



# Helping Hands

**Make a lasting contribution to the community in the new year.** *By Ronni Rowland*

**T**his year, find the perfect way to share your time and talents with those in need. Whether you wish to work with babies, children or adults, or donate to a new charity, the following organizations offer a variety of volunteer opportunities with short- and long-term ways you can help.

However, for those new to Shanghai or just new to the non-profit community, the number of volunteering options in the city can be overwhelming. We've compiled this guide to help connect you with the best-fit organization for which to volunteer your time and/or resources in 2016 and beyond.

## HandsOn Shutterbug

The Shutterbug program was started after founder Richard Brubaker watched a YouTube clip about a woman who gave cameras to children in an Indian slum, taught them how to take photos, and flew them to New York City to showcase their work. The program's main mission is to improve the quality of education at Shanghai's migrant schools by building a sustainable long-term photography and art project, and fostering student growth, creativity and confidence.

### How you can help:

- Individuals who are passionate about photography are needed to teach photography for three months; classes run for around eight to 12 sessions (typically held once every two weeks), and volunteers must commit to teaching the entire course
- Donate funds to support expansion of the program in 2016

### Required training:

- Volunteers who teach photography participate in a Shutterbug-specific training, where they are introduced to the project and curriculum and given materials to develop classes

### Contact:

- [volunteer@handsonshanghai.org](mailto:volunteer@handsonshanghai.org)
- [www.handsonshanghai.org/shutterbugs-program](http://www.handsonshanghai.org/shutterbugs-program)





## Heart to Heart Shanghai

since completed 943 surgeries to correct heart defects, sponsored 84 rural school libraries and initiated other activities to help children in poor rural areas.

### How you can help:

- Volunteer for hospital visits to kids
- Knit sweaters for Heart Bears (sold to fundraise for Heart to Heart)
- Help assemble Heart Bears

### Current needs:

- The organization is 100 percent volunteer-run and can always use help from anyone - skilled or unskilled, Chinese speaking or not

### Contact:

- [volunteers@h2hsh.net](mailto:volunteers@h2hsh.net) or [weekends@h2hsh.net](mailto:weekends@h2hsh.net) (weekday or weekend visits); [knitting@h2hsh.net](mailto:knitting@h2hsh.net) or [assembling@h2hsh.net](mailto:assembling@h2hsh.net) (Heart Bear cardigan knitting or assembling)
- [www.heart2heartshanghai.net](http://www.heart2heartshanghai.net)

The idea for Heart to Heart started in 2003, when a group of expat women began organizing play sessions once a week at a local hospital. They entertained children who had undergone heart surgery to increase their physical activity and decrease recovery time. The group later decided to raise money for a child who couldn't afford heart surgery; she became H2H Child #1. It was such a wonderful experience that the founder continued sponsoring heart surgeries; thus, Heart to Heart was born and has

*"Seeing the children with color in their cheeks and energy to run and do the things they couldn't before is the best reward."*  
– Heart to Heart Shanghai volunteer

## Angel Jet Network

Angel Jet Network (AJN) enables private jet owners, general aviation operators and airlines to provide impoverished patients with free air transportation to the best medical treatment available. Flights also carry teams of medical experts to more remote locations. AJN has worked with charitable organizations including Chunhui Children's Foundation, Operation Smile, Orbis and Heart to Heart Shanghai.

### How you can help:

- Your company can donate empty seats and flight hours to transport a patient to medical facilities throughout the Asia Pacific
- You can donate Frequent Flyer Miles, flight tickets, ground transportation and hotel rooms for families
- Plan a fundraising event

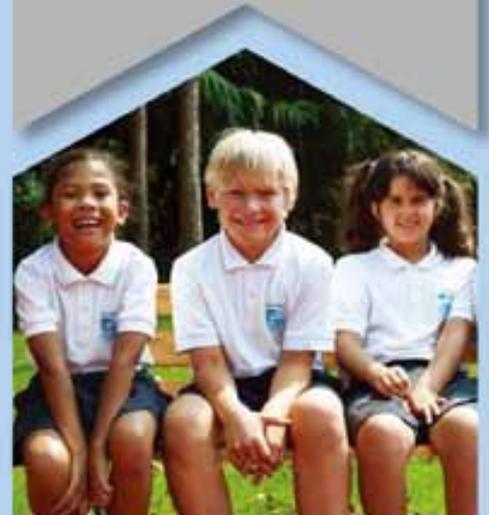
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## Shanghai Sunrise

When British journalist Charlotte Ashby was in Shanghai working on a documentary in 1995, she was shocked by the number of children who couldn't go to school and lacked access to shoes, uniforms or transportation. In Shanghai Sunrise's early years, monetary assistance was given to primary school students to fund items like books and uniforms. After the Chinese government began funding primary education, Shanghai Sunrise adapted to help older students. Today, the organization sponsors high school, university and college scholarships for 500 students from poor, working families. Since its founding in 1995, Shanghai Sunrise has helped more than 1,800 students and awarded 9,884 scholarships.

### How you can help:

- Sponsor a high school student (¥3,000) or college student (¥6,000) for one or more years of education
- Assist with financial management, IT, marketing, translation, event management and fundraising

### Contact:

- [volunteer@shanghaisunrise.com](mailto:volunteer@shanghaisunrise.com)
- [www.shanghaisunrise.com](http://www.shanghaisunrise.com)

## Baobei Foundation

Founded in Shanghai in 2008, Baobei Foundation provides surgeries and post-surgical rehabilitation for Chinese orphans with life-threatening birth defects. Baobei has provided over 200 surgeries for over 100 orphans to date.

### How you can help:

- Become a childcare volunteer (in-home short- and long-term foster families, hospital visits); medical vol-

unteer (physician services, nursing, physical therapy); fundraising volunteer (product sales, event planning, graphic design); or administrative volunteer (information and web management)

- Donate funds for medical care or supplies such as diapers and formula
- Join the "transportation call list" to help transport babies, supplies and staff
- Host a fundraiser or become a business partner

### Contact:

- [volunteer@baobeifoundation.org](mailto:volunteer@baobeifoundation.org)
- [www.baobeifoundation.org](http://www.baobeifoundation.org)



## Stepping Stones

In 2006, founder Corinne Hua first visited migrant schools in Minhang and asked principals what they needed most. They all asked for help teaching English to their students. Today, with approximately 400 local and foreign volunteers, Stepping Stones provides free English language classes and other services to more than 4,000 students each year in 20 migrant schools and community centers in Shanghai.

### How you can help:

- Volunteer as a "main teacher" for four

to six hours a week (minimum of three to four months); deliver 35- to 40-minute lessons to students ages six to 15

- Volunteer as an "assistant teacher" for three to four hours a week (minimum of three to four months); support the main teacher with classroom management, instruction and translation

### Current needs:

- Funding for a new program that provides training and language support to local English teachers

### Contact:

- [enquiry@steppingstoneschina.net](mailto:enquiry@steppingstoneschina.net)
- [www.steppingstoneschina.net](http://www.steppingstoneschina.net)

## Walk Into Life & Learn (W.I.L.L.) Foundation



In 2006, Pilar Tan's family took in a young orphan from Shanxi Province named J.J., who needed urgent medical treatments to fix his bilateral cleft lip. After J.J.'s third surgery, Pilar realized it would be better for his future for him to live with her family in Shanghai. She later established the W.I.L.L. Foundation to provide the same sort of vibrant, nurturing home for other orphaned children, emphasizing character- and skills-building tailored to each

child's potential. Today, 10 children are living and flourishing at W.I.L.L.

### How you can help:

- Volunteer for tutoring, writing, cooking, crafting, mentoring, serving, caring, driving, sorting, cleaning and chatting
- Become a mentor (assigned to a single child and expected to commit long-term)
- Become a medical/dental volunteer
- Become a "Just in time" volunteer to participate in various short-term activities
- Volunteer to help with administrative and technical support

### Current needs:

- More long-term and committed help
- Volunteers to teach technology to kids once a week
- Cleaning help once a week/month
- Lead volunteers in the Volunteer and Marketing Departments

### Contact:

- [info@email.willfound.org](mailto:info@email.willfound.org)
- [www.willfound.org](http://www.willfound.org)

*"After seeing how happy these kids are, they have taught me that true happiness is not about material things, but about sincere love." – W.I.L.L. Foundation volunteer*

## Mifan Mama

"I'm hungry" were the words that led to the founding of Mifan Mama in 2008. This organization supplies basic food items and other essentials to orphanages in four provinces within China.

### How you can help:

- Interact with children at the orphanages
- Sponsor a child's school tuition through

the Education Program

- Help with the annual Boxes of Love campaign, in which boxes of gifts and daily essentials are filled and distributed to children in orphanages and homes in over 50 Chinese cities
- Donate food, goods or funding

### Contact:

- [mifanmama@outlook.com](mailto:mifanmama@outlook.com)
- [www.mifanmama.com](http://www.mifanmama.com)

## Other Ways to Help:

- *Caritas offers outreach projects to support migrant education, cancer patients, disabled orphans and more.* [www.caritasshanghai.com](http://www.caritasshanghai.com)
- *Community Center Shanghai Charities connects expats with a variety of charitable activities.* [communitycenter.cn/charities](http://communitycenter.cn/charities)
- *Home Sweet Home provides care for the homeless, including meals, clothing, job training and reintegration.* [homesweethome.org.cn](http://homesweethome.org.cn)
- *Jaiya's Animal Rescue helps rescued animals find foster families and permanent homes.* [jarshanghai.wordpress.com](http://jarshanghai.wordpress.com)
- *More Than Aware promotes breast cancer awareness and prevention and hosts annual fundraising events for the Shanghai Cancer Recovery Center.* [morethanaware.com](http://morethanaware.com)
- *Morning Tears supports kids whose parent(s) are incarcerated.* [morningtears.org](http://morningtears.org)
- *A Pleins Mans helps orphans, impoverished children, former lepers, individuals with disabilities and the homeless.* [www.apleinsmains.com](http://www.apleinsmains.com)
- *The Renewal Center helps homeless individuals find support, employment and permanent homes.* [www.renewal.org.cn](http://www.renewal.org.cn)
- *Shanghai Healing Home provides pre- and post-surgical care to orphaned babies suffering from surgically correctable deformities.* [volunteer.shanghaihealinghome.com](http://volunteer.shanghaihealinghome.com)