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树华教育基金会成立31周年庆典

将于2026年11月8日在半岛酒家举行。详情随后公布，诚邀拨冗光临！

SOAR's 31st Annual Gala will be held on November 8

More details will come soon. Please join us for the celebration!

积沙成塔，三十而励：树华的多元蜕变与传承之路

张笑枫

From Sands to Towers, Thirty Years of Striving: SOAR's Evolution and Path of Heritage

Siu-Fong Huang

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三十年前，树华教育基金会在旧金山的一片热忱中诞生，秉持着纯粹的信念，跨越海洋，将海内外华人的爱心化作奖学金，送往偏远乡村。三十年来，我们亲眼见证了无数求学若渴的学子，透过教育扭转命运，完成初中、高中乃至大学的学业。然而，面对瞬息万变的时代与乡村教育发展的新需求，我们深知，树华不能止步于过去的成就。今天，我非常欣喜地向所有关心树华的朋友们报告：树华正成长为一个更多元化、富有澎湃动力的现代公益组织。

除了坚守多年的奖学金项目，我们在前瞻性战略指引下，正式启动了守护未来的“学前教育”计划。过去几年来，我们在偏远村落深耕的“幼儿教师培训”已探索出一套成熟且高

Thirty years ago, the SOAR Foundation was established in San Francisco with a simple mission: to transform the generosity of Chinese communities around the world into educational opportunities for students in rural China. Over the past three decades, we have witnessed countless young people change the course of their lives through education, completing their studies and pursuing brighter futures. Yet as times change and new educational needs emerge, SOAR must continue to grow. Today, I am pleased to share that SOAR is evolving into a more diverse and dynamic nonprofit organization.

While remaining committed to our long-standing scholarship program, we have officially launched our Preschool Education Initiative. Through years of work in rural communities, our Early Childhood

度可行的完整模式。这项扎根基层的努力，不仅让乡村的幼儿获得优质的早期启蒙，更为当地留下了带不走的优质师资。看着乡村学前教育开出的美好成果，我们满怀信心——这项方案即将在不同省份进行跨区域的复制与推行。公益事业正如积沙成塔，我们深信，今日在幼儿心中播下的种子，必将收到立竿见影的社会效益与深远影响。

树华之所以能够源源不断地生发出如此多元的变革力量，必须归功于我们优秀的中青代领导团队。感谢这群年轻领袖的努力不懈与卓越担当，他们每年不辞劳苦，一趟一趟地亲自深入大山沟壑考察、精准对接，寻找真正需要援建的学校，将每一项规划蓝图化为精准落地的现实。

与此同时，我要向所有年终无休、在幕后埋头苦干的义工伙伴致以最崇高的敬意；更要深深感谢每一位捐款人，是你们毫无保留的信心与实质支持，给了树华前行最坚实的底气。当然，还有那些在逆境中奋进砥砺、展现高尚品质的学子们，你们的成长，是树华最大的骄傲。

展望未来，树华即将有更多全新规划的方案出台，例如：“加强乡村学校的实验室配备计划”，旨在为孩子们打造探索科学的舞台；以及聚焦特殊困境儿童的“事实孤儿”专项助学计划”，不让任何一个孩子被爱遗忘。为了让这些理想化为现实，树华迫切需要更多拥有不同专业背景、愿意奉献心力的“新义工”加入我们的行列。在此，我诚挚地呼吁每一位树华的老朋友、新朋友，希望大家“告诉大家”，发挥传播的力量，引领更多新鲜血液加入这个充满朝气的大家庭，共同为乡村教育拓展更广阔的边界。

借此刊物出版的珍贵机会，我要将最深切的谢

Teacher Training Program has developed into a proven and sustainable model. This effort not only benefits young children through quality early education, but also helps build a lasting foundation of trained teachers in local communities. Encouraged by these results, we are preparing to expand the program to additional provinces in the coming years. Like building a tower grain by grain, we believe the seeds planted today will create lasting impact for generations to come.

SOAR's ability to grow and innovate is made possible by our outstanding team of volunteers and emerging leaders. Year after year, they travel deep into remote areas in China, meeting with educators, visiting schools, and identifying where support is needed most. Their dedication ensures that every initiative is thoughtfully planned, carefully implemented, and translated into meaningful opportunities for students.

I also extend my deepest gratitude to our volunteers who work tirelessly behind the scenes and to every donor whose trust and support make our mission possible. Most importantly, I thank the students who persevere through adversity and continue striving toward their dreams. Your success remains SOAR's greatest reward.

Looking ahead, SOAR is exploring new initiatives, including improving science laboratory facilities in rural schools and providing targeted support for children facing extraordinary hardships, including those living without effective parental care. To bring these efforts to life, we welcome volunteers from diverse professional backgrounds to join our growing community. I encourage all friends of SOAR to help spread the word and invite others to support our mission of expanding educational opportunities in rural communities.

On the occasion of this publication, I would like to express my heartfelt appreciation to Davy Kao,

意，献给我们共事多年的高董大伟哥。感谢大伟哥多年来高瞻远瞩，为基金会招揽群英，并悉心带领、倾囊相授，为树华培育出了如今这支最棒的、让人无比放心的接班人团队。这份高尚的格局与无私付出，是树华最宝贵的精神财富。大伟哥，在此全体树华人共同为您加油、祈福，愿您身体早日康复，继续站在后方，为这群优秀的年轻人鼓劲掌声！



让爱继续流动

唐明

三十一年前，一群怀着教育理想的前辈在旧金山创立了树华教育基金会。

三十一年来，无数捐款人、义工和合作学校共同努力，让一批又一批家庭经济困难而勤奋向学的孩子获得资助，完成学业，改变命运。树华也从最初的奖学金项目，逐渐发展成为一个涵盖高中助学、大学奖学金、幼教支持等多个项目的公益组织。

今年三月，我有幸接任树华教育基金会会长。许多朋友向我表示祝贺，也有人问我：“接下来，你准备带领树华做些什么？”坦白说，我并没有把自己看作一个带领大家向前冲的人。在我心里，树华从来不是靠一个人带着往前冲的组织。树华一路走来，正是一代又一代义工的接力、一位又一位捐款人的支持，以及无数合作伙伴的信任，才让树华能够持续走到今天。

我更愿意把自己看作一名协调者，或者说，一名暂时的值日生。轮到我值日的时候，我希望把事情做好；将来交棒的时候，也能让下一位值日生接得更顺一些。

our longtime Board Chair. Through his vision, leadership, and mentorship, he helped build the strong team that leads SOAR today. His dedication and selfless service have left a lasting impact on our organization. On behalf of the entire SOAR family, we wish Davy a full recovery and look forward to his continued encouragement and support in the years ahead.



Let the Love Keep Flowing

Amy Tang

Thirty-one years ago, a group of educators and volunteers founded the SOAR Foundation in San Francisco with a shared belief in the power of education.

Over the past three decades, countless donors, volunteers, and partner schools have helped students from financially challenged families pursue their education and change the course of their lives. What began as a scholarship program has gradually grown into an organization supporting high school students, university scholarships, and early childhood education initiatives.

In March, I was honored to assume the role of President of SOAR. Many friends congratulated me and asked what I planned to do next. To be honest, I do not see myself as someone who leads from the front. In my mind, SOAR has never been an organization driven forward by a single individual. It is the combined efforts of generations of volunteers, donors, and partners that have brought SOAR to where it is today.

I see myself more as a coordinator, or simply the

中国乡村教育正在不断发展变化。如何在坚守奖助学金项目的同时回应新的教育需求，如何让组织运作更加规范、更可持续，如何吸引更多年轻义工加入团队，传承接力，都是我们正在思考和努力实践的方向。

过去几个月里，树华完成了一些重要工作。我们完成了部分组织架构调整和岗位交接，启动新义工招募工作，并持续优化相关流程。同时也完成了奖助学金标准调整的准备工作。

今年春天，我与中国和美国的义工伙伴们一起探访了重庆云阳和湖南等地的多所高中。看到孩子们在有限的条件下依然努力学习，看到老师们几十年如一日坚守岗位，也让我再次确认：教育依然是改变人生最稳妥、最长远的道路之一。

与此同时，树华近年来持续投入的幼教项目也正在结出果实。今年我和树华义工赴湖北竹溪了解项目进展。看到越来越多孩子在生命最重要的成长阶段获得更好的教育机会，我们深受鼓舞。

在探访过程中，我也见到了几位曾经受助于树华的学子。他们虽然正在努力完成大学和研究生的学业，但已经通过勤工俭学或者做义工等方式回馈社会。树华最珍贵的，也不仅仅是一笔奖助学金。对于许多学生来说，树华的陪伴往往持续三年、七年，甚至九年。树华长期鼓励他们学习，关爱他们生活，帮助他们成长。

我越来越相信，教育改变人生不是一朝一夕的事，而需要时间、耐心，以及许多人长期的陪伴与守护。我们关心的不只是他们是否收到一笔资助，更关心他们能否顺利完成学业，成长为有能力帮助自己、帮助他人的人。

除了继续做好奖助学金和幼教项目外，树华也正在探索新的方向。例如加强乡村学校实验室建设，让更多孩子能够通过亲手实验感受科学的魅力；关注特殊困境儿童，为那些更需要帮

person on duty for a period of time. While it is my turn, I hope to do the job well and make it easier for the next person to continue the journey.

As rural education in China continues to evolve, SOAR is also entering a new stage. How do we respond to changing educational needs while staying true to our mission? How do we build a stronger and more sustainable organization? How do we encourage younger volunteers to carry the mission forward? These are questions we continue to explore.

Over the past few months, SOAR completed several organizational transitions, began recruiting new volunteers, and continued improving internal processes. We also prepared for scholarship adjustments to better reflect rising living costs.

This spring, volunteers from both China and the United States visited several partner high schools in Chongqing and Hunan. Seeing students work hard despite limited resources, and teachers remain devoted to their profession year after year, reminded me once again that education remains one of the most effective paths to changing lives.

Our early childhood education program is also showing encouraging results. During a visit to Zhuxi, Hubei, we were pleased to see more young children gaining access to quality educational opportunities during their most important developmental years.

Along the way, I also met several former SOAR scholarship recipients. Though still completing their university or graduate studies, many were already giving back through volunteer work and part-time jobs. Experiences like these remind me that education takes time, patience, and the support of many caring people.

What SOAR provides is more than financial assistance. For some students, our support continues for three, seven, or even nine years. We care not only about helping students stay in

助的孩子提供支持。这些想法仍然在酝酿中逐步成型。和树华过去三十年的发展一样，许多事情并不是一开始就有完整答案，而是在一步一步实践中逐渐形成。公益不仅仅是给予，更是一种连接。连接捐款人与学生。连接城市与乡村。连接不同年龄、不同背景、不同地区的人。也连接着一代人的爱心与下一代人的希望。

感谢每一位捐款人、义工、合作伙伴和受助学生。感谢你们与树华同行。也期待未来有更多朋友加入我们，一起让这份爱继续流动。



部分义工与树华学子（前排右二、三）合影留念
With SOAR scholarship recipients (front row, second and third from right)

school, but also about helping them grow into people who can help themselves and contribute to others.

As we look ahead, SOAR will continue strengthening our scholarship and early childhood programs while exploring new initiatives, including science laboratory support for rural schools and assistance for children facing special hardships.

Many of these ideas are still taking shape. Like SOAR's own growth over the past thirty-one years, meaningful initiatives rarely begin with all the answers in place. Instead, they are shaped gradually through experience, learning, and continuous effort.

To me, philanthropy is more than giving. It is about connection—connecting donors and students, cities and rural communities, people of different ages, backgrounds, and experiences. It is also about connecting one generation's kindness with the hopes and opportunities of the next.

Thank you to every donor, volunteer, partner, and student for walking alongside SOAR on this journey. We look forward to welcoming more friends to join us, so that this spirit of love and support may keep flowing.



我们需要你

如果你认同树华的理念和使命，热爱教育并相信教育可以改变命运，造福家庭和社会；如果你愿意贡献自己的才智和技能，欢迎加入我们的义工团队！

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树华会员委员会： 凝聚会员力量，共建树华未来

陈勤

参与树华教育基金会的助学公益事业，可以有多种方式：作为捐款人支持树华的发展，作为义工参与各项工作，或者成为树华会员，参与基金会的组织与建设。

根据树华教育基金会章程，会员的重要职责是参加年度会员大会，听取执行团队和董事会的工作报告，并通过投票参与董事会成员的选举。符合以下条件之一者即可成为树华会员：

- 一次性缴纳 500 美元，成为终身会员；
- 每年缴纳 100 美元，成为年度会员；
- 积极参与树华工作，例如担任活跃义工、董事会成员、顾问委员会成员等。

为了更好地倾听会员声音、提升会员服务质量，并进一步规范基金会的运作，2025年初，在时任董事长高大伟先生的主持下，董事张丽莉女士和秘书夏关龙先生共同组成工作小组，对会员制度进行了系统梳理。

工作小组认真研究了基金会章程，征询了多位树华资深前辈们的意见，并经过多次讨论，结合基金会当前的发展状况，定制了可行的基金会运营规范文件。

2025年12月14日，董事会一致通过了工作小组提交的《树华教育基金会会员运营条例》，并同意成立树华会员委员会。董事会同时明确会员委员会的职责：每年初向董事会提交当年度活跃会员名单，为会员大会和基金会组织工作提供依据。

首届会员委员会由陈勤担任主任委员，委员包括朱克钢和刘文君；张丽莉和夏关龙担任委员会顾问。

Bringing Members Together Building SOAR's Future

Chin Chen

In addition to making donations or volunteering, individuals may become SOAR members and participate in the Foundation's governance and development. Under SOAR's bylaws, members attend the Annual Membership Meeting, hear reports from the Board of Directors and executive team, and vote in Board elections. Individuals may become members by meeting one of the following criteria:

- Make a one-time contribution of \$500 and become a Lifetime Member;
- Contribute \$100 annually and become an Annual Member;
- Actively support SOAR through volunteer service, Board participation, or service on the Advisory Committee.

To better serve SOAR members, strengthen member engagement, and further improve organizational governance, Chairman Davy Kao convened a working group in early 2025 to conduct a comprehensive review of SOAR's membership program. The working group consisted of Board Director Lily Zhang and Secretary George Xia.

After carefully reviewing SOAR's bylaws, consulting long-time SOAR supporters, and holding multiple rounds of discussion, the working group developed a set of membership operating policies based on the Foundation's current needs and future development.

On December 14, 2025, the Board unanimously approved the Membership Operations Policy submitted by the working group and authorized the establishment of the SOAR Membership Committee. The Board also defined the Committee's primary responsibility: to maintain an annual roster of active members and provide

委员会成立后立即展开工作。为了准确确认会员信息，委员会于2026年1月初、1月底和2月初，先后通过一次电子邮件和三次纸质信函，联系所有终身会员和年度会员。根据反馈情况，委员会整理并确认了活跃终身会员和年度会员名单。同时，委员会还核实了顾问委员会成员名单，并向各部门负责人征集活跃义工名单。

在2026年3月会员大会召开前，会员委员会顺利向董事会提交了2026年度活跃会员名册。统计结果显示，树华教育基金会共有活跃会员94位，其中包括：

- 39位终身会员和年度会员；
- 5位顾问会员；
- 50位董事会成员及义工会员。

2026年3月29日，树华教育基金会召开了线上年度会员大会。受高大伟董事长委托，由郭丽春会长主持会议。大会顺利完成董事会成员选举程序，通过了新一届董事会成员名单。

随后召开的董事会会议上，张笑枫女士当选基金会新任董事长；郭丽春女士和李丽女士当选副董事长。与此同时，张笑枫董事长任命唐明女士为树华教育基金会新任会长。

会员制度的完善和会员委员会的成立，是树华教育基金会组织规范化进程中的重要一步。未来，会员委员会将继续加强与会员之间的沟通联系，鼓励更多会员参与基金会事务，同时欢迎更多的树华的朋友们成为会员，希望听到树华的朋友们对会员委员会的工作提出意见或建议。大家齐心协力，共同推动树华教育基金会持续发展，为帮助更多优秀学子实现求学梦想贡献力量。

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membership records needed for the Membership Meeting and other organizational activities.

The first SOAR Membership Committee was established with Qin Chen serving as Chair. Committee members included Kathy Zhu and Wenjun Liu, while Lily Zhang and George Xia served as advisors.

The Committee began work immediately after its establishment. During January and February 2026, it verified active Lifetime and Annual Members, updated the Advisory Committee roster, and worked with department leaders to confirm active volunteers.

Prior to the March 2026 Annual Membership Meeting, the committee submitted an updated membership roster to the Board. At that time, SOAR had 94 active members, including:

- 39 Lifetime and Annual Members;
- 5 Advisory Committee Members;
- 50 Board Members and Volunteers.

On March 29, 2026, SOAR held its Annual Membership Meeting online. Authorized by Chairman Davy Kao, Lisa Guo chaired the meeting, during which members elected a new Board.

Following the election, Siu-Fong Huang was elected Chair of the Board. Lisa Guo and Li Li were elected Vice Chairs. Chair Huang nominated Amy Tang as President of SOAR Foundation, and the nomination was subsequently approved by the Board.

The Membership Committee marks an important step in SOAR's continued growth. The Committee will strengthen member engagement and welcome new members to the SOAR community. Together, we can help more students pursue their educational dreams.

Interested in becoming a member? Please contact us at: member@soaronline.org



“树华名片”——高大伟

郭丽春

2026年3月29日树华完成换届，原董事长高大伟先生因身体原因卸任，创会会长张笑枫再度出任董事长一职，我也安心的将会长的接力棒稳稳的交给了唐明博士。陈勤副会长提议撰写有关老董事长的专题报告，兼任《树华通讯》总编的新会长唐明发出志愿者征集。

树华义工同仁中，我与高大哥相识相熟、为了相同的目标砥砺前行超过十年，他也是我在树华接触比较深、交集比较多，特别尊敬的长辈。思虑再三，我接下了这篇报告的撰写工作。高大哥品行出众、阅历丰厚，想要写好他实属不易。提笔之际，心中满是忐忑。

高大哥身姿英武，气度儒雅，能言善文，才华出众。他中西兼修，中文落笔温润有力，英文表达流利专业。他登台侃侃而谈，笔下文章出彩，待人谦和、处事担当，是树华当之无愧的金字名片。

最近，借着财务长苏艳玲湾区来访，我们一同去探望了高大哥。高大哥身穿他喜爱的树华义工马甲，迎接我们。在初夏的暖阳里，李丽，苏艳玲和我，坐在高府客厅里的餐桌旁，静静地聆听他波澜起伏的人生故事。



An Ambassador for SOAR — Davy Kao

Lisa Guo

Following SOAR's leadership transition on March 29, 2026, longtime Board Chair Davy Kao stepped down for health reasons, and founder Siu-Fong Huang returned to lead the Board. I was also able to pass the baton of the presidency to Dr. Amy Tang with confidence and peace of mind. Vice President Chin Chen then proposed that *SOAR Newsletter* publish a tribute honoring Davy's years of service. Amy Tang, who also served as the editor-in-chief of the newsletter, openly invited volunteers to contribute.

Among SOAR's volunteers, Davy and I have known each other well for over a decade, working side by side toward the same goals. He is one of the people I have grown closest to through SOAR — a senior whom I hold in the deepest respect. After much deliberation, I accepted the task of writing this piece. Davy is a man of exceptional character and rich experience, and doing him justice is no easy feat. I pick up my pen with a heart full of both reverence and trepidation.

To many volunteers, Davy has long been one of SOAR's most recognizable ambassadors. Thoughtful, articulate, and approachable, he represents the organization with grace and professionalism. Whether speaking at an annual gala, writing to donors, or mentoring volunteers, he has consistently embodied the values that SOAR strives to uphold.

Recently, we had the opportunity to visit Davy at his home. Wearing his favorite SOAR volunteer vest, he welcomed us warmly. Bathed in the warm light of early summer, Li Li, Annie, and I sat around his dining table, listening quietly as he shared the story of his tumultuous life.

Left:
At a restaurant near Davy's home

高大哥出身将门世家，父亲是李宗仁将军麾下高级将领。他抗战胜利前生于湖北老河口，儿时身处战火纷飞的年代，生活颠沛流离。

抗战胜利、山河安定，变故却悄然而至。他父亲英年早逝，家中顿失依靠。他的母亲聪慧美丽，善良坚韧，独自撑起清贫的家，将七个子女抚养成才。母亲的品格深深影响了他，使他终生向善、勇于担当。

高大哥早年任职于美国及台湾IBM，彼时的IBM是全球顶尖的高科技标杆企业。改革开放浪潮来袭时，高大哥代表IBM，投身科技推广与市场开拓，立足时代风口，是中国早期对外开放、科技发展的先行者与开拓者。

高大哥也深耕文化传播，曾在旧金山开设书店，以书为桥，融通中西，默默担当中外文化交流的摆渡人。

大约二十年前，经翟孟斌先生引荐，高大哥与树华结缘。

早年树华的义工同仁们温厚谦和，一心助学，却不善对外筹款。凭借多年高管销售的工作经验，高大哥刚加入树华便多方奔走，在上海从爱心人士张媛龄女士那里争取到两百名树华学子的奖学金，打开了助学筹款的新局面，自然而然的扛起了树华募资的重任。二十多年间，高大哥始终与树华义工并肩同行，既是义工，也是捐款人。他还多方发动亲友，携手设立冠名奖学金，例如与友人共同设立了友谊奖学金；基金会有工作需要，他也会耐心细致地对接每一位爱心捐赠人。

自2015年树华成立二十周年始，高大哥荣任董事长。2015至2026这十余年间，他断续执掌董事长一职，累计履职九年，默默耕耘，陪着树华一步步发展壮大。今年换届，他因身体原因，卸下了坚守多年的董事长职务。

Davy was born into a distinguished military family; his father was a high-ranking general under General Zongren Li. Born in Laohekou, Hubei Province, just before the victory of the War of Resistance Against Japanese Aggression, his early childhood was marked by the chaos of war and repeated displacement.

When the war ended, tragedy struck unexpectedly. His young and brilliant father passed away, leaving the family without its primary support. His mother, a kind and resilient woman, single-handedly sustained the impoverished household and raised seven children into successful individuals. Her remarkable character deeply influenced Davy, instilling in him a lifelong commitment to kindness and responsibility.

Davy later built a successful career with IBM in both the United States and Taiwan. During China's early years of economic reform and opening-up, he participated in technology promotion and business development efforts that helped introduce new technologies to the country. In addition to his work in technology, he also operated a bookstore in San Francisco, helping connect Chinese and American cultures through literature and community engagement.

About twenty years ago, Davy was introduced to SOAR by Moon-bin Tze. At the time, SOAR's volunteers were deeply committed to helping students but had limited experience in fundraising. Drawing on his years of leadership and business development experience, Davy quickly became one of SOAR's strongest advocates. Soon after joining the organization, he secured funding for 200 student scholarships through a donor in Shanghai, opening a new chapter in SOAR's fundraising efforts. Over the next two decades, Davy served not only as a volunteer but also as a donor and an ambassador for the organization. He encouraged friends and family members to establish named scholarships and personally maintained relationships with countless

于我而言，何其有幸。我初入树华时，高大哥已是董事长；我担任会长的三年里，他一直是我的董事长，也是我敬重的前辈和依靠。相伴同行的日子里，我始终受他提点与扶持。

相处多年，我深知他温润智慧、谦和通透。无论请教工作还是打磨文稿，他都事事上心、及时回应。他悉心栽培后辈，总是给予我们鼓励与肯定。始终放手支持我们大胆创新、踏实干事，他包容我们的新想法，凭丰富阅历给出周全建议，既是良师，亦是暖心的大家长。

每年树华年会，高大哥的发言永远是全场最亮眼的高光时刻。他的发言从容真挚，满含温情，总能打动在场每一位参会者。



高大哥在2025年树华30周年庆典
Chair Davy Kuo at SOAR's 30th Annual
Gala in 2025

supporters. Whenever SOAR needed help connecting with donors, Davy was always willing to step forward.

Beginning with SOAR's 20th anniversary in 2015, Davy served as Board Chair for a total of nine years. During that time, he helped guide the organization through important periods of growth and transition. Earlier this year, due to health considerations, he stepped down from the position he had faithfully held for so many years.

For me personally, Davy has always been much more than a Board Chair. When I first joined SOAR, he was already serving in that role. During my years as President, he remained a trusted advisor, mentor, and source of support. Whether discussing organizational matters or reviewing written materials, he was always thoughtful, responsive, and generous with his time.

One of Davy's greatest strengths has been his willingness to encourage others. He consistently supported new ideas, trusted younger volunteers with responsibility, and offered guidance drawn from decades of experience. Many of us benefited from his confidence in us long before we had fully gained confidence in ourselves.

Every year at SOAR's annual gala, Davy's remarks were among the highlights of the event. His words were sincere, thoughtful, and often deeply moving. He had a remarkable ability to connect with people and remind us why SOAR's mission matters.

Some of our working meetings were held in his home, where conversations about organizational matters naturally blended with friendship and fellowship. Beyond his professional accomplishments, Davy is known among volunteers for his warmth, hospitality, and exceptional cooking. Many of us still remember gatherings around his dining table, enjoying homemade dishes and his famous sauces while discussing SOAR's future.

我们有时将工作会议设于他家中，在温馨家常的氛围里议事交心、凝聚力量。抛开一身才情，生活中的他格外亲切随和。他厨艺精湛、匠心细腻。

去年七月，我们在他家中召开工作会议，逐一为他介绍新义工成员。看着一代代义工薪火不息、接力前行，他满心欣慰，眼中满是对树华公益事业期许。会前聚餐，餐桌上的刀削面搭配高大哥独家秘制炸酱，风味醇厚、唇齿留香；他亲手烹制的家常菜刀工精细，味道鲜美。他私藏的秘制腌菜配方独具风味，时至今日，我仍时常沿用他传授的方法制作。

高大哥心中始终怀揣着对故土的眷恋、对祖国的赤诚热爱。和所有老一辈树华人一样，他一生心系家国，盼着国家繁荣、孩子们学有所成。这份心意，正是他数十年坚持助学公益的初心。

下面是我翻出的我们几位义工新人2015年面试后，高大哥写下的感言：

“以我个人在基金会十年义工的经验，也接触了很多对树华很感兴趣的朋友们。大家对慈善事业的想法，对祖国繁荣昌盛的期盼，基本上都是抱持相当共同的心愿，也经常遇到极大的服务热情，但是多半由于基金会福薄，或我们努力不够，能够最终达成合作的案例不如我们期盼的那么多。

但昨天的会晤，叫我们激动不已。大家畅所欲言，不仅沟通了共同的理念，对于基金会具体的操作、发展方向，都有着发自心底的共鸣。我们为这些即将加入、一同并肩奋斗的新生力量心生欢喜！我个人更为看到树华永续经营的愿景又向前迈进一步，而由衷欣慰。

再一次谢谢各位新朋友付出的时间、心力，以及为此次见面所做的诸多准备。我仿佛已经换上小短裙，头戴大红花，手中挥动中美两国国旗，高声呼喊：‘欢迎！欢迎！热烈欢迎！’”

In July of last year, we held a working meeting at his home and introduced several new volunteers to him. Watching a new generation join the organization brought him tremendous joy. He often spoke about the importance of continuity and the hope that future volunteers would carry SOAR's mission forward.

That hope was beautifully expressed in a message he wrote after interviewing a group of prospective volunteers in 2015. Reflecting on the meeting, he wrote:

"Based on my personal decade of experience as a volunteer at the foundation, I have interacted with many friends who show a keen interest in SOAR. Everyone's perspective on philanthropy and their hopes for the country's prosperity are rooted in a deeply shared vision, and I frequently encounter immense enthusiasm for service. However, perhaps because our foundation's blessings are modest or our efforts have fallen short, the number of cases where we successfully finalize a partnership is not as high as we might hope.

But yesterday's meeting left us incredibly thrilled. Everyone spoke their minds freely. We did not just communicate a shared philosophy; there was a deep, heartfelt resonance regarding the foundation's specific operations and future direction. Our hearts are filled with joy for these fresh forces who are about to join us and fight side-by-side! Personally, I am profoundly comforted to see SOAR's vision for sustainable operation take another meaningful step forward.

Once again, thank you to all our new friends for the time, energy, and extensive preparation put into this meeting. I feel as though I have already changed into a short skirt, placed a big red flower on my head, and am waving the national flags of both China and the United States, shouting at the top of my lungs: 'Welcome! Welcome! A warm welcome!'"



多年后再读这段文字，心中依旧非常温暖。字里行间是他对后辈的善待，以及公益代代相传的期许。当年他迎接二代义工的模样恍如昨日，如今团队和睦同心，三四代义工接续参与，也算是不负前辈所愿。

这，就是值得我们敬重的“树华名片”，永远的董事长高大伟大哥！



2026年春季学校探访报告

万英

时间：2026年4月

地点：重庆地区、湖南

参与人员：唐明、郭丽春、李丽、张丽莉、万英、刘文君、田晓杰、杜渐

2026年4月，树华教育基金会义工探访小分队展开了首次春季学校探访活动。本次探访覆盖重庆及湖南地区，多位义工伙伴从各地汇聚重庆，共同开启一年一度的助学探访之行。

与往年秋季探访不同，今年首次尝试将探访安排在春季。过去秋季期间，奖学金申请审核工作繁忙，同时也难以在高考前与高三学生见面。改为春季后，我们不仅能在学生备考阶段及时传递树华大学生奖学金的信息，也能给予孩子们更多鼓励与陪伴。实践证明，这样的调整十分有意义。

今年的探访在重庆周老师的建议与协助下，还特别增加了“当地树华大学生见面”活动。探访期间，我们邀请了数位在当地求学的树华大学生一同聚餐交流。学生们分享了自己的学习与生活近况，也表达了对树华长期关怀的感激。

Reading these words years later still brings immense warmth. Between the lines is his kindness toward the younger generation and his hope for philanthropy to be passed down. The memory of him welcoming the second generation of volunteers feels like yesterday. Today, our team stands united, with the third and fourth generations beginning to carry the torch. Davy will always remain an ambassador for SOAR and a cherished mentor to us all.

Spring 2026 School Visits

Ying Wan

Date: April 2026

Locations: Chongqing and Hunan, China

Participants: Amy Tang, Lisa Guo, Li Li, Lily Zhang, Ying Wan, Wenjun Liu, Xiaojie Tian, and Jian Du

In April 2026, SOAR volunteers launched the first spring school visit program, traveling to schools in Chongqing and Hunan. Volunteers from different regions gathered in Chongqing to begin this annual journey of connection and encouragement.

Unlike previous years, when visits were conducted in the fall, this year's visits were moved to the spring. The change allowed volunteers to meet with high school seniors before graduation and share information about SOAR's university scholarship program while offering them encouragement during an important stage of their academic journey. The new schedule proved to be both meaningful and effective.

Another new addition was a gathering with local SOAR university students. Several former scholarship recipients joined volunteers for dinner.

义工们第一次如此近距离看到曾经受助的孩子逐渐成长、成熟，深深感受到助学工作的价值与延续的力量。学生们也反馈，学校探访让他们对树华有了更加真实、深刻的认识，更进一步证明了探访工作的必要性。

4月15日，探访活动正式展开。义工团队兵分两路，一路由郭丽春与李丽前往重庆彭水，了解新项目合作的可行性；另一路则由唐会长带队展开云阳地区探访。

当天凌晨四点半，大家便起床赶往重庆北站，搭乘清晨六点的火车前往云阳。九点多抵达后，云阳学校的朱老师与刘老师已专程开车到车站迎接，并热情地带大家吃早餐。前往学校途中，义工们见识了山城司机在蜿蜒山路上高超的飞驶驾驶技术。

抵达云阳江口学校时，校领导及三个年级约七十位学生早已在会议室等候。活动开始后，学生们首先观看了树华三十周年年会视频，随后探访成员分别介绍了基金会的工作内容与个人参与助学的经历，唐会长也向大家分享了树华的发展故事。

最初孩子们略显拘谨，但在交流过程中逐渐放松下来。当校领导邀请学生发言时，许多孩子踊跃举手。有学生感动落泪地说，过去一直以为树华的捐款人与义工都是“遥远又高高在上的有钱人”，而听完大家的分享后，才发现树华的捐款人和义工其实都是平凡、真诚而亲切的普通人。那一刻，学生们与树华亲人之间的距离被真正拉近了。



For many volunteers, it was the first opportunity to see former students as confident young adults. The students said the visits helped them better understand SOAR and the people behind it.

On April 15, the team divided into two groups. One group, led by Lisa Guo and Li Li, traveled to Pengshui in Chongqing to explore a potential new partnership. The second group, led by Amy Tang, visited schools in Yunyang County. After an early-morning train ride, the team was warmly welcomed by local educators and began a full day of school visits.

The day began at 4:30 a.m. as the team traveled to Yunyang by train. Upon arrival, Teachers Zhu and Liu warmly welcomed the group and treated them to breakfast before accompanying them to the school.

At Yunyang Jiangkou High School, school leaders and approximately seventy students from all three grade levels were already gathered in the meeting room to welcome the visiting team. The students first watched a video from SOAR's 30th Anniversary Gala. Members of the visiting team then introduced the Foundation's work and shared their own experiences supporting students through education. President Tang also spoke about SOAR's history and growth over the past three decades.

Students who were initially reserved gradually opened up as the discussion continued. When invited to speak, many eagerly raised their hands. One student, moved to tears, shared that she had always imagined SOAR donors and volunteers as distant and wealthy people. After meeting us in person, she realized they were ordinary people with genuine hearts and a desire to help others. Moments like this reminded everyone that the greatest impact of these visits often comes from human connection.

Left:
Seventy students from 3 grades were gathered

中午，义工们与学校领导、负责老师一同在师生食堂共进午餐。轻松的交流让彼此更加了解，也建立了更深厚的友谊。离别前，老师们还带领大家参观了部分校园。

下午，团队前往即将合作的南溪高中。学校有一个极具书香气息的名字——“南溪书院”。在大山深处的学校三面环水，环境宁静优美。探访团队与学校领导进行了深入交流，对未来合作方向交换意见。

最后，来到了云阳地区的最后一站——云阳高中，云阳高中也是今秋即将合作的学校，校领导带领大家参观了校史陈列室，百年老校人才辈出，参观完毕后与学校领导进行了进一步的座谈交流加深了双方的了解及信任。

右图:

与江口和南溪两所中学的部分领导们会谈

当天傍晚，团队赶回重庆，与两位在重庆附近就读的树华大学生见面。虽然从未见过面，但学生见了树华的义工却象久别重逢，场面温馨而感人。看到孩子们逐渐成长、自信、独立，大家都感到十分欣慰。

4月16日，团队再次兵分二路，一路搭乘两天一班的绿皮火车及长途汽车深入湖南偏远地区江永，另一路一早搭乘高铁前往长沙，准备展开湖南地区的学校探访。然而途中却临时接到通知，原本已经安排妥当的湖南吉首学校探访被取消，已有的合作也被中止。突如其来的变化让大家心情低落，也一时难以理解。

面对突发状况，北京代表处办公室主任田晓杰迅速协调修改行程，紧急退订火车票与酒店，并重新联系平江学校方面调整安排。虽然过程仓促忙乱，但也让大家再次体会到探访工作中不可预知的挑战。

At lunchtime, the volunteers joined school leaders and teachers for a meal in the student cafeteria. The relaxed conversations helped deepen mutual understanding and strengthen new friendships. Before departing, the teachers also gave the group a brief tour of the campus.

The team also visited Nanxi High School and Yunyang High School, both potential partner schools. Through meetings with school leaders and campus visits, volunteers gained a better understanding of local educational needs and explored future opportunities for collaboration.



Meetings with school leaders at Nanxi

That evening, the team met two SOAR university students studying near Chongqing. Although they had never met before, the reunion felt like reconnecting with family. Seeing the students grow into confident and independent young adults was deeply rewarding for everyone involved.

On April 16, the team once again split into two groups, with one traveling deep into rural Hunan while the other headed to Changsha to continue the school visits. However, the second team soon encountered an unexpected challenge. A planned school visit in Jishou, Hunan, was canceled at the last minute, and an existing partnership was discontinued. The sudden change required a quick adjustment of plans. Xiaojie Tian, Director of

4月17日，团队包车前往平江。幸运的是，当地政府、教育局及学校给予了极大的支持与配合，使探访得以提前顺利进行。当地公安局负责NGO事务的警官以及教育局老师也参加了座谈。

平江学校领导与老师们朴实真诚，他们务实的教育态度，以及重视培养学生积极向上、知恩感恩品格的理念，让义工们深受感动。有些学生观看树华30年年会及树华前辈义工杜老的视频后感动落泪。当地学生的单纯与质朴，令义工们心疼。

座谈结束后，老师带领大家参观校园及实验室，详细介绍学校教学情况。活动结束后，大家仍意犹未尽，在校园中继续与警官及教育局领导交流许久，让他们对树华的助学理念有了更深入的了解，也更加放心支持我们的工作。

中午，学校领导与老师邀请义工们共进午餐，席间气氛轻松愉快，彼此的理解与信任进一步加深。

当晚回到长沙后，团队又与来自河南杞县、目前在长沙读研究生的树华大学生王同学见面。这位学生依然清楚记得2017年树华探访团队离别时郭丽春老师给予他的那个温暖拥抱。如今，当年的“树苗”已经逐渐成长为栋梁，研究生即将毕业。他待人谦逊有礼、三观端正，并表示未来也希望为树华贡献力量。

义工们纷纷告诉他：“不用急着回报树华。树华的捐款人与义工从不图回报，很多人甚至从未期待过一句感谢。你现在最重要的是照顾好自己，让自己成长、站稳，未来有能力时，再把这份温暖继续传递下去。”义工们短短几句话，道出了树华助学最核心的初心。

晚餐结束分别时，树华的郭老师再一次的给了王同学一个大大的拥抱，场面令人感动泪目。

SOAR's Beijing Representative Office, swiftly revised the itinerary and coordinated new arrangements with Pingjiang School. Although disappointing, the experience reminded everyone of the unpredictable challenges that can arise during school visits.

Fortunately, the visit to Pingjiang on April 17 proceeded successfully. Local government officials, educators, and school leaders offered strong support and participated in discussions with the SOAR team. Volunteers were impressed by the school's commitment to both academic development and character education. Some students were deeply moved by videos from SOAR's 30th Anniversary Gala and stories shared by longtime volunteers.

After the meeting, teachers guided the volunteers through the campus and science laboratories. Conversations with local education officials and the police officer responsible for NGO affairs continued long after the visit ended, fostering a deeper understanding of SOAR's mission and strengthening support for its work.

At lunchtime, the volunteers joined school leaders and teachers for a meal. The relaxed conversations further deepened mutual understanding and trust.

That evening, after returning to Changsha, the team met a SOAR scholarship recipient from Henan who is currently pursuing graduate studies in Changsha. He still vividly remembered a warm hug from Lisa Guo during a school visit in 2017. Now nearing graduation, he expressed a desire to give back and support future students.

The volunteers encouraged him not to feel pressured to repay SOAR. Instead, they reminded him that the greatest gift he could offer was to continue growing, build a meaningful life, and one day pass that kindness on to others. Those simple words reflected the spirit that has guided SOAR's work for more than three decades.

相信咱们树华郭老师的这二个拥抱会让王同学牢记一辈子。



4月18日，由于吉首探访取消，湖南行程提前结束。大家提议一同前往岳阳楼游览参观。

站在岳阳楼上，远望洞庭湖水，烟波浩渺，春风拂面。大家不禁想起范仲淹《岳阳楼记》中“先天下之忧而忧，后天下之乐而乐”的名句。一路探访走来，大家见到了不同地区学校与孩子们的真实情况，也更加深刻感受到教育公益工作的责任与意义。

岳阳楼不仅是一座历史名楼，更像是一种精神象征。它提醒着我们，助学不仅仅是物质上的支持，更是人与人之间温暖、责任与希望的传递。

4月19日，团队与总部视频会议，简单汇报了探访工作的情况及商讨接下来的幼教活动。

4月20日，高中探访结束，部分团员回家，唐会长继续带领其他团队成员前往湖北竹溪参加幼教活动。

此次春季探访虽然行程紧凑，也经历了突发变动，但义工伙伴们彼此扶持、共同面对，在一所学校、一位位学生身上，看见了坚持助学的意义，也更加坚定了继续前行的信念。 ◆◆

As the evening came to an end, Lisa gave the student another warm hug before saying goodbye. It was a touching moment for everyone present. Looking back, it is hard not to believe that those two hugs, nearly 9 years apart, will remain with him for a lifetime.

With the Hunan itinerary ending earlier than expected, the team made a special trip to the historic Yueyang Tower. Standing atop the tower and gazing across the vast waters of Dongting Lake, the volunteers were reminded of Fan Zhongyan's famous words: "To be the first to worry about the affairs of the nation and the last to enjoy its pleasures."

After days of visiting schools and meeting students, teachers, and local partners, the team gained an even deeper appreciation for both the responsibility and the significance of educational philanthropy.

Yueyang Tower is more than a historic landmark; it is also a symbol of responsibility and service. It reminded us that supporting education is not only about financial assistance, but also about passing on warmth, hope, and a sense of responsibility from one person to another.

On April 19, the team met with SOAR headquarters by video conference to report on the school visits and discuss upcoming activities.

On April 20, the high school visits concluded. Amy and a few volunteers continued on to Zhuxi, Hubei, for SOAR's early childhood education program.

This spring's school visits were filled with long days, unexpected changes, and challenging weather. Yet through every school visited and every student met, the volunteers were reminded why SOAR's mission matters. The journey strengthened friendships among team members, deepened connections with schools and students, and renewed our commitment to helping young people pursue their educational dreams. ◆◆

2026 年新开发项目报告

李丽

2026年4月，树华教育基金会义工郭丽春和李丽先后赴重庆市彭水县、湖南省永州市江永县开展新项目实地考察，深入了解当地教育发展现状及困难学生需求，并与当地学校、教育基金会负责人及志愿者进行了广泛交流。

一、重庆彭水县第一中学奖学金项目

彭水县是重庆市重要的少数民族聚居地区，以苗族为主的33个少数民族人口占全县总人口的一半以上，曾为国家级贫困县。彭水第一中学现有学生约6000人，是当地最重要的高中教育资源之一。学校办学成绩突出，校园文化氛围浓厚，重视学生德智体美劳及心理健康的全面发展。

来自重庆的树华义工 Grace 为开发彭水助学项目做了大量前期联络工作，积极宣传树华基金会 30年来在中国开展教育资助的实践经验，赢得了校方的认可和信任。学校对树华奖学金项目表现出强烈的合作意愿，希望通过设立“树华班”的方式，为家庭经济困难、品学兼优的学生提供持续支持。在实地考察的基础上，综合考虑学校规模、学生需求及当地以农业为主的发展现状，树华团队决定在彭水第一中学设立60个高中奖学金名额，成立两个“树华班”，帮助更多优秀学子顺利完成高中学业。

二、湖南江永县奖学金及合作发展项目

江永县位于湖南省南部永州地区，是原国家级贫困县，瑶族人口占全县人口六成以上。当地经济以特色农业为主，工业基础相对薄弱，教育扶持资源有限。

树华与江永结缘，源于义工任尚芬大姐的高中

2026 New Project Development

Li Li

In April 2026, SOAR volunteers Lisa Guo and Li Li conducted site visits in Pengshui County, Chongqing, and Jiangyong County, Hunan, to assess local educational needs and explore new partnership opportunities. The team met with school administrators, local education foundation leaders, and community volunteers to better understand the challenges facing students in these regions.

1. Pengshui No. 1 High School, Chongqing

Pengshui County is home to a large ethnic minority population, primarily Miao, and was formerly designated as a national poverty county. Pengshui No. 1 High School, with approximately 6,000 students, is one of the region's leading educational institutions.

SOAR volunteer Grace, who is based in Chongqing, played a key role in establishing communication with the school and introducing SOAR's thirty years of experience supporting education in China. School leaders expressed strong interest in partnering with SOAR and proposed establishing two “SOAR Classes” to provide long-term support for academically motivated students from financially disadvantaged families.

Based on the school's size, student needs, and local economic conditions, SOAR decided to establish 60 high school scholarships at Pengshui No. 1 High School through two SOAR Classes.

2. Scholarship and Partnership Development in Jiangyong County, Hunan

Jiangyong County, located in southern Hunan, is home to a predominantly Yao population and was also formerly designated as a national poverty county. Educational resources remain limited, and

同学万老师。20世纪60年代，万老师从长沙来到江永上甘棠村插队，在农村劳动生活八年。其间，她与同学利用祠堂开办扫盲班，自编教材，利用农闲和夜晚时间为当地农民开展文化教育。离开江永后的半个多世纪里，万老师始终关注当地的发展，并多次组织当年的知青和朋友回访江永，为江永宣传助力。

去年，在长沙的一次同学聚会上，任大姐带去的《树华30周年纪念刊》再次激发了万老师支持江永教育的热情。虽已年过80，她仍积极推动树华与当地教育界建立联系，向江永教育基金会介绍树华的发展理念和助学成果，为双方合作奠定了坚实基础。

4月中旬的江永考察，我们从重庆出发，乘高铁和绿皮火车辗转十余小时抵达江永。万老师不顾高龄，在晚辈陪同下坚持全程参与考察活动。在两天时间里，我们分别与当地三所高中负责人进行了座谈。一中有学生3600余人，汇集了当地最优质的师资和生源；三中（原二中已并入三中）和职业高中学生规模均在2000人左右。与此同时，我们与永明教育基金会进行了深入交流，并一起走访了部分受助学生家庭。永明教育基金会现有5名工作人员，全部义务服务社会。基金会下属拥有一个500余人的志愿者协会，其中近半数成员长期参与“每日一元”捐赠行动。

永明基金会核心公益项目为“逆风飞翔”，主要帮助孤儿和事实孤儿（父母至少一方尚在但弃养），目前资助72名学生。项目不仅提供从小学到大学不同阶段的奖助学金，还组织生日陪伴、书屋/书桌改善、夏令营活动及重大节日集体活动等，为孩子们提供持续的精神关怀和成长支持。未来，基金会还希望将服务范围扩展至帮助“困境儿童”的群体（父母尚在，但因病丧失赡养能力）。

永明教育基金会的项目定位精准，助学内容对

the local economy is largely agriculture-based.

SOAR's connection with Jiangyong began through volunteer Ms. Ren and her longtime friend, Ms. Wan. In the 1960s, Ms. Wan spent eight years living and working in Jiangyong, where she helped organize literacy classes for local villagers. More than fifty years later, she remains deeply committed to the area's development and has continued supporting educational initiatives there.

After learning more about SOAR through its 30th Anniversary publication, Ms. Wan enthusiastically introduced SOAR to the Jiangyong Education Foundation and local education leaders. Despite being over eighty years old, she remained actively involved in facilitating communication and helping build a foundation for future collaboration.

During a two-day visit in April, the SOAR team met with leaders from three local high schools and held extensive discussions with the Yongming Education Foundation. The team also visited several student families.

Founded and operated entirely by volunteers, the Yongming Education Foundation supports vulnerable children through its “Flying Against the Wind” program. The initiative currently serves 72 students, including orphans and children who have been abandoned by one or both parents. In addition to scholarships, the program provides birthday celebrations, reading corners, summer camps, holiday gatherings, and ongoing emotional support.

The Foundation's work is highly focused and impactful, but funding remains limited in this largely agricultural region. As a result, Yongming leaders expressed a strong desire to establish a long-term partnership with SOAR.

Following the site visit, SOAR decided to establish 50 high school scholarships in Jiangyong County, distributed among Jiangyong No. 1 High

这些处于困境中的儿童是雪中送炭的帮助，非常扎实可贵。但农业为主的江永善款资金来源非常有限，他们迫切希望与树华建立长期合作关系。根据实地考察结果，树华团队决定在江永一中、三中及职业中专分别按照 30、10、10的比例设立共50个高中奖学金名额。同时，与永明教育基金会合作设立专项基金-“永明树华助学金”，专款专用资助50名“逆风飞翔”项目中的事实孤儿和困境儿童。永明教育基金会承诺不收取树华管理费用，确保全部善款直接用于受助学生。

三、湖北竹溪县职业高中茶艺项目

竹溪县位于湖北、重庆、陕西三省（市）交界地区。当地政府将生态康养产业和茶产业列为未来重点发展方向。为适应地方产业发展需求，当地职业高中正在建设茶艺专业课程体系。

4月下旬，树华基金会参加竹溪幼师培训项目的义工唐明、张丽莉及李丽一同实地考察了职业高中茶艺项目。

目前，该项目尚处于起步阶段。学校已完成师资培训，但教学设备和实训场地条件非常简陋，不能满足茶艺培训的要求。项目整体设置预算约25万元人民币。

考察小组认为，该项目符合地方产业发展规划，具有较好的就业前景和示范作用。经团队研究决定，将先期资助15万元人民币，用于购置茶艺教学基础设备、搭建实训条件，并根据项目实施效果再决定后续支持计划。

4. 未来计划

此外，根据树华学生探访团队的反馈，各地高中普遍存在实验室设备不足的问题。许多学校虽建有物理、化学和生物实验室，但因缺乏必

School, and the local vocational school. In addition, SOAR and the Yongming Education Foundation will jointly establish the Yongming-SOAR Scholarship Fund to support 50 children participating in the “Flying Against the Wind” program. Yongming has committed to charging no administrative fees, ensuring that all donated funds directly benefit students.

3. Tea Arts Program at Zhuxi Vocational High School, Hubei

Zhuxi County is located at the intersection of Hubei, Chongqing, and Shaanxi. As part of its economic development strategy, local authorities have identified tea production and wellness-related industries as key growth sectors. To support these efforts, Zhuxi Vocational High School has begun developing a Tea Arts training program.

During a visit to Zhuxi in late April, President Amy Tang, Vice President Lily Zhang, and Li Li conducted an on-site assessment of the program.

Although teacher training has already been completed, the program remains in its early stages and lacks the equipment and practice facilities needed for effective instruction. The school's total project budget is approximately RMB 250,000.

The assessment team concluded that the program aligns well with local economic development plans and offers promising employment opportunities for students. SOAR therefore approved an initial grant of RMB 150,000 to support the purchase of equipment and the development of training facilities, with future support to be evaluated based on program outcomes.

4. Looking Ahead

In addition to these new projects, feedback from SOAR's school visit teams revealed a common challenge across many high schools: under-

要设备而长期闲置，学生因此失去了宝贵的实践学习机会。这一现象也为树华未来教育资助项目的发展方向提供了新的思考。

综上所述，我们在实际的走访过程中发现，随着社会经济的发展和环境的变化，不同地区对教育资助的需求正在呈现更加多元化的特点。从传统奖学金项目，到事实孤儿和困境儿童关怀，再到职业教育和实验教学条件改善，教育公益事业面临着新的机遇和挑战。

树华基金会将在坚持奖学金核心项目的基础上，持续关注基层教育发展的实际需求，不断探索和拓展教育资助的内容与形式，把有限的善款投入最需要的地方，让更多孩子因教育而拥有改变命运的机会。



郭丽春（前排右2）、李丽（前排左2）、万老师（前排中）与三位校长及永明教育基金会的义工们合影

Lisa Guo (front row, second from right), Li Li (front row, second from left), and Ms. Wan (front row, center) with school leaders and Yongming Education Foundation volunteers

equipped science laboratories. While many schools have established physics, chemistry, and biology labs, a lack of equipment often prevents students from fully participating in hands-on learning.

These observations highlight the evolving needs of educational philanthropy. While scholarships remain SOAR's core mission, communities increasingly require support in areas such as vulnerable children services, vocational education, teacher development, and educational facilities.

As SOAR moves forward, we will continue listening to local communities, exploring innovative ways to support education, and directing our limited resources where they can have the greatest impact. Our goal remains unchanged: to help more students gain opportunities through education and build brighter futures.



郭丽春、李丽、万老师与永明教育基金会的义工们探访事实孤儿家庭

Lichun Guo, Li Li, and Ms. Wan, together with Yongming Education Foundation volunteers, visit the home of a child who has been abandoned by parents



湖北竹溪幼师培训项目报告

李丽

树华第二个幼师培训项目落地湖北省竹溪县。竹溪地处鄂、渝、陕三省交界的秦巴山区，隶属于湖北省十堰市。竹溪建县于明成化十二年（1476年），总面积3310.52平方公里，下辖15个乡镇，总人口约38万。这里拥有“中国有机绿茶之乡”“黄连之乡”“生漆之乡”“魔芋之乡”“蒸盆之乡”五张国家级名片，森林覆盖率达83.2%，是南水北调中线工程重要水源涵养地，被誉为“中国天然氧吧”，同时也是庸巴文化发源地，关垭楚长城、向坝民歌、山二黄等均当地具有代表性的非物质文化遗产。

山清水秀的竹溪是天然的生态康养旅游胜地，发展生态旅游和绿色产业也是当地政府因地制宜的重要发展战略。树华目前已在竹溪开展高中奖学金项目，并新设茶艺职业培训支持项目。在双方通过奖学金项目建立的互信基础上，应竹溪县教育局邀请，幼师培训项目已进入2026年的正式备案。

竹溪县学前教育整体水平在十堰市相对薄弱，当地幼儿教师普遍缺乏系统、专业的大规模培训机会。本次培训共有来自8所幼儿园的110名教师参加，学员结构较为复杂，其中约30%为转岗教师，不仅整体年龄偏大，也尚未充分认识自身在幼儿教育理念与教学实践方面存在的不足。

为期三天的培训过程中，教师们从最初的迷茫和期待，到逐渐理解、积极参与，再到热烈讨论、频频感叹“讲得真好”“原来还可以这样做”，培训效果令人欣喜。作为参与者，我们亲身见证了高质量培训为基层幼儿教师带来的启发与成长。合作方“四环游戏”邀请的北京幼教专家李莉老师的课堂尤其令人印象深刻。李老师围绕课堂观察、户外游戏、本土资源开发

Zhuxi Preschool Teacher Training Program, Hubei

Li Li

SOAR's second preschool teacher training program was successfully launched in Zhuxi County, Hubei Province. Located in the Qinba Mountain region at the intersection of Hubei, Chongqing, and Shaanxi, Zhuxi is known for its beautiful natural environment, rich cultural heritage, and strong commitment to ecological development. With a forest coverage rate exceeding 80 percent, the county is often referred to as a "Natural Oxygen Bar of China" and serves as an important water conservation area for the South-to-North Water Diversion Project.

As a county rich in natural resources and ecological tourism opportunities, Zhuxi has identified green industries and sustainable development as key priorities. These local characteristics have also shaped SOAR's growing partnership with the region. SOAR currently supports high school scholarships in Zhuxi and recently launched a vocational tea arts training project. Building on the trust established through these initiatives, the Zhuxi Education Bureau invited SOAR to bring its preschool teacher training program to the county. The program was officially approved in 2026.

Compared with other areas in Shiyan City, Zhuxi's preschool education system has had fewer opportunities for large-scale professional training. A total of 110 teachers from eight preschools participated in the three-day program. About 30 percent were teachers who had transferred from other positions and had limited formal training in early childhood education.

Over the course of the training, participants progressed from curiosity and uncertainty to active engagement and enthusiastic discussion. Many expressed surprise at new teaching approaches and educational concepts they had not

利用、生成式课程设计与发展等内容展开系统培训，层层递进、环环相扣。所有课程始终紧扣《3—6岁儿童学习与发展指南》提出的儿童发展五大领域—健康、语言、社会、科学和艺术，引导教师深入理解儿童发展的规律和需求。她向老师们展示了如何利用生活中随处可见的简单材料激发儿童探索与创造的潜能，让教师们真切感受到“材料有限、创意无限”的教育魅力。她倡导的“就地取材、寓教于乐、支持儿童自主发展”的教育理念，大大开阔了教师们的视野和想象力。

培训期间，竹溪县教育局主管领导吴主任，树华义工唐明、张丽莉，李丽和北京代表处负责人田晓杰全程参与了培训活动。凭借李莉老师深厚的专业素养和融会贯通的课程设计，本次培训获得了教育局领导和参训教师的一致好评。竹溪幼师培训项目首战告捷，为树华未来在当地持续开展学前教育支持项目奠定了良好的基础。

我们相信，优质学前教育资源的持续输入，将帮助更多乡村幼儿获得更好的成长起点，也将为乡村教育振兴播下充满希望的种子。



李莉老师为竹溪县幼儿教师做专题培训。

Teacher Li conducts a training session for preschool teachers in Zhuxi County.

previously encountered.

A highlight of the program was the training led by teacher Li, an early childhood education expert invited by SOAR's partner organization, Four Rings Group. Her sessions focused on classroom observation, outdoor play, the use of local resources, and the design of emergent curricula. Throughout the program, she emphasized the five developmental domains outlined in China's Guidelines for Learning and Development of Children Aged 3–6: health, language, social development, science, and the arts.

Through practical examples, teacher Li demonstrated how simple everyday materials can inspire children's creativity, curiosity, and exploration. Her educational philosophy—using local resources, learning through play, and supporting children's independent development—greatly expanded participants' perspectives on early childhood education.

The training was attended throughout by Director Wu of the Zhuxi Education Bureau, SOAR volunteers Amy Tang, Lily Zhang, Li Li, and Xiaojie Tian, Director of SOAR's Beijing Representative Office.

Thanks to teacher Li's expertise and thoughtfully designed curriculum, the program received enthusiastic praise from both education officials and participating teachers. The successful launch of the Zhuxi Preschool Teacher Training Program has established a strong foundation for SOAR's future early childhood education initiatives in the region.

We believe that continued access to high-quality early childhood education resources will help more rural children gain a stronger start in life and plant seeds of hope for the future of rural education.



一株在风雨中成长的幼苗 记树华学子曾强

邹立美

“邹老师，我已经找到工作了。是去年下半年国内秋招时找到的：中国广核集团，在广东阳江……”

今年4月16日，我再次收到树华学子曾强发来的好消息。他即将在今年6月从西南大学毕业，7月正式走上工作岗位，开启人生新的阶段。这份来之不易的喜讯，让人由衷地为他高兴。

思绪不禁回到2019年的秋天。那一年，在陈勤的带领下，许爱华和王若愚夫妇、我和先生夏关龙，以及资助人高慧一行六人，在四川甄选委员周兴全、唐和平和付杨红的陪同下，从重庆出发，开始了走访学生的行程。

我们探访的第一所学校，是重庆云阳实验中学。初见曾强，是在操场上。他刚从军训队伍中被老师叫出来，还是一名高一新生。这个男孩圆圆的脸上带着笑容，却又隐约透出一丝腼腆。

随后，我们在教室里围坐在课桌旁，与曾强和他的班主任交谈，细细了解他的情况。下午，我们前往他家中走访。



Growing Through Adversity: The Story of SOAR Student Zeng Qiang

Limei Zou

“Ms. Zou, I've found a job. I received an offer during last year's campus recruitment season. I'll be working for China General Nuclear Power Group in Yangjiang, Guangdong...”

On April 16 of this year, I received another piece of good news from SOAR student Zeng Qiang. He will graduate from Southwest University this June and begin his first full-time job in July. After everything he has experienced, the news brought me great joy.

My thoughts drifted back to the autumn of 2019. That year, under the leadership of Chin Chen, a group of six volunteers—including Eva, Roy, my husband George, donor Hui Gao, and myself—set out from Chongqing to visit students. Accompanied by SOAR's local selection committee members Zhou Xingquan, Tang Heping, and Fu Yanghong, we began our journey into the mountains.

The first school we visited was Yunyang Experimental High School in Chongqing. I first met Zeng Qiang on the school athletic field. He had just been called out from military training by his teacher and was only a first-year high school student. There was a shy smile on his round face that immediately left an impression on us.

Later, we sat together in his classroom with his homeroom teacher and learned more about his situation. That afternoon, we visited his home.

As we approached the house, we saw his mother sitting on the doorstep. She had been partially

Left:
SOAR volunteers in Zeng Qiang's classroom
树华义工们在曾强的教室里

走近家门时，只见他的母亲坐在门槛上。她先天半身瘫痪，无法站立。邻居告诉我们，曾强的父亲正在屋后的小山坡上干活。关龙便上山去找。不一会儿，他背着一只箩筐下来，里面装着曾强父亲刚挖出的红薯。随后，曾强的父亲也走下山来，与大家交谈。

因为父母都有残疾，曾强一家被列为贫困户，生活主要依靠低保和父亲微薄的劳动收入。他们居住的房子，也是借住在亲戚家中。然而，这个孩子从小懂事，在校勤奋努力，一直受到老师和学校的关心与帮助。

离开曾强家时，大家的心情久久难以平静。那一刻，我们几乎没有犹豫：这正是树华应该资助的孩子。

这些年来，曾强的身影时常浮现在我的脑海中。他仿佛是一株生长在贫瘠土壤中的幼苗，在学校与社会的关爱中一点点长大。

他曾这样对我们说：

“小学三年级，我得到了一件新棉袄，是一位老师送的。棉袄是明亮的黄色，很好看。第一次穿上它，我觉得自己就是学校里最靓的仔。”

“小学五年级，我得到了一本别人送的书，是我的班主任给我的。那是一本作文集。扉页上老师写着：‘曾强，你是个很优秀的孩子。这本书送给爱写作的你，希望你能从中有所收获……’”

从那时起，教育让他慢慢走出了对“出身不公”的困惑。他开始由衷地觉得：“我是幸运的。”

他从一个爱哭鼻子的小男孩，逐渐变得自信而勇敢。在父母、老师以及社会各界的关爱中，这株幼苗在阳光与雨露下，稳稳地向上生长。

初三毕业时，学校将树华奖学金申请表发给了曾强，当年全校只有两个名额。曾强不负众

paralyzed since birth and was unable to stand. A neighbor told us that Zeng Qiang's father was working on a nearby hillside. George went to look for him and soon returned carrying a basket filled with freshly harvested sweet potatoes. Shortly afterward, Zeng Qiang's father came down the hill and joined us.

Because both of his parents lived with disabilities, the family had been classified as living in poverty. Their income came primarily from government assistance and his father's limited earnings from manual labor. The home they lived in belonged to relatives.

Yet despite these circumstances, Zeng Qiang had grown into a hardworking and thoughtful young man. He studied diligently and was deeply cared for by his teachers.

When we left that afternoon, none of us could stop thinking about what we had seen. The decision came almost immediately: This was exactly the kind of student SOAR was meant to support.

Over the years, Zeng Qiang's story often returned to my thoughts. He seemed like a young seedling growing in difficult soil, slowly nurtured by the care of his school, his community, and countless kindhearted people.

He once shared these memories with us:

“When I was in third grade, a teacher gave me a new winter coat. It was bright yellow and very beautiful. The first time I wore it, I felt like the coolest kid in school.”

“When I was in fifth grade, my homeroom teacher gave me a book of student essays. On the first page she wrote: ‘Zeng Qiang, you are an outstanding child. I hope this book will inspire your love of writing and help you continue to grow.’”

Little by little, education helped him overcome his confusion about being born into hardship. He

望，以优异成绩考入云阳第一实验中学，同时获得了树华教育基金会的资助。从此，他与树华结下了深厚的缘分。

高一班主任在推荐信中这样写道：“曾强各方面表现出色。这个从大山里走出来的孩子，从未因家庭困难而自卑，反而更加努力进取。我们都非常疼爱他。”

然而，命运的天平有时并不会倾向于贫苦的人——我们从甄选委员周兴全那里得到了一个令人揪心的消息：曾强的父亲病危。

高二下学期放暑假的那天，曾强接到外婆的电话，让他立刻赶往医院。他冒着大雨，辗转两个多小时赶回家乡。当他在乡镇卫生院见到病重的父亲时，终于忍不住，眼泪夺眶而出。

父亲用那双布满老茧的手为他擦去泪水，轻声说：“曾强，哭啥子哭嘛，人早晚都要走到这一步的。我现在不是还好好的嘛，你回来陪我就好。”

接下来的二十多天里，曾强陪伴父亲走完了人生的最后一程。

曾强父亲一生坎坷，四十岁后才成家有子，但他用最朴实的方式，把深沉的爱留给了孩子。虽然生活贫困，他却始终没有放弃。也正是在这段时间里，曾强更加明白了父亲对他的期望。他要成为这个家庭的支柱，要考上大学，不辜负父亲的一生。

父亲病重期间，班主任杨老师给了他500元人民币的资助，这在当时无疑是雪中送炭，让人深深感受到人间的温暖。

失去父亲后的高三，对曾强来说是一段格外艰难的时光。但他没有被命运击倒，而是以顽强的毅力与时间赛跑，与困难抗争。最终，他以高出一本录取线94分的成绩考入西南大学。

began to see himself not as unfortunate, but as fortunate.

The little boy who once cried easily gradually became more confident and resilient. Supported by his parents, teachers, and many caring individuals, he continued to grow.

When he graduated from middle school, he was selected to apply for a SOAR scholarship—one of only two students in the entire school to receive the opportunity. He was later admitted to Yunyang Experimental High School with excellent grades and became a SOAR scholarship recipient.

Not long afterward, his father became critically ill. During the summer break of his second year in high school, Zeng Qiang rushed home through heavy rain after receiving a call from his grandmother. By his father's bedside, he finally broke down in tears.

His father gently comforted him: “Why are you crying? Sooner or later, everyone reaches this point. I'm still here, aren't I? Just stay with me for a while.”

For more than twenty days, Zeng Qiang accompanied his father through the final chapter of his life. The experience strengthened his determination to become the pillar of the family, attend college, and fulfill his father's hopes for him. He would not let his father's sacrifices be in vain.

During this period, his homeroom teacher, Mr. Yang, gave him 500 yuan in financial assistance. Though modest in amount, it arrived at exactly the right moment and reminded him that kindness still existed everywhere around him.

Yet he refused to be defeated by hardship. With determination and perseverance, he continued pushing forward. In the end, he was admitted to Southwest University with a score 94 points above the first-tier university admission line.

老师这样评价他：“性格坚毅，让师长和学校为之自豪。”

进入大学后，树华教育基金会继续为曾强提供奖学金支持，并推荐他参加树华的“远见冠名奖学金”的面试。曾强顺利通过，在这一项目中，他有机会与资助人及义工交流，从中受到很大启发：学会主动争取机会，勇于尝试新事物，不断开阔自己的视野。

大学期间，曾强始终保持刻苦学习的习惯。面对较难的课程，他都会提前预习，并通过网络自学加深理解，每周坚持投入6至8小时进行自主学习。

同时，他还积极参加体育活动，成为西南大学长跑协会的副会长，一年累计跑步达2000公里。长跑不仅让他结识了朋友，也成为他调节身心的重要方式。图书馆与跑道，构成了他大学生活最稳定的节奏。



曾强在马拉松长跑中
Zeng Qiang competing in a marathon

His teachers described him as: “Strong in character and a source of pride for both the school and his teachers.”

After entering college, SOAR continued supporting him through scholarships and recommended him for one of SOAR’s named scholarships, the Vision Scholarship Program. He successfully completed the interview process and was given opportunities to interact with donors and volunteers. These experiences broadened his horizons and taught him the importance of seeking opportunities, embracing new challenges, and stepping beyond his comfort zone.

Throughout college, he maintained strong study habits. For difficult courses, he prepared in advance and frequently used online resources to deepen his understanding. Every week, he devoted six to eight hours to independent learning.

At the same time, he became actively involved in athletics. He served as Vice President of Southwest University's Long-Distance Running Association and logged more than 2,000 kilometers of running in a single year. Running helped him build friendships and became an important source of balance in his life. The library and the running track formed the steady rhythm of his university years.

Outside of school, he also participated in a variety of work-study opportunities and volunteered with programs serving children. Through these experiences, he learned to better understand and support others. As he put it: “Because I have walked through the rain myself, I want to hold an umbrella for others.”

This July, Zeng Qiang will begin the first full-time job of his life. He told us: “Throughout my journey, countless people have extended a helping hand to me. There are so many wonderful people in this world. They help others not because they expect anything in return, but simply because they

四年的假期与课余时间，曾强还参加了多种勤工俭学，并主动参与关爱儿童的志愿服务。在与不同人群的接触中，他逐渐学会理解他人、帮助他人。他说：“因为我淋过雨，更想为别人撑起一把伞。”

今年7月，曾强即将开始人生的第一份工作。他对我们说：“一路走来，无数人向我伸出了援助之手。这个世界上有这么多特别好的人。他们不求回报，只是出于内心的善良在帮助他人。正是这些善意，支撑我走到今天。树华陪伴我的这七年，就像春风细雨一样，悄然影响着我的一生。未来的路或许仍有未知，但我愿意把这份爱继续传递下去。如果有机会，我也希望成为一名树华义工。”

孩子长大了。我反复看着曾强的照片，也在不断思考“树华”的意义。“树华”之名，寄托着“树我中华”的朴素理想。十年树木，百年树人。

三十多年来，树华始终在做一件安静却长远的事情——陪伴一批又一批孩子走过求学之路。在社会各界的关爱下，他们从稚嫩走向成熟，逐渐成长为可以承担责任的人。

或许，他们未必都成为参天大树，但当他们愿意回望来路、伸手帮助他人时，这份善意，已经在延续。

are kind. Their kindness has carried me to where I am today. SOAR's companionship over these past seven years has been like a gentle spring rain, quietly shaping my life. The future may still hold many unknowns, but I want to pass this love on. If I have the opportunity, I would also like to become a SOAR volunteer.”

The little boy we once met has grown into a young man. As I look again at Zeng Qiang's photographs, I find myself reflecting on the meaning of SOAR. The name SOAR reflects a simple but enduring belief: that education has the power to nurture both individuals and society. As the saying goes, it takes ten years to grow a tree, but a hundred years to educate a generation.

For more than three decades, SOAR has quietly remained committed to one long-term mission—accompanying students on their educational journeys.

With the support of donors, volunteers, teachers, and communities, these young people gradually grow from vulnerable children into responsible adults capable of shaping their own futures.

Not every student will grow into a towering tree.

But when they remember those who once helped them and choose to help others in return, the spirit of kindness continues to grow.



缅怀两位挚爱的义工楷模

朱克钢

近日，树华大家庭沉痛悼念两位资深义工。他们长期无私奉献，深受大家敬重，是树华的重要成员。他们的离去，让我们倍感惋惜与不舍，也让我们更加深刻地体会到他们留给树华的精神财富之厚重。



Remembering Two Beloved SOAR Volunteers

Kathy Zhu

Recently, the SOAR family mourned the passing of two longtime volunteers who dedicated themselves selflessly to our mission and earned the respect and affection of all who knew them. Their loss leaves a deep void in our community,

一、温暖与欢笑的传播者 — 伊斯曼先生

在树华的大家庭中，伊斯曼先生总爱谦称自己只是“打酱油的”，或是“专业跑腿”。然而，熟悉他的人都知道，他不仅倾囊相助，更倾力付出。树华每一次活动，都少不了他忙碌而温暖的身影。

他学识渊博，多才多艺：写文章、编节目、演话剧，无不游刃有余；他机智活泼，幽默风趣，总能在不经意间点燃现场的气氛；他平易近人，与人为善，让每一位接触他的人都感受到真诚与亲切。作为多届树华年会的主持人，他以风趣生动的主持风格和经典的趣味问答环节，为无数人留下了难忘的回忆。只要有他在的地方，笑声总会此起彼伏。

自2010年创办伊斯曼俱乐部以来，他坚持每周六邀请嘉宾通过Zoom分享知识，十五年如一日，从未间断。这个平台不仅传播了知识，也聚集起一群志同道合的朋友。尤其是在疫情期间，它成为会员们交流思想与慰藉心灵的重要空间，如同一片温暖的“网络桃花源”。

此外，伊斯曼先生还长期在新希望华人防癌基金会等多个公益组织担任义工，足迹遍布湾区。然而，在他心中，树华始终占据着特殊的位置。



他对友情的珍视，也体现在生活中的点滴细节。曾有一年圣诞节前，我与另一位义工前往探望他，只见他家中摆满了七八十盒巧克力。

A Messenger of Warmth and Laughter — Mr. Eastman

Within the SOAR family, Mr. Eastman often joked that he was merely an “accidental volunteer” or a “professional errand runner.” Those who knew him, however, understood that he gave far more than that. He contributed not only financially, but also through his time, energy, and unwavering commitment. Wherever SOAR activities took place, his warm and cheerful presence was never far away.

A man of many talents, he wrote articles, organized programs, and performed in community theater with remarkable ease. Intelligent, witty, and quick with humor, he had a gift for bringing people together and brightening every gathering. As master of ceremonies for numerous SOAR annual galas, he delighted audiences with his lively style and memorable question-and-answer sessions. Wherever he went, laughter followed.

In 2010, he founded the Eastman Club, a weekly Zoom-based learning community that hosted guest speakers from a wide range of fields. For fifteen years, the program continued without interruption. Beyond sharing knowledge, it brought together a community of lifelong learners and friends. During the pandemic, it became an especially important source of connection and encouragement for many participants.

Mr. Eastman also volunteered extensively with other nonprofit organizations throughout the Bay Area, including the New Hope Chinese Cancer Care Foundation. Yet SOAR always held a special place in his heart.

His generosity extended into everyday life. One Christmas season, another volunteer and I visited his home and were surprised to find dozens of boxes of chocolates stacked throughout the house. Before we left, he insisted that we take some with us. Later, I learned that giving chocolates during the holidays had been one of his favorite traditions.

临别之际，他坚持与我们分享。后来才知，节日期间赠送巧克力，已成为他多年不变的习惯。他热爱与人交流，乐于分享，无论是知识还是温暖，都慷慨给予。

伊斯曼先生在78岁时离开了我们。他的离去，让人依依不舍；而他所留下的热情、幽默与无私奉献的精神，将长久地激励着我们。

二、沉稳坚实的奉献践行者—李自洁先生

与伊斯曼先生的活跃外向不同，李自洁先生以其沉稳内敛的品格，默默支撑着树华的发展。他是树华早期奖学金项目组的重要成员之一，多年来积极参与各项公益事务。

他曾多次自费前往中国探访受资助学生，深入了解他们的学习与生活情况，用实际行动诠释对教育公益的坚定支持。李先生为人谦和敦厚，是一位令人敬重的长者。与他交谈，总能感受到一种从容与踏实：言语不疾不徐，没有空泛的大道理，却句句真诚有力、令人信服。

在认同树华理念之后，他不仅身体力行，还积极向家人推广，把自己的弟弟、妹妹、子女以及朋友一一介绍成为树华的支持者与捐助人，让爱与善不断延续。



李自洁夫妇2018年在树华23周年年会
Mr & Mrs Lee at SOAR's 23rd Gala in 2018

for many years. Whether sharing knowledge, friendship, or simple acts of kindness, he gave generously and joyfully.

Mr. Eastman passed away at the age of seventy-eight. Though we miss him dearly, his warmth, humor, and spirit of service will continue to live on in the hearts of all who knew him.

A Quiet and Steadfast Servant Leader — Mr. Li Zijie

In contrast to Mr. Eastman's outgoing personality, Mr. Joseph Lee was known for his quiet strength and steady dedication. As one of the early members of SOAR's scholarship team, he devoted many years to supporting the organization's educational mission.

He traveled to China numerous times at his own expense to visit scholarship recipients and learn firsthand about their lives and educational challenges. Gentle, thoughtful, and humble, he was deeply respected by everyone who knew him. Conversations with him were always calm and reassuring. He rarely spoke at length, yet his words carried sincerity, wisdom, and conviction.

After embracing SOAR's mission, Mr. Lee became one of its strongest advocates. He introduced family members, friends, and relatives to the organization, inspiring many to become donors and supporters. Through these efforts, he helped extend SOAR's circle of compassion far beyond himself.

His generosity was equally remarkable for its humility. Following the passing of longtime SOAR Newsletter editor Wen Hsu, he made a significant contribution to the Traditional Chinese Medicine Scholarship she had established. Only then did I realize that, despite his many years of support for SOAR, he had never created a scholarship in his own name. Instead, he quietly supported the efforts of others, often choosing to give without seeking recognition.



李先生行善低调，从不张扬。当《树华通讯》长期编辑徐雯女士辞世后，他向其设立的中医奖学金捐赠了一笔可观的资金。那时我才得知，他从不设立以自己命名的奖学金，而是更愿意支持他人设立的项目，或以匿名方式默默行善。

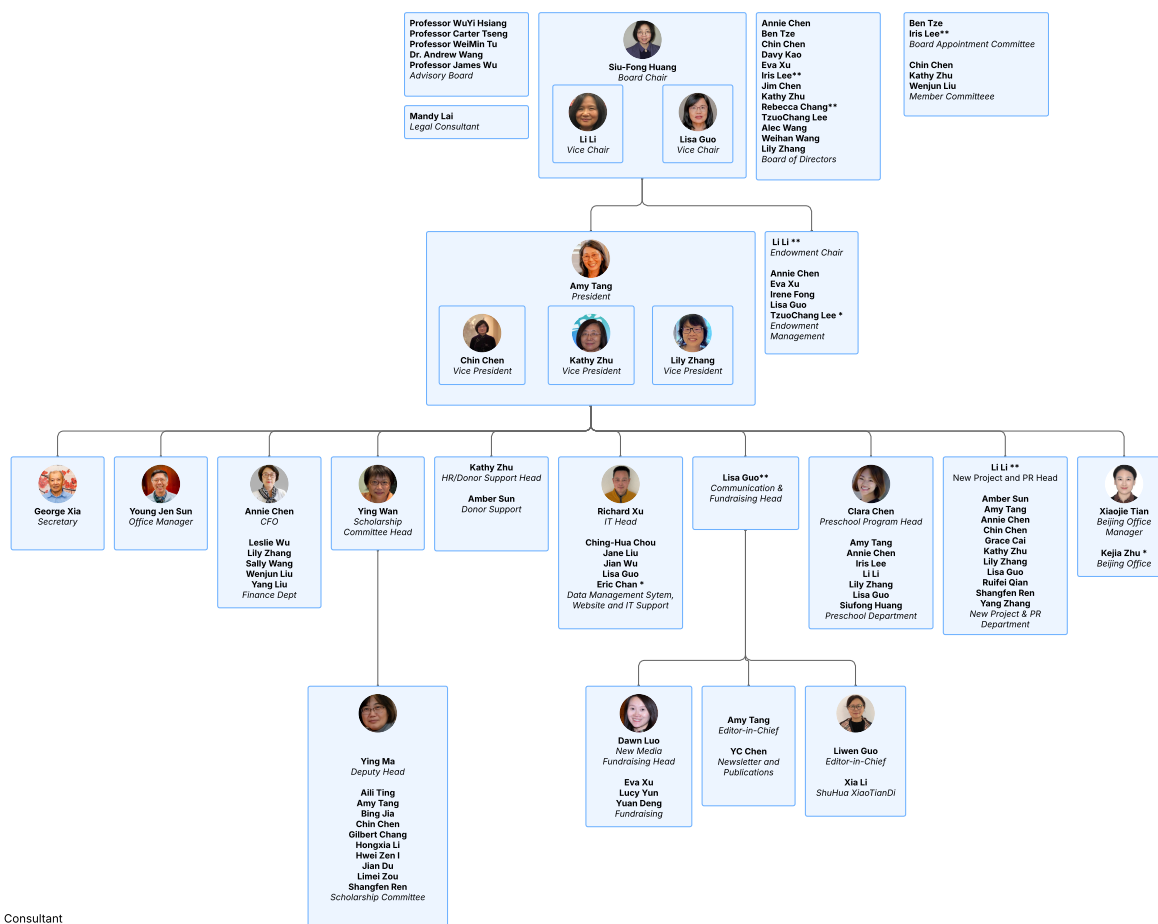
他的人生经历同样令人动容。幼年时，他曾经历战乱，与家人辗转流离。后来，他以此为背景写成《百年苦难的中国》一书，自费以中文、英文和日文出版，并赠予有缘人阅读。书中系统梳理了中国百年来的苦难历史，寄寓了他对国家自立自强、人民安居乐业的深切期盼。

李自洁先生以其一生的实践，诠释了何为家国情怀与社会责任。他的品格与胸怀，将永远是我们学习的榜样。

Mr. Lee's life story was equally inspiring. As a child, he experienced the hardships of war and displacement. Drawing from those experiences, he later wrote *One Hundred Years of Hardship in China*, which he self-published in Chinese, English, and Japanese and distributed to interested readers. Through the book, he reflected on China's turbulent history and expressed his hope for a stronger nation and a more peaceful, prosperous future for its people. He also hoped younger generations would better understand the sacrifices and lessons of the past.

Through a lifetime of action rather than words, Mr. Lee embodied a deep sense of social responsibility and commitment to the greater good. His character, humility, and generosity will remain an enduring example for future generations of SOAR volunteers.

树华组织框架



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**The SOAR Foundation
Revenue and Expenses
1/1 – 12/31, 2025**

Revenue

General Donation	\$ 28,856
Membership Income	1,225
Annual Gale Fundraising Net Income	39,954
Sponsorship	402,248
Memorial Fund/Named Scholarship注1	488,067
Endowment Funded Scholarships 注2	190,250
Total Revenue	\$1,150,600

Expenses

Office and Operation Expenses	
U.S.A.	\$ 30,279
China	29,071
Sub-total	\$ 59,350
Preschool Program 注3	133,687
Scholarship 注3	497,921
Total Expenses	\$ 690,958

Other Income 注4 331,305

Net Income \$ 790,947

注1: 2025 Memorial Fund: 陈建中夫妇, 程天放先生, 吉尔瑛严演存夫妇, 傅良居朱亚贤夫妇, 趙汝漢先生, 高湏瑚女士, 杨隆祜李绍姍夫妇, 胡駿女士, 曾李素夫人, 刘崇华女士, 沈祖海夫婦, 揽翠奖学金, 杜献文老师, 程士彭先生, 丁德洋曾淑慎夫妇.

Named Scholarship: 王若愚许爱华夫妇, 許夢洙余祯培夫婦, 春天獎學金, 筑梦奖学金, , 亮丽奖学金, 籽光獎學金, 继华奖学金, 嵇阅伟奖学金, 天琪奖学金, Youth4Good Scholarship, 樹華好獎學金.

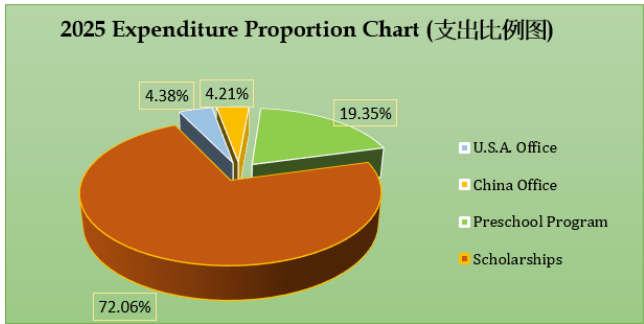
注2: 2025年永续基金拨款资助奖学金总额

注3: 2025年奖学金与学前教育补助款共计 \$631,608

注4: 2025年非永续基金投资收益和美元/人民币汇率调整

2025 SOAR Expenditures

U.S.A. Office	\$ 30,279.00	4.38%
China Office	\$ 29,071.00	4.21%
Preschool Program	\$ 133,687.00	19.35%
Scholarships	\$ 497,921.00	72.06%
Total Expenses of 2025	\$ 690,958.00	100.00%



树华美国31年工薪支出为 "零"

The SOAR US Office has had zero payroll expenses for 31 years. All volunteers generously cover their own international travel costs for SOAR related student visits and project inspections.

如欲查询树华教育基金会2025年全年的财务报表明细, 请电 510-675-0680
或 e-mail office@soaronline.org, 财务收支 苏艳玲/Annie Chen

树华奖助学金及相关项目资助标准调整通知
Notice of Adjustments to Scholarship and Program Funding Levels

尊敬的树华捐款人：

您好！

鉴于近年来通货膨胀及汇率变动等因素影响，经树华核心团队讨论决定，自2027-2028学年起，树华奖助学金及相关项目资助标准调整如下：

1. 高中生奖助学金：每人每年500美元（原为450美元）
2. 大学生奖助学金：每人每年800美元（原为700美元）
3. 关于树华奖助学金，对于已完成认捐、已签订多年资助协议或已承诺连续资助的奖助学金项目，树华将尊重原有约定，按原资助标准执行至该资助周期结束，不再追加差额。自2027-2028学年开始，新设立或续签的奖助学金名额，将按照本通知所列的新资助标准执行。
4. 幼师培训项目：每名学员每年300美元（新增项目）

感谢您长期以来对树华的理解与支持！

树华能够持续帮助学生完成学业、支持乡村教师成长，离不开您的爱心与信任。谨此致谢！

树华教育基金会财务长



Annie Chen

2026年6月21日

Dear SOAR Donors,

Due to inflation and exchange rate fluctuations, after careful review and discussion by SOAR's Core Team, the following adjustments to scholarship and related program funding levels will take effect beginning with the 2027-2028 academic year:

1. High School Scholarship: \$500 per student per year (previously \$450)
2. College Scholarship: \$800 per student per year (previously \$700)
3. For scholarships that have already been pledged, funded under existing multi-year commitments, or supported through ongoing sponsorship agreements, SOAR will honor the original commitment and continue applying the current funding levels through the end of the committed sponsorship period. No additional contribution will be required. Beginning with the 2027-2028 academic year, newly established or renewed scholarship sponsorships will follow the revised funding levels outlined in this notice.
4. Early Childhood Teacher Training Program: \$300 per trainee per year (new program)

We sincerely appreciate your continued trust and generous support of SOAR's mission.

Thank you for your continued partnership in supporting educational opportunities for students and teachers in rural China.

Sincerely,



Annie Chen
SOAR Finance Chair