

# AWA CHARITABLE DONATIONS

## 2014 FUNDING GRANTS

### \$1,170,012

Total funding for charities \$952,012

#### **AGAINST CHILD ABUSE \$30,000**

(Funded by American Chamber of Commerce Charitable Foundation)

Specializing in child protection, serves tens of thousands of children, youth and families annually, working to end child abuse and neglect.

Project: provide sex education to teenagers through workshops and outings for teens, and help parents to implement family sex education.

#### **ANIMALS ASIA \$40,000**

(Funded by American Chamber of Commerce Charitable Foundation)

Concerned with both animal and human welfare.

Project: partially fund Professor Paws program, bringing volunteers and their dogs into Hong Kong classrooms to interact with children, some of whom are afraid of canines; promoting empathy for all species.

#### **CHILDRENS HEART FOUNDATION \$54,204**

Devoted to supporting children suffering from congenital heart disease. Focus on children hospitalized for serious heart surgeries.

Project: provide laptops, iPads and internet access for hospitalized children who must remain in isolation to prevent infections. The digital equipment will be their lifelines to the external world and help them keep up with school work during extended absences.

#### **CHRISTIAN ACTION \$47,000**

A multi-faceted organization that assists Indonesian and other domestic workers with legal advice and a variety of services. Christian Action runs two homeless shelters (sheltering more than 100 women a year) and a skills training program.

Project: partial funding to cover food and pest control for one shelter for one year.

#### **EBENEZER SCHOOL & HOME FOR THE VISUALLY IMPAIRED \$11,852**

(Funded by American Chamber of Commerce Charitable Foundation)

(Plus donation in kind by US Girl Scouts . 2 x iPad, 2x screen protectors, 4x covers)

Enables visually impaired students and elderly residents to become confident and independent members of our community.

Project: purchase iPads for students with visual, intellectual and physical disabilities for learning and training purposes, focusing on strengthening their communication abilities.

#### **END CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE FOUNDATION \$41,000**

(Funded by American Chamber of Commerce Charitable Foundation)

Mission is to protect youngsters under 18 from sexual abuse via a range of prevention and intervention programs.

Project: provides a sexual abuse prevention program for more than a thousand students with mild-to-moderate mental disabilities, participating in workshops or through a video, empowering them to protect themselves against sexual abuse.

#### **ENRICH \$30,000**

Provides practical training on financial literacy and confidence-building to migrant women, especially those employed as domestic workers from the Philippines.

Project: new stress management workshops for migrants focusing on women from areas hardest-hit by November 2013 Typhoon Haiyan.

#### **HAVEN OF HOPE \$52,800**

Provides holistic care services to the elderly in Tseung Kwan O, Sai Kung and other areas..

Project: high blood pressure and diabetes-related health education program to the community at large, followed by comprehensive health services to people aged 50-64 with high risk of those conditions.

#### **HELPING HAND \$43,200**

Provides residential care for the elderly in 3 care homes and 3 self-care homes in Hong Kong, community services for the elderly through holiday centres and respite care, plus a residential elderly home at Zhaoqing for HK senior citizens.

Project: improvement of the quality of life of the elderly residents through the replacement of 18 dehumidifiers.

#### **KELY SUPPORT GROUP LTD \$85,000**

Provides a wide range of programs and services that address the root causes of drug and alcohol abuse and low self-esteem in teens from varied backgrounds.

Project: drug abuse prevention programs and services targeting low-income ethnic minority youth.

#### **LEAP OF MIND \$52,000**

Promotes mental health through education, workshops, public events, counselling.

Project: combination of seminars and innovative drama to educate children and youth as well as their parents on stress management at a family level.

#### **PROJECT CONCERN HK \$45,000**

Serves many thousands of needy Hong Kong residents each year, providing general medical,

dental and other charitable services for the poor, sick, disabled and elderly. With their first clinic in the Kowloon Walled City, PC has been serving the impoverished since 1961.

Project: Replacing three very well-used sterilizers at three dental clinics in local housing estates.

**RAINBOW PROJECT COMPANY LIMITED \$126,720**

Provides occupational and speech therapy and educational facilities for children with Autism Spectrum Disorder.

Project: our largest grant of the year provides OT and speech therapy support for 18 autistic children from impoverished families.

**RIDING FOR THE DISABLED ASSOCIATION \$40,000**

Teaches disabled children and adults to ride horses, leading to improvement of coordination, balance, social interaction and fun! More than 170 disabled individuals enjoy free weekly lessons.

Project: purchase and shipment of one replacement pony.

**SAHK ON TING WORKSHOP \$55,816**

Assists people who are physically and mentally challenged due to neurological impairment, providing for their education and welfare using a holistic approach.

Project: purchase a high-tech sewing machine which can assist handicapped trainees to turn their artistic ideas into saleable crafts.

**SILENCE \$66,500**

Serving hearing-impaired children and adults, providing sign language courses and other vital support.

Project: help train and improve the skill levels of sign language interpreters, who perform such a pivotal role in hearing-impaired communication.

**SPRINGBOARD PROJECT LIMITED \$28,920**

(Funded by American Chamber of Commerce Charitable Foundation)

Assists children and youth with mild to moderate learning difficulties.

Project: maintain a safe and supervised social environment for special educational needs youth to learn, develop and interact with others with appropriate behaviours and skills.

**SUEN MEI SPEECH HEARING CENTRE \$15,000**

(Funded by American Chamber of Commerce Charitable Foundation)

Provides auditory and speech training, language acquisition and cognitive development support for hearing-impaired children.

Project: provides critically-needed toys for children to teach language skills and encourage interaction and to help parents teach their children in an interesting and meaningful way.

**SUNSHINE ACTION LTD \$20,000**

(Part-funded by American Chamber of Commerce Charitable Foundation (\$8,900); remainder by AWA)

Main charitable mission to feed the hungry and warm the abandoned by providing rice, packed food, stationery supplies, medicines, daily products, toiletries etc.

Project: help impoverished, needy families and individuals in Hong Kong, providing them with food and living supplies.

**THE BILL CREWS FOUNDATION LTS \$52,000**

Develop and operate an after-school program for very low-income children in the Sham Shui Po neighborhood of Kowloon.

Project: give children access to activities and events that they may not otherwise enjoy, including extra courses for children ages 6-12, their core clients.

**THE CHILDREN'S INSTITUTE OF HONG KONG LTD \$10,000**

(Funded by American Chamber of Commerce Charitable Foundation)

A special needs school in Kennedy Town, TCI assists and supports children ages 3-11 and their families..

Project: specialty charging 'carts' for 10 iPads.

**WATCHDOG EARLY EDUCATION CENTRE \$5,000**

(Funded by American Chamber of Commerce Charitable Foundation)

Assists special educational needs children from birth to age 6, including early intervention and therapy in both Cantonese and English.

Project: upgrade reference materials and toys particularly for their growing pre-school age children with Down Syndrome.

**Total funding for Education and Scholarship \$218,000**

**THE VOCATIONAL TRAINING COUNCIL HK\$80,000**

**LINGNAN UNIVERSITY HK\$105,000**

**LOAN SCHEMES TO THREE LOCAL UNIVERSITIES HK\$33,000**