



## "My Sunshine" Child Sponsorship

My Sunshine is a year-round sponsorship program for all students enrolled in our Sunshine Academy school programs. Sponsorship rates are based on the costs of educating each child within our programs. Each child has the right to high-quality education so we actively invest in that education by providing on-going training and support to the teachers and staff we work with in the Chinese Social Welfare centers. By our calculations, training staff and maintaining these high-quality programs costs about RMB 200 per month, per child, meaning that a yearly sponsorship per child is valued at RMB 2400. This cost is subject to change based on the number of students enrolled in our programs and the number of full-time staff employed by Sunshine Academy. Thanks to generous donations, we are able to send a full-time director and sometimes an assistant director to develop and manage our Sunshine Academy schools.



## Your Donation Counts

We are grateful for all of the generous gifts to Sunshine Academy. All donations are used for the specific purpose of educating our children. The daily needs of the children such as food and clothes are met by the Social Welfare Centers (orphanages) and all Sunshine Academy overhead expenses are covered by founders Brad and Emily Bauer. Therefore 100% of donations go directly to providing the educational needs of our students, more specifically providing Sunshine Academy Directors to train, manage and direct our Sunshine Academy schools in different cities. Your gift will make a world of difference in the life of a child!



Sunshine Academy is dedicated to love and educate Chinese orphans:  
instilling dignity and life skills to enable an independent life.

## Welcome to Sunshine Academy!

The heart-breaking issue of abandoned children torments the entire globe. At Sunshine Academy our particular focus is the abandoned children of China in Government Social Welfare Centers who may never have the opportunity to be adopted. Our mission is to provide hope and means for these children to obtain dignity, self-worth, and a productive life.

Sunshine Academy was established in April 2007 in Bao'an Shenzhen. As a registered Chinese NGO, in partnership with the Bao'an, Zhuhai and Dongguan Social Welfare Centers with completed projects in Shenzhen City, Longgang and Foshan. Sunshine Academy is also a registered non-profit 501(c)3 in California, USA under California Sunshine Foundation.



At Sunshine Academy we believe that each child deserves to be loved unconditionally and that within clear limits they have freedom to express themselves and to reach their full-potential. We accomplish this through our full time preschool, evening Sunset Hours program, Weekend Adventures (outings) and Sunshine Special and Vocational Education School (SVE) for older students. Our extensive teacher and caregiver training ensures that our programs become sustainable in the hands of local leadership.



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## Preschool/Kindergarten: Early Education for All

Sunshine Academy trains Social Welfare Center teachers, assistants and caregivers to provide a high quality preschool/kindergarten program that meets the specific needs of abandoned children in China. Using a western educational model, Sunshine Academy seeks to foster creativity, problem solving, positive behavior and other skills needed to successfully enter primary school all the while treating children with the love, dignity and respect they need. This is a full time program offering classes in Chinese, English, math, fine motor skills, outdoor play and music. Graduates of Sunshine Academy go on to enter public primary school or our Special and Vocational Education school.



## Sunset Hours: A Loving Home Atmosphere

The Sunset Hours creates a home environment for children living in the Social Welfare Center. Children enrolled in Sunshine Academy by day are then cared for in the after school hours by Sunset Hours caregivers. These caregivers are trained to not only care for the children's basic needs of clean clothes, good food and a safe living area, but they also provide children with a lovingly structured home environment that includes play time, snacks, crafts, shower time and bedtime stories. The Sunset Hours caregivers are trained with the same philosophies used at Sunshine Academy so the children have consistent care around the clock.

## Weekend Adventures: Exploring our World

Every weekend children in small groups leave the Social Welfare Center on a Weekend Adventure. Typically small group consists of 4 children plus one teacher and one volunteer all going together to experience the real world. Children go on a morning or afternoon outing to the supermarket, park or to visit a family's home. Children living in the Social Welfare Center need these trips outside, the sights, sounds and smells help to awaking their mind and help them make sense of the world they live in.



## Special and Vocational Education (SVE): Reaching Each One's Full Potential

Sunshine Special and Vocational Education (SVE) offers Sunshine Academy graduates continuing education using the same philosophies and practices these students flourished under in their preschool years. SVE has developed a program that students of a wide range of physical and cognitive abilities can benefit from. Classes include normal school subjects modified to meet all needs as well as offers Vocational training to help older students prepare for a life of independence.

## FAQs

### Is Sunshine Academy an orphanage?

Sunshine Academy is not an orphanage, we are a non-profit organization that develops schools within government Social Welfare Centers (orphanages).

### Do you have your own school building?

All of our Sunshine Academy schools are within Social Welfare Centers. We develop our programs within the already existing Centers where the children live.

### Do you give children clothes and food?

The Social Welfare Centers provide all of the basic needs for the children. We work alongside the Social Welfare Centers to provide education for the abandoned children living in their Centers.

### Who are your teachers?

All of our teachers, assistants and caregivers are employees of the Social Welfare Centers. Our Sunshine Academy Directors train and manage these staff to develop a Sunshine Academy school.



### How are you funded?

Sunshine Academy depends solely on donations. We do not receive any money from the government - we offer our services free of charge. Donations mainly come from within China, from generous individuals, schools, local churches and businesses. We also receive some funds from donors outside of China.

### How does Sunshine Academy spend these donations?

Donations are used only for Sunshine Academy direct expenses: Staff salaries (Sunshine Academy Directors and Administrative staff) and benefits. All indirect expenses or overhead is underwritten (donated) by the founders Emily and Brad Bauer. Sunshine Academy teachers, assistant teachers and caregiver salaries are covered by the Social Welfare Centers.

### Can I come and take a look?

Our Sunshine Academy kids have many adults coming and going in their lives, so we try to limit the number of people coming into our schools each day. We do not offer open visits but for our donors, volunteers and special friends we sometimes offer private invitations to holiday parties.

### Do you need clothes and toys?

The Social Welfare Centers generally provide all clothing and toys for the children. In special situations we are happy to accept new toys and educational materials for our kids.

### What are the greatest needs?

We love when people make donations to sponsor a child through our My Sunshine program. This the best way you can help our Sunshine kids - by providing the fees to cover their education. We also love dedicated volunteers on the weekends and as native English speaking English teachers.



### Are you a registered charity?

Sunshine Academy is a registered NGO in Bao'an, Shenzhen, China (#070008). It is also a registered 501(c)3 in California. Therefore we are able to issue a Chinese receipt (fapiao) as well as a receipt from our U.S. charity for tax purposes.

## Sunshine's Projects

### 2006 Shenzhen

With an enthusiastic team of volunteers, Sunshine Academy began part time classes in the Shenzhen City Social Welfare Center. For over one year we taught English and music to over 40 students. *This project has been completed.*

### 2007 Bao'an

Our flagship school in Bao'an provides education for about 100 students participating in preschool-kindergarten, primary school and vocational learning programs.



### 2010

#### Longgang

For one year Sunshine Academy lead an intensive training initiative for the Longgang Center staff. Training teachers and caregivers in our Sunshine Institute program. *This project has been completed.*

### 2010 Zhuhai

Our Zhuhai school is a self-directing school serving about 25 students is managed completely by local staff with our support and training.

### 2011 Dongguan



The Dongguan Center is the second largest in Guangdong province serving 800 children. About 80 students are enrolled in our preschool/ kindergarten and primary school programs.

### 2014 Foshan

For one year Sunshine worked with the Foshan Social Welfare Center to develop a school through our Sunshine Institute program. Training teachers and caregivers to provide education can care. *This project has been completed.*

# Sunshine Academy Annual Benefit Fair

Typically on the second or third Saturday in November, the entire community comes together to raise support for our Sunshine Academy kids at our Annual Benefit Fair. Individuals or families rent booths to become vendors at the Fun-Fair. Homemade French crepes, oven roasted Thanksgiving Turkey, Chinese pancakes and cotton candy can all be found at the international food court. Face-painting, basketball, a bounce house for the kids and a cup of coffee or wine-tasting for the parents. Last year upwards to two thousand people enjoyed this exciting event! Interested in getting involved? Here's how:

- Become a **Corporate Sponsor** the event
- Become a **vendor** in our food court, our bazaar or our activities area.
- **Donate** an item to the Silent Auction or Lucky Draw
- **Volunteer** on the day of the event. Jobs are various and plentiful, all are welcome!
- Enjoy the day as a **participant**. Don't forget to bring along your friends.



## Be a Weekend Adventures Volunteer

The purpose of the Weekend Adventure program is to explore the world outside the Social Welfare Center. Students travel to places like book stores, supermarkets, parks and volunteers' homes. By attending these outings, our children not only gain access to real world experiences, but they also receive important one-to-one attention and care from the adult world, through the participation of volunteers. This opportunity requires a once per month commitment on Saturday mornings from about 9am-11am.

## Teach English at Sunshine Academy

At Sunshine Academy we offer the children the opportunity to learn English from native English speakers. We have volunteers with educational experience who help teach English during the school week (Monday - Friday). For teaching, we require that volunteers teach one morning or afternoon per week and commit for at least one semester. We have a volunteer application specifically for teaching. This volunteer opportunity is limited.



## Join Summer Camp

In the summer we take a break from classes and give our kids a summer camp experience full of summertime fun like splashing in the pool, cooking and games. Summer camp volunteers commit to at least one full week in the summer (M-F) and plan and lead activities for the kids.

If you are interested in any of these volunteer opportunities, please contact our office staff for availability and requirements:

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