</sup> day after surgery4<sup>th</sup> day after surgery

Before discharged

25. **Yuan Xu: Female, 2, Wuhan, Hebei Province. Funded amount: ¥10,000.** The child was abandoned when very young. She was adopted and raised by her adoptive mother. When she was found to have congenital heart disease, her adoptive mother quit her ¥600 per month's nanny job and borrowed money with her house as collateral. Whenever she had time she would beg everywhere and pick scraps to pay for her child's medical bills.



Before surgery



Just woke up from anesthesia and couldn't talk yet. Her mother's eyes were full of tears.



In recovery

26. **Ruidong Xu: Male, 11, Shizong County, Yunan Province. Funded amount: ¥10,000.** He is from a family of 6. They farmed for a living and had no other sources of incomes. Their annual income was only ¥2,000. In recent years, they'd already spent more than ¥20,000 to treat Ruidong's illness. His family was laden with debt.



Before surgery

3<sup>rd</sup> day after surgery

At suture removal

27. **Wenjing Jin: Female, 1, Gongyi, Henan Province. Funded amount: ¥5,000.** Her family mainly farms for a living. They live in poverty and have many people in the household. Their monthly income was only ¥500 (\$78 USD). Because of lack of money, her family had delayed her treatments.

3<sup>rd</sup> day after surgery8<sup>th</sup> day after surgery

At suture removal

28. **Chenxie Zeng: Female, 9, Guyi County, Yunnan Province. Funded amount: ¥12,000.** Her family needs to take care of two elderly grandparents and pay for 2 children's tuitions. They farm for a living and have a meager income. They couldn't make their ends meet and couldn't afford the child's medical expenses. Since she was diagnosed with CHD, her family had been asking for help everywhere.



At admission

1<sup>st</sup> day after surgeryWith another patient Rui Feng from Yunnan 4<sup>th</sup> day after surgery

At suture removal



Before discharged

29. **Kezhou Li: Male, 3, Shizong County, Yunnan Province. Funded amount: ¥16,000.** Since he was diagnosed with CHD, his family's entire effort and money has been poured into finding treatments for him. His family sold all their live stock and grains. They also borrowed tens of thousands of Yuan from their relatives and friends.



Before surgery

1<sup>st</sup> day after surgery5<sup>th</sup> day after surgery

Before discharged

30. **Zhuoyu Li: Female, 2, Luoning County, Henan Province. Funded amount: ¥10,000.** Her father was laid off from work. Her mother has epilepsy. Zhuoyu was raised by her grandparents. It was not until this year that they found she had CHD-ventricular septal defect. Zhuoyu came to the hospital to do checkup and applied for medical assistance with her grandparents. Zhuoyu's father stayed at home to take care of her ailing wife.

1<sup>st</sup> day after surgery3<sup>rd</sup> day after surgeryWith dad at 6<sup>th</sup> day after surgery

Before discharged

31. **Zhanghao Li: Male, 1, Luliang County, Yunnan Province. Funded amount: ¥12,000.** There are 5 people in his family. Besides the child was sick, they also suffered a very rare severe drought and therefore had not even a single grain of harvest yet. They had no other income sources and couldn't afford the huge treatment fees.

**Words from his guardians,** "My whole family of 5 thanks all the people from A Life A Time Foundation who gave us help. We also thank all donors who helped treat our child's disease. Your kindness will be deeply engraved in our memory.



Before surgery

1<sup>st</sup> day after surgery6<sup>th</sup> day after surgery

At suture removal



Before discharged

32. **Xinru Li: Female, 5, Cao County, Shandong Province. Funded amount: ¥7,596.** The child appeared to be healthy when she was born. 6 months ago, she was diagnosed with CHD. Her family's annual income was only ¥1,500 and couldn't afford the huge medical expenses.

**Words from his guardians,** "we thank the generous donations from her donors. They helped the child become healthy and helped our family get out of this difficult situation. We really appreciate all those who have helped us. We hope that Xinru has a successful surgery and that when she grows up, she will help people and care about people."



Before surgery

1<sup>st</sup> day after surgery4<sup>th</sup> day after surgery

At suture removal

33. **Mengxin Li: Female, 3, Lushi County, Hunan Province. Funded amount: ¥5,000.** She came from a poor rural family. Her mother was always sick and stayed at home. The whole family relied on her father, who was always sick himself, to farm and work at odd jobs. Her family's annual income was over ¥3,000.

**Words from her guardians,** "our child's birth brought our family endless happiness and enjoyment. At the same time it also brought us much distress. Because of our poverty, we couldn't pay for our child's surgery. We really thank the donors who solved our problems with surgical fees. We will teach her to do more good when she grows up and pay back this society and our country. Thanks to all those who were concerned about Mengxin's surgery!"



At admission

6<sup>th</sup> day after surgery

At suture removal

34. **Fen Li: Female, 3, Bihe, Henan Province. Funded amount: ¥10,000.** Fen is the 2<sup>nd</sup> daughter of the family. Her whole family farmed for a living. They could barely get by. They didn't have the ability to pay for their daughter's surgery and needed help urgently.

**Words from her guardians:** "Because my family suffered financially, we didn't have the ability to give our daughter treatment. Now because of your kind donations, my daughter had the hope to become healthy. You gave her a new life. Again, my daughter, me and my whole family thank you and wish you a peaceful and happy life."



At admission

1<sup>st</sup> day after surgery7<sup>th</sup> day after surgery8<sup>th</sup> day after surgery

Before discharged

35. **Haoying Li: Male, 3, Neihuang County, Henan Province. Funded amount: ¥10,000.** When the child was born, she was diagnosed with CHD. Her growth was slow and she measured small. When she moved, she had difficulty breathing. It was not until she turned 2 that she started walking. Because her family had financial difficulties, they had delayed her treatment until now.

**Words from her guardians,** “Our family’s suffered financially. Today our daughter can receive treatments and her life was saved. We are very excited and we thank you!”



Before surgery

3<sup>rd</sup> day after surgery7<sup>th</sup> day after surgery

At suture removal



Before discharged

36. **Yujia Li: Female, 3, Yucheng County, Henan Province. Funded amount: ¥10,000.** Her family didn’t have stable income. They were already too heavy in debt to treat the child.

**Words from her guardians,** “We thank the donors who helped with the child’s surgery. Your extending a helping hand is my whole family’s hope. We will not forget your kindness. When the child grows up, we will educate her to remember the help she received from Good Samaritans. We will lead my child to contribute to the society and pay back your kindness. We will educate the child to look up to kind hearted people like you and learn from your noble characters.”



Before surgery

6<sup>th</sup> day after surgery24<sup>th</sup> day after surgery31<sup>st</sup> day after surgery

At suture removal

37. **Shun Li: Male, 13, Guyi County, Yunnan Province. Funded amount: ¥16,000.** The child was diagnosed at age 5. His family sought treatments many times and learned that the surgery expenses would be big. His family couldn't afford it.



At admission

1<sup>st</sup> day after surgery2<sup>nd</sup> day after surgery

Before discharged

38. **Youyang Yang: Male, 5, Runan County, Henan Province. Funded amount: ¥5,000.** The child was diagnosed with CHD when he was 2 weeks old. He never received treatments because his family was poor.

**Words from his guardians,** "I thank A Life A Life Foundation and the Good Samaritans who have donated to my child and helped him successfully finished the surgery. On the road of his growing up, I will educate him how to be thankful and how to be a nice person. I will teach him to repay other people's kindness and become a useful person. I represent my child and my family, thank you!"



Before surgery

1<sup>st</sup> day after surgery5<sup>th</sup> day after surgery7<sup>th</sup> day after surgery

39. **Binhui Yang: Female, 6, Shizong County, Yunnan Province. Funded amount: ¥20,000.** She came from a family of six and is the oldest daughter. To treat her illness, her family sold their entire year's grains, pigs and farming cattle. Her family's debt increases every year. In addition, her village's condition is very poor and the villagers' life and productions are still very difficult. Their main economic crop is just a small amount of tobacco. The annual income per capita is only ¥600.



Before surgery

1<sup>st</sup> day after surgery3<sup>rd</sup> day after surgery

At suture removal

40. **Binyuan Chai: Male, 5, Guyi County, Yunnan Province. Funded amount: ¥16,000.** He came from an extremely poor family in a rural area.



At admission

1<sup>st</sup> day after surgery3<sup>rd</sup> day after surgery

At suture removal

Discharge picture with patients  
Jiongrong Yuan and Hongkui Ruan

41. **Junjie Wang: Male, 1, Luliang County, Yunnan Province. Funded amount: ¥10,068.** His family was already more than ¥40,000 in debt to treat his illness. Their life was very difficult and he was still ill.

**Words from his guardians,** "We really appreciate the help from all the kind hearted people and donors at A Life A Time Foundation. You gave our child the hope to live and a brand new life. Our whole family sincerely thanks you."



At admission

2<sup>nd</sup> day after surgery8<sup>th</sup> day after surgery

At suture removal



Before discharged

42. **Chen Wang: Male, 4, Guyi County, Yunnan Province. Funded amount: ¥18,000.** His family had very little land so their income was very low. They were also almost ten thousand Yuan in debt. The child's mother was working in another city to make up for his medical expenses.



At admission

1<sup>st</sup> day after surgery4<sup>th</sup> day after surgery

At suture removal

43. **Xinrui Wang: Female, 2, Xinmi, Henan Provine. Funded amount: ¥5,000.** She has a four-generation household. Her great-grandmother was 92 years old and was sick all the time. Her grandfather had severe diabetes. The whole family relied on her parents' farming to get by.

**Words from her guardians,** "First of all, I would like to thank those who have donated and helped me. While I was having the worst time in my life, they have given me great emotional and monetary assistance. It was like giving people coal in the snow (a Chinese proverb). Secondly, I would like to thank those Good Samaritans who have donated to us. Because I was disabled...Now I needed your help, and when I have the ability, I will do the same things that you do. I will never forget you. I wish all kind-hearted people a healthful life!"



Before surgery

6<sup>th</sup> day after surgery

At suture removal

44. **Bingxu Wang: Male, 1, Zhengzhou, Henan Province. Funded amount: ¥10,000.** His father passed away in 2010 from liver cancer. He and his middle-school-age brother depended on their mother who worked as a housekeeper.

**Words from his mother,** "Because of my husband's illness, we had already spent more than ¥380,000. We still couldn't save his life. As a woman, I was exhausted. When I found out that my son had congenital heart disease, I lost hope in life. The doctor told me that I could apply for assistance from A Life A Time Foundation and I saw the hope to live on again. I greatly appreciate that you saved our whole family. I and my two sons thank you so much!"

1<sup>st</sup> day after surgery4<sup>th</sup> day after surgery

At suture removal



Before discharged

45. **Tiantian Wang: Female, 4, Eling County, Henan Province. Funded amount: ¥10,000.** Her mother had been sick for many years. Her grandparents were old. Their livelihood depended on her father's farming. In her village, her family was very poor.

**Words from her father,** "When I heard from the hospital leader that we could apply for donations, my wife and I cried in each other's arms. I'm very thankful for your donations to our child. Donation was the child's only hope. You are all her benefactor. I represent my whole family and thank you, the Good Samaritans. Full of tears, I wrote these words and swear that I will treat my child until she's healthy. After she can contribute to the society, I will see to it that she will pass on this kindness to other people just like you."



Before surgery

1<sup>st</sup> day after surgery

At suture removal



Before discharged

46. **Shaojing Wang: Female, 8, Zhengzhou, Henan Province. Funded amount: ¥5,000.** Her family was poor. For a long time, they couldn't afford to pay for the child's medical expenses.



Going into cardiac cath lab



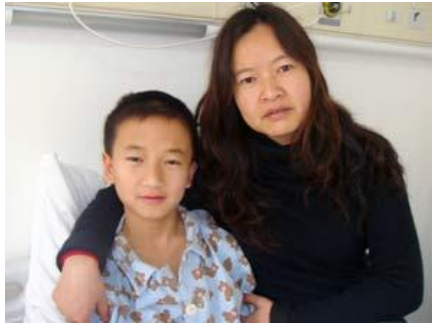
Coming out of cardiac cath lab



Her parents were waiting outside of the cath

47. **Li Wang: Male, 10, Luliang County, Yunnan Province. Funded amount: ¥10,000.** His parents were both laid off from work and worked on odd jobs. They had to take care of two children and both sides' grandparents. Their life was very difficult.

**Words from his guardians,** "As he grows up, I will educate him how to be thankful and how to be a nice person. I represent my child and my family to express our highest respect and appreciation."



Before surgery

1<sup>st</sup> day after surgery

At suture removal



Before discharged

48. **Hao Tian: Female, 1, Fangcheng County, Henan Province. Funded amount: ¥10,000.** Hao's parents farmed for a living. They had over 2 acres of farmland. Every year their summer and autumn's harvest (except for enough to feed themselves), adds up to a sale of only about ¥3,000. Because Hao had been sick since he was very young, his parents couldn't work in other cities like other farmers to supplement their income. His family had borrowed from all relatives to treat him. Now they owed almost ¥40,000.

**Words from her guardians,** "Dear donors, hello! My daughter was gravely ill. As a guardian, I not only had no money to treat her, but also had no ability to afford her checkup fees. I feel very guilty. Now she was lucky to have your donations to treat her illness. I feel very honored and words cannot express how appreciative I am. I'm very thankful for the leaders at A Life A Time Foundation and the chief doctors at No. 7 People Hospital. Thank you for your donations and treatments for my daughter. Thank you for giving my daughter a healthy life."



Before surgery

1<sup>st</sup> day after surgery4<sup>th</sup> day after surgery

At suture removal



Before discharged

49. **Zelin Qi: Male, 1, Yucheng County, Henan Province. Funded amount: ¥10,000.** His mother was disabled and his father had epilepsy and couldn't work as a laborer. His whole family relied on government low-income subsidy. To treat him, his family was already ¥20,000 in debt.

**Words from his guardians,** "Thank you all Good Samaritans to donate to my child and give him a second life. A few sentences cannot express my appreciation to all kind-hearted people. I will give my child a good education and tell him to pay back the society and all Good Samaritans. I represent my child and my wife, wishing you a happy and healthy life."



Before surgery

1<sup>st</sup> day after surgery7<sup>th</sup> day after surgery15<sup>th</sup> day after surgery

Before discharged

50. **Yuanyu Xue: Female, 2, Mingguang, Anhui Province. Funded amount: ¥10,000.** Her whole family farmed for a living and had no other income. Their land was next to a river and was constantly flooded. Therefore, their income was very low and life very difficult.



At admission

1<sup>st</sup> day after surgery7<sup>th</sup> day after surgery

At suture removal



Before discharged

51. **Jiongrong Yuan: Female, 3, Guyi County, Yunnan Province. Funded amount: ¥16,000.** She came from a poor family in Yunan.



Before surgery



2nd day after surgery



8th day after surgery



At suture removal

52. **Zhixin Deng: Male, 9, Fuyuan County, Yunnan Province. Funded amount: ¥10,000.** His family income was about ¥3,000 a year. Their life was difficult. When he was over 1, he was diagnosed with CHF but never had the money to do surgery.



At admission



1<sup>st</sup> day after surgery



4<sup>th</sup> day after surgery



Before discharged

**53. Hongkui Ruan: Male, 9, Guyi County, Yunnan Province. Funded amount: ¥16,000.** Since his father passed away and his mother remarried, he lived with his ailing grandfather and disabled grandmother. His family was really poor. In many years, they were taking government low-income subsidy to get by. His tuition was from other people's donations.



Before surgery

1<sup>st</sup> day after surgery

At suture removal



Before discharged

**54. Caicai Jiang: Female, 3, Ruzhou, Henan Province. Funded amount: ¥10,000.** Her father was a laborer in a construction company. His mother farmed. Their annual income was about ¥5,000. Because his mother had been ill for many years, they had spent all their savings. The child's surgical fees brought much financial burdens for the family.



Before surgery



Same day after surgery

4<sup>th</sup> day after surgery

At suture removal



Before discharged

55. **Shuya Lei: Female, 1, Shangshui County, Henan Province. Funded amount: ¥10,000. Her family income per capita was barely ¥1,000. Life was difficult. They couldn't afford to treat the child.**



Before surgery

2<sup>nd</sup> day after surgery9<sup>th</sup> day after surgery

Before discharged

56. **Yongzhang Han: Male, 6, Guyi County, Yunan Province. Funded amount: ¥15,000. His family of 3's annual income was ¥2,000. They were barely getting by. Not long after he was born, his doctor diagnosed him with CHD with a stethoscope. But not until he was 5 that his family had borrowed enough money to get a checkup at their city's hospital. Because his family couldn't afford the surgical fees, he couldn't receive the surgery.**



Before surgery

1<sup>st</sup> day after surgery

At suture removal



Before discharged

57. **Zitong Gu: Male, 1, Shangshui County, Henan Province. Funded amount: ¥10,000.** His family had 6 people. His parents farmed for a living. Their annual income was ¥3,000. His grandfather passed away from lung cancer. Because of that, his family was almost ¥20,000 in debt.

**Words from his guardians, “I really appreciated your help! Without your donations, we wouldn’t know when we could take our child for treatment. We don’t know how to repay the debt of gratitude.”**



Before surgery

1<sup>st</sup> day after surgery7<sup>th</sup> day after surgery

At suture removal



Before discharged

58. **Yinghui Gao: Female, 3, Fangcheng County, Henan Province. Funded amount: ¥10,000.** Her family of 5 farmed for a living. Their annual income was ¥2,400. After the child was born, she was diagnosed with CHD. After many checkups and admissions, they family couldn’t afford the surgery.



Before surgery

1<sup>st</sup> day after surgery

At suture removal



Before discharged

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