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GlobalGiving Project:

Empower Disadvantaged Children through Photograph

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Introduction of Organization

Taiwan Fund for Children and Families (TFCF) is an international non-governmental organization that dedicates itself to award needy children and their families with welfare and benefits. TFCF Kyrgyzstan Branch was established in 2012. The main goal of our organization is helping needy families and children with basic life need and education. So far, we have provided services for over 2,000 families and 5,400 children under age 14. According to Kyrgyzstan situation, we have provided financial assistance, nutritious food and emergency support. We have been creating different programs for children's needs, such as soccer team, English class, guitar, dancing, library, camera and handmade project. Except financial supports, we also help children expand their vision and create multiple learning environments in their life.



Project objective

“Luslan is 12 years old. He grew up in a single-mother family. Because his mother is in jail, so he was transferred to boarding school, he has stayed here for over two years. His dream was to become a taxi driver. Two months ago, Luslan started to participated in photography project which we organized in boarding school. He has learned how to take photos. Recently, we asked him about his dream again? He paused a second and then confidently answered that he wants to become a taxi driver and photographer.”



Sponsored family's living situation.

According to the statistic of World Bank in 2015, there were approximately 37% of Kyrgyz family living below the poverty line. Because TFCF is a charity organization for helping children and families, so their needs are always our priority. Therefore, TFCF is trying to organize different kind of programs, projects and activities for children and families in order to satisfy their demands and empower them against poverty.



Lilia focused on practicing photography.

Photography is a method of self-exploration. It is a therapy to be used broadly in Canada, United States and Europe. Photography is also a medium which connects feeling and expression. Photos can truly reflect the photographer's inner state. When people are photographing, they are also expressing what they are thinking about. Their creativity, observation

and imagination will emerge according to their daily life experiences. If people have more stimulus from daily life, it will reflect on their photos.

In September, 2015 TFCF started to hold this photography project. Totally 27 children participated in this project. Most of participants had no opportunity to use such kind of electronic devices before this project. When they started to participate in this project, they were really excited and interested in using cameras. Approximately two months later,



Children were asking how to use the functions of cameras.



children already could take the photos which they were interested in. We also noticed that they also got some results and feeling through this process. Moreover, they also made different friends here. For some children, this is a great improvement, because they were not used to speak in public, and they had no idea how to organize their words. When we

offered some courses, we often invited children to share something about their photos. Therefore, they had opportunities to express their feelings. Most of them have much more confidence now. This is the result that we have seen within couple of months.

TFCF believes that children's development needs some new stimulus and learning to make their life with different possibilities. This is the reason why TFCF expects to continuously organize this photography project for children in 2016. We are sure that children's future will be totally different.

The final goal of our assistance is to help families be able to afford their basic needs in the future. This is the result what we expect to see. Except self-exploration, we also expect children can really get some positive experiences, especially they can gain what the successful experience is. Because successful experience will make children confident. They will believe that they can do much more than their imagination.

Solution

Photography is a process of self-exploration. Children's experiences, thoughts and behaviors usually connect with their living environments and daily life. Not all children can develop their abilities well; not all children can get many different kinds of stimulus. This is the reason why somebody's advantage turns out to be other's drawbacks. It depends on

children's experiences and abilities. Because of those situations, TFCF tries to help children invest themselves with opportunities to be different.

TFCF is planning to benefit 30 children to participate in this project. There will be 15 children from Boarding School; and other 15 children will come from our sponsored families. Each child has his/her own situation. Thus, all the courses will be held not only to focus on skills of photography, but also to help children explore themselves.

Probably you will wonder why children should explore themselves? How will it work? Experientially, many of our sponsored children lack of confidence, opportunities of learning and stimulus because of families' situations. Their thoughts, creativities and behaviors will be limited. They actually have potential abilities, but they have no chances to develop them. Therefore, when children can really get some experiences through photography, they will have chance to know more about themselves, and to expect having better possibilities of life.



Aleksei 14y / from boarding school

Potential Long Term Impact

- Enhancing confidence: Children can become more confident after participating in this project.
- Successful experience: Children will have successful experiences and abilities. They will be able to realize their ideas.
- Creative and sensitive: Children will become creative and sensitive. When they are taking photos, their abilities will be trained. They can easily express their feelings through photos and stories sharing.

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- Sharing: Some of them will be able to share their experiences with other children in the future. They can continue to share what they got with more and more people.

Requested Funding Amount

USD\$ 10,150

Donation Option

Without your support, we can't make our dream come true. Your generous donation for any option listed below will change a child's future. We highly appreciate your kindness and support.

- USD\$25: Help one child obtain the Photography Book after the project.
- USD\$35: Help one family get their photo with frame.
- USD\$50: Help pay transport fee for trainers/volunteers for one month.
- USD\$100: Help one child pay for photography supplies for one year.
- USD\$300: Help pay for one outdoor operation activity for all children.
- USD\$500: Help hold a photo exhibition in Bishkek.

Project Scope

- It will benefit 30 children from boarding school and sponsored families to participate in this photography project.
- The range of children's age is 12-16 years old.
- It will be better that children have special problems needed to be assisted, for example, lack of confidence, withdrawal behavior, difficulty of expression ...etc.

Course Overview

- *Sharing basic knowledge of photography:* Provide the basic knowledge of photography to children, including the introduction of basic photography, cameras usage guidelines, maintenance and composition, and so on. Children will get to know more about photography and create what they want.



Social workers shared the basic knowledge of photography. This day they were sharing the “Aperture”, “Shutter”, “ISO” and “Composition”.

- *Topic practice:* During a year, we will design different topics for practicing in order to enhance children’s creativity. For example: use camera to take photos of “What is my favorite colors”, “What is my expected occupations”, “What is serious expression” ,



This photo’s topic is about the “close-up”. He took a photo of someone’s fingers.

The topic practice was “ I am a little reporter”. Children was divided into different groups. They would take photos of their interviewee and report it.

“What is happening” ...etc. Children will take photos through their skills, creativities and imaginations.

- *Outdoor practical operation:* We will hold four times outdoor activities of operation of cameras. We will visit some places in order to practice taking photos in different circumstances and atmosphere. It can stimulate children to continue learning photography. Moreover, they can learn how to communicate with people, collect stories from people, cooperate with other members and observe the interesting things through outdoor practical activities...etc.



We held the outdoor practice. We went to different places with children, they could practice taking photo outside. It could really enhance their experiences and stimulus.

- *Group work:* Group work is a useful method of social work. Every child has his/her own situation, but group work can try to help children solve the common problems. According to our goal of project and children's demands, we will help children be empowered through group working methods which consist of group discussion, exploration education, outdoor experiential education. We hope the group can achieve some purposes, such as confidence, ability of expression, ability of communication and so on. After enhancing the team dynamics, all children can become initiative and positive, they can try to support each other in the group and personal life.



Social worker held group activity with children. This activity's topic was "cooperation". They experienced in cooperating with others to find the solution out. After this activity, all children shared their feeling with each other.

- *Community photo plan for 100 families:* We will arrange children to use camera to record positive stories of 100 families in their local community. And we will print and frame these photos for them.

- *Holding a photo exhibition:* We expect that we can hold one exhibition in Bishkek (capital of Kyrgyzstan) in the end of 2016. We will present to the public the photos which children have shot. We will invite children, their parents, local government and reporters to participating in our Opening Ceremony. All children will be happy to see their photos presented to the public.

Budget Plan

Description	Amount	Price	Totally
Printing Photo Books to children in this project	30	\$ 25	\$ 750
Printing and framing photos for families	100	\$ 35	\$ 3,500
Transport fee for trainer/volunteer	12	\$ 50	\$ 600
Photography supplies	30	\$ 100	\$ 3,000
Outdoor operation activity	6	\$ 300	\$ 1,800
Holding exhibition in Bishkek	1	\$ 500	\$ 500
Total			\$ 10,150

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