

## Little Ones Fund-raising Concert

Little Ones Charity Fund-raising Concert will be held on 1 December 2012 at 8 p.m., featuring Trinity Reunion and their friends. They will bring a memorable night of folk songs to our audience.

To many post-70s, the concert will not only bring back the well-known tunes we used to sing in the good old days, but also conjure up memories from the past. You will be able to look back, recall what you did, and tell your children about the good old days.

The Concert aims to raise funds for the Little Ones, which helps the miserable children living in the remote and poor regions of China. We will subsidise their lunch fees, thereby ensuring no kid will go to school with an empty stomach, and at the same time, alleviating their malnutrition.

Our Love Lunch programme plans to help 100 poor children in the Hubei Province this year, improving their situation of being “one day full, one day hungry”.

**Performing band: Trinity Reunion & Friends**  
**Venue: 16/F, Sino Cheer Plaza, 23 Jordan Road, Kowloon**  
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## It's Lunch Time!

Little Ones reached a formal agreement with a migrant worker primary school in Wuhan in September, and pledged to help the poor children enjoy a nutritious lunch at school, just like other normal children.

On 7 September, we paid our second visit to the school. Our colleagues and volunteers conducted a simple survey with 30 children. The straightforward questionnaire probed into their background and dietary habit.

We also measured the height and weight of the school kids. After evaluation, we have decided to subsidise the lunch fees of 26 children who were particularly poor.

This group of primary school kids mostly grow up in a single-parent family at the grass roots. Their parents' occupations vary from vegetables retailer to manual labour, from staircase maintenance worker to those who grind meat – indeed from all walks of life. These farmers who should be working in the farm since daybreak have come to the city in hopes of a better living. As they are characterised by an unstable pay and long working hours, they of course have no time to take good care of their children.

As predicted, the results of our survey indicate that meat and milk are luxury to these children, some of which have never tasted milk before. Their dinner comprises mainly vegetables. They go to school the next day with an empty stomach because their family cannot afford breakfast. In some serious cases, the kids do not have dinner – lunch is their only meal. As a result, some children are apparently skinny and underweight.

Our survey reaffirms the need of our Lunch Programme. This is only our first step. We hope to get in touch with more migrant worker children who are in need in the future, and not only feed them, but also be able to share their sorrow and joy – indeed, mourn with those who mourn, rejoice with those who rejoice.



# Still hurt ?

Xiao Yong reminded me of a book I read in secondary school, entitled “I am David”. The protagonist, who has always lived a concentration camp since young, does not know how to smile because no one has taught him how to.

The 6-year-old Xiao Yong, also raised in a single-parent family, began Primary One this year. He could not express himself well; for most of the time, he did not know how to respond, and would just nod or shake his head. The teacher did not know much about his background, only that his family was very poor.

The most striking feature of this kid was the deep scar on his arm. But he could not tell how he got it.

After our interview, we followed Xiao Yong back to the classroom. We observed that he was very detached from class, and he did not really join the other kids in their activities. When his classmates were laughing, he did not even smile, but continued to be an observer at the side.

He was only spirited when it came to the lunch hour: only when he held in his hands a bowl full of rice, did we see the smile coming from deep within his heart.



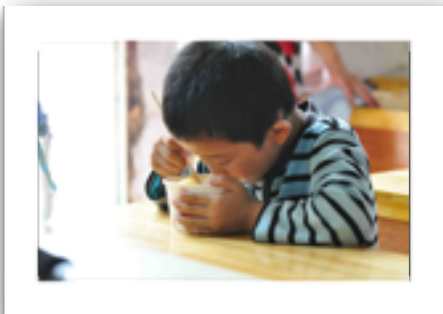
Xiao Lan, aged 12, grew up in a single-parent family. She only had 1-2 dinner per week, because her father came home only once a month, left some money for Xiao Lan and her brother – and left again. This is a living example of being “one day full, one day hungry”.

When Xiao Lan told us that she usually had 2-3 lunches and 1-2 dinners per week, we were indeed astonished.

During the interview, she did not cry, nor did she complain. Yet the writer could feel a sense of powerlessness and stress emanating from her.

There are in fact many more children like Xiao Lan. It is our sincere wish that our “portion of rice” could truly be effective, alleviating their hunger whilst continually caring for these children.

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