

WINDOWS PROJECT

Let not the hours pass by in the dark,
Kindle the lamp of love with thy life...

—Tagore



WINDOWS FOR DREAM, WINGS TO FLY

Windows Project, founded in April 2004, is a non-profit organization dedicated to support elementary education of children in rural areas of China.

Due to deficiency of information and resources, the educational gap between coastal and rural China grows even wider than the unbalanced economic development, which will in turn aggravate economic disparities in the long run. How to narrow the great disparities remains a long-term challenge. As the Chinese proverb goes, it is better to teach others how to fish than to give them fish for food. The rationale behind the proverb is that 'Having the fish for food just serves for daily meals while learning

how to fish will benefit throughout life. Likewise, elementary education is 'the method of fishing' that benefits a person's whole life. Therefore, Windows Project was launched in the hope of offering more people the opportunities to grasp 'the method of fishing' so that they can improve their own lives and surroundings as well.

At first, it was a voluntary project inspired by dream and passion in pursuit of idealism. However, with an increasing number of volunteers getting involved in the project, we understand that although individual power is rather limited to change the social status quo, we can make a big difference as long as more and more individuals start by doing what they can to make our society a better place for living. Meanwhile, all the warm support we have received has motivated us to further promote Windows Project.

Major Programs

☀️ 'Windows 1+1'-Education Sponsorship Program:

Find sponsors who will support local children through their nine-year compulsory education. Education Sponsorship is a long-term program, which requires sponsors to have a stable job or a reliable source of income. And

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☀️ 'Windows Library'-Journals Donation Program

Set up Windows Library for local schools and provide magazines and newspapers, which enables the children to have easy access to the latest information from around the world.

Our Mission

- 📍 Promote education and provide more education opportunities especially for children in rural China.
- 📍 Develop a deeper understanding of the social status quo, different cultural backgrounds and diversified life styles.
- 📍 Share experiences and information and inspire more people to understand and support Windows project.



Sweet Liuyang
One of the 'Windows 1+1'
sponsored children



'WINDOWS 1+1'-EDUCATION SPONSORSHIP PROGRAM

At present 'Windows 1+1'-Education Sponsorship Program focuses on San Dao Qiao Village in Hang Jin Hou Qi County of Inner Mongolia. We have forged a long-term relationship with local Sunli Primary School and Qiliu Primary School and collected feedback from the schools, education authorities and local people.

Education Sponsorship is a long-term program, which requires sponsors to have a stable job or a reliable source of income. And also, sponsors are required to ensure adequate input of time and energy so as to establish long-term relationships with the children and to provide general guidance on study and life.

Sponsor fees for each semester

For elementary schools approx. RMB 300

For junior high schools approx. RMB 500

For senior high schools approx. RMB 1,000

The above fees cover books, miscellaneous expenses and insurance (for senior high school, including boarding fees), etc.

Notes

- ☀ Sponsors are recommended to enclose envelopes with return address and adequate stamps to avoid any possible mail loss and alleviate their financial pressure. After the correspondence becomes stable, sponsors are suggested to send envelopes and stamps on a regular basis.
- ☀ Sponsors can be informed of the study progress on a regular basis by requiring the children to send their score slips for information.
- ☀ Sponsors are advised to keep constant contact with the children in order to know about their study and life. Apart from financial support, time, energy and care from sponsors are more important. For these children, sponsors are sincere mentors and a window through which they can know about the world.
- ☀ In addition to sponsor-student correspondence, 'Windows Project' aims to provide a platform for exchange of information between sponsors as well as between local children.

Procedures

'Windows 1+1'

1. Information gathering

Windows Project volunteers are responsible for contacting local schools, gathering and verifying the information about the to-be-sponsored children. The information will be listed online.

2. Applying for sponsorship

After review of the children profiles, sponsors may fill out an application form and mail it to windows@andersen.net.cn. In the application form, the applicant should indicate the children to be sponsored and give a brief account about self-information.

3. Reviewing applications

Windows Project volunteers review the applications. If the application is approved, detailed information along with the children's photos will be sent to sponsors. Meanwhile, sponsors will be notified of the next steps to follow.

4. Payment by sponsors

After receiving detailed information, sponsors contact the children directly. And then each semester the sponsor remits an amount of money to the child according to specific arrangements of the particular semester.

5. Supervision over school fees payment

Windows Project volunteers confirm with the local schools of the proper use of donation for payment of school fees and collect the receipt for sponsors' review as well.

6. Follow-up

Windows Project volunteers will contact sponsors on a regular basis. The latest information and feedback will be published online.

Reminder:

Each child is entitled to equal help. To avoid phenomena like "keeping up with the Joneses" among these children, sponsors are suggested to remit the amount of money as designated aforementioned and not give any further financial support except under particular circumstances.

Children in class

A Windows Project sponsored elementary school



'Windows Library'-Journals Donation Program

This program currently focuses on Shunli Primary School and Qiliu Primary School, San Dao Qiao Village in Hang Jin Hou Qi County of Inner Mongolia. For these two schools Windows Library is set up where magazines and newspapers are provided for local children. At present the school library's book stock is rather outdated. Books like << Collection of Chairman Mao's Works >> are much too difficult for children. Therefore, we hope the establishment of Windows Library will provide more access for children to the latest information around the world.

Notes

In view of the costly post expenses and the difficulty in the quality control and management of donated books, Book Donation Program has not started so far. Instead, we initiated Journal Donation Program aiming to provide the local schools with the first-rate magazines and newspapers through the national journal circulation, which helps save cost and ensure timeliness and quality of the information.

Journal selection

Through communicating with the local schools we decide to select a number of quality children's journals that cover a wide range of categories. Currently we have donated subscriptions to over twenty kinds of journals. The table below lists some of them:

Literature	Arts	Science
Juvenile Literature and Art	Children's Art	Children's Pictorials of Science
Children's Literature	Children's Music	King of Science Fiction
King of Fairy Tales	Children's Cartoon	Children of the World

Procedures

'Windows Library'

1. Selection

Through communication with the schools, Windows Project volunteers draft a detailed journal list for subscription.

2. Application

The journal list is published online. Sponsors select a number of journals, fill out an application form and mail it to windows@andersen.net.cn.

3. Remittance

After checking the application form, Windows Project volunteers inform the sponsors of the current status of journal subscription and remittance account number. After the remittance is completed, sponsors should notify Windows Project volunteers.

4. Confirmation

Windows Project volunteers confirm to sponsors upon receipt of the remittance. After the total subscription fee is collected, remittance is made to local schools and the receipt is provided for sponsors' review.

5. Subscription

School authorities subscribe to the listed journals and provide the invoice. Windows Project volunteers forward the invoice for sponsors' review.

6. Management

Local school is responsible for managing the journals and should present Windows Project volunteers with journal receipt. Each year Windows Project volunteers pay regular visits to the local schools and provide the sponsors with feedback.

Reminder:

If any sponsor wishes to donate books to the school or children, please contact Windows Project volunteers for further arrangements.

ORGANIZATION LEADERSHIP

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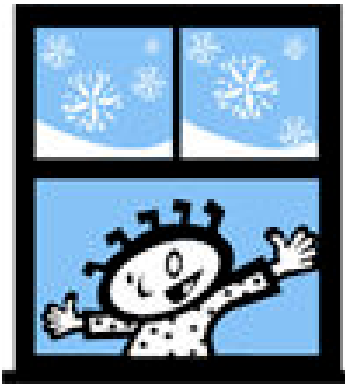
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COMMITTEE STATEMENT

Windows Project consists of volunteers and offers no compensation. The volunteers burden daily operation expenses. At present all the donations raised have been put directly into the respective programs; and there is no investment

to any third party or external fund. Windows Project is headquartered in Shanghai and no branches or representative offices have been set up in any other place so far. No cooperation relationships have been forged with any third party charity. Windows Project welcomes all kinds of help from the general public.

WINDOWS REPORT

2004 Achievement

- In March 2004, Angel Cao made a trip to San Dao Qiao Village in Hang Jin Hou Qi County, Inner Mongolia, visited Shunli Primary School and Qiliu Primary School and established long-term relationships with the local education authorities.
- In April 2004, Alan Chen established the Windows Project website. Via this internet platform, an increasing number of people has come to know about the project and started to participate in the programs.
- 22 students in San Dao Qiao Village of Inner Mongolia were sponsored by Windows Project sponsors for nine-year compulsory education. Meanwhile, long-term relationships between the students and sponsors have been established for further follow-up.
- Helped establish Windows Library for Shunli Primary School and Qiliu Primary School. Collected Subscription donation for over 20 magazines and newspapers in an effort to offer local children more exposure to the latest knowledge and information of the world.

2005 Plan

- Follow up the progress of the on-going programs and seek further opportunities for cooperation with other schools in rural areas of China.
- Further expand the scope of sponsorship. Find sponsors for more children for their compulsory education.
- Further promote Journals Donation Program by upgrading Windows Library with multimedia facilities like computers and video players in a bid to give children more exposure to latest information technology.
- Collect and compile mail correspondence between the sponsors and the children and publish a brochure if possible.

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