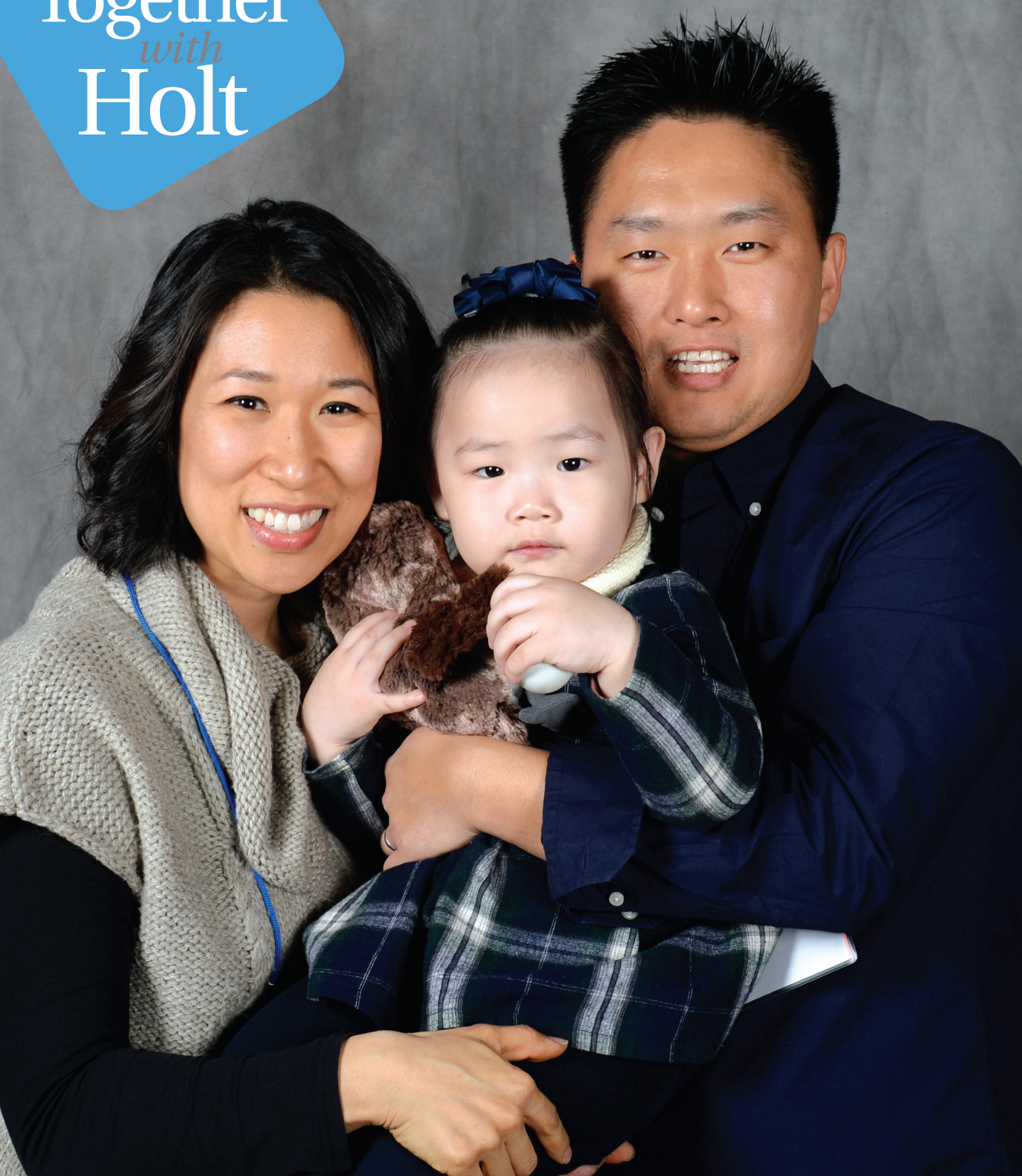


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# Together *with* Holt





## Cover story

The Kim family, has three biological children who were born in 2004, 2006, and 2008. They adopted Ji-eun(3) in March, 2015 who was born with Atrial Septal Defect. Ji-eun is the youngest child in the family and will be loved by her forever adoptive family.

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We celebrate our 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary this year, truly by the grace of God!

God has guided Holt Children's Services (HCS) on a faithful path of 60-year-long devotion and numerous works for neglected children, the disabled and the forgotten.

We have been blessed to devote ourselves to the noble task of helping families in need of support, giving opportunities to the children in need of the affection of a family to grow in love and warmth. It is by God's grace and devotion of those who had walked this same road before us that has made it possible for us to be fully committed to finding our neglected neighbors and sharing their burden. We are now able to offer numerous programs including nursery care, rehabilitation and medical care for the disabled, social community welfare, centers for multicultural families, and nursery care for poor families, sponsorship for students and overseas support.

This year, HCS is equipped with a new sense of responsibility to continue to plan and implement various welfare programs that will meet the call of the day.

I am deeply grateful for those who have always supported us with love, prayers and help. May God bless us all. Thank You.



President Kim, Dae-yul



### Holt Ilsan Center

Spring, 2015

#### Dear Sponsors and Helpers:

April flowers have burst upon us here at Ilsan; our volunteers enjoy going walking with the residents or pushing them in wheelchairs. Wonderful to have fresh breezes after the rain has washed the air clean from so many pollutants.

Dr.Cho and I appeared on a few TV broadcasts and now we have so many media people coming to interview and film us – I always answer their questions and sometimes give my opinions even when they aren't asked for. This works best on live TV! I also always introduce them to our volunteers, most of whom are adoptees. Media people are eager to know about their lives and ideas, so everyone is happy.

Holt Children's services ( Holt Korea), will be celebrating our 60th anniversary this year, I hope some of you will be able to join us at this special time. We will have events starting with a seminar on the 15th of October and the ceremony on the 16th. Please contact Holt Travel, [travel@holt.or.kor](mailto:travel@holt.or.kor) for travel and housing arrangements.

Holt has now adopted 104,269 children from 1955 until 2014: 24,259 of these are Korean. We can praise and thank the Lord for these children and the families that accepted them. We also praise and thank the Lord for all of you faithful helpers and sponsors who have helped Holt over these many years.

“—And what does the Lord require of you? To act justly and to love merciful and to walk humbly with your God.”

Micah 6:8 Sincerely in Him,

Holt Chairperson Molly Holt

Year-Round Series Commemorating HCS's 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

# HCS's Main Work for 60 Years



Holt Children's Services (HCS) celebrates its 60th anniversary this year. There have been as many events as have been the hours put into Holt's long history. Let's go on a journey of time from HCS's beginning 60 years ago to the present – to see how HCS has turned “love into action,” working for the children and the neglected.



## ▲ October 12, 1955

The first 12 adoptees arrived at Portland, the U.S. Eight of them were adopted by the Holt family.

## October, 1955

The first twelve adoptees left Korea. (eight of whom were adopted by Harry Holt)

## February, 1956

Holt Adoption Program(HAP) was established. Adoption and the care of needy children began by HAP.

## January, 1957

HAP began domestic adoption.

## August, 1962

Ilsan Center was established and various projects for the disabled were initiated. (Present Holt Ilsan Center was constructed.) Wanda School was formed.

## April, 1964

Harry Holt passed away due to a heart attack at the Ilsan Holt Orphanage.

## April, 1965

Foster care services initiated by HAP, Inc. to provide orphans with safe and loving places to stay before adoption.

## September, 1968

Holt's first building was constructed in cooperation with 2 other agencies in Hapjung Dong.

## July, 1972

HAP, Inc. was renamed as Holt Children's Services, Incorporated (HCSI).

## March, 1973

Full-scale domestic adoption was initiated with the opening of the branch offices at Busan and Daegu.

## October, 1973

Publication of the organization's newsletter Child Welfare was initiated. The title was changed to “Holt News” in 1982.

## December, 1974

The 2<sup>nd</sup> Holt building in Hapjeong-dong, Mapo-gu was constructed.

## March, 1976

Wanda School for disabled youth (present Holt Special School) was registered by the government.

## June, 1975

The Motherland tour program was initiated as a part of follow-up services for adoptees.



▲ 1956

The orphanage and infant home, a temporary shelter where children stayed before being adopted



▲ 1960

HCS provided healthcare services for the children in custody.



▲ 1975

HCS started the first motherland tour project for overseas adoptees.



▲ 2014

The 8<sup>th</sup> Beautiful Youth Award

April, 1976

A temporary reception center for the children or awaiting foster homes was opened.

November, 1980

Jeonju Babies' Home was purchased and operated by Holt for the protection and nurture of children in need in Jeonju.

January, 1982

HCS's affiliated health clinic (present Holt Medical Clinic) reopened.

March, 1982

A scholarship program was initiated for middle and high school students who didn't give up studying through difficult circumstances.

November, 1985

Daegu Holt Community Service Center opened for the purpose of providing help to community residents. (Holt now operates five Service Centers.)

November, 1986

Holt gymnasiums for the disabled were completed in time to prepare for the 1988 Paralympics. It continues to be a wonderful addition to programs at Ilsan Center. Holt Wheelchair Basketball Team began.

July, 1992

The Motherland Camp was initiated for the purpose of helping overseas adoptees establish self-identity.

June, 1995

The first HCS's wheelchair basketball tournament was held.

March, 1999

'Voices of the Soul,' Holt disabled People's Choir, was created.

October, 2002

An archive to permanently keep adoptees' documents was completed.

April, 2004

The Goyang City Service Center for the disabled, constructed on about 1000 square meters of land, was opened. (Holt donated the land and operates the facility)

December, 2004

A domestic adoptive parents' group named 'Han Sarang' was established for the purpose of helping adoptees establish self-identity and encourage the exchange of information among adoptive families and to spread positive adoption culture.

April, 2005

A facilities for unmarried mothers and their babies named 'AchimDdeul' (Morning Garden) opened. This home helped unwed mothers to give birth to their children in a stable environment and later help them to lead their own independent lives through training programs. (Holt currently operates three homes of this type).

January, 2006

Scholarship programs for the youth expanded through the "Beautiful Youth" Award.

November, 2006

Group Home Center 'Clover' opened for unmarried mothers and their babies. (Holt currently operates three Clover homes.)

December, 2006

A center for supporting families of immigrants by marriage and multicultural families opened. (Holt currently operates three other programs to assist these multicultural families.)

April, 2009

Support for the children of low-income families expanded through Dream and Hope Support.

March, 2011

TheVHolt Office in Cambodia opened as an effort towards international cooperation development, for the purpose of improving the lives of the children and people in areas of poverty overseas. (A similar program in Mongolia is being provided.)

January, 2015

A Family Care Center for Single Parents was started for the purpose of encouraging support for single-parent families.

# A Journey to Find True Self, Happy Journey 2014

On a Sunday in November of 2014, as the leaves turned red and yellow, the office of Post Adoption Service Center was filled with vibrant energy of the staff members preparing an event that would begin a few hours later. The 12 participants in “Happy Journey 2014”, a motherland tour program for overseas adoptees and their companions, arrived tired from jet lag, but their faces radiated with excitement, nervousness and anticipation. Their ten days of staying in Korea with their companions was a happy journey, full of precious hours to search for their roots and experience the culture they had come from.



**A happy journey of  
overseas adoptees  
with their companions**



This program called “Happy Journey” provided ten days of motherland experience for 12 participants, including six overseas adoptees and their spouses, sponsored by Korea Adoption Services. The program was designed to provide adult adoptees and their companions with the opportunity to visit their mother country; as well as an understanding of overseas adoption and the situations of adoptees and to maintain and strengthen companionship.

“Happy Journey” differs from other motherland tour programs in the fact that overseas adoptees and their companions enjoy first-hand experiences of Korean culture, travel and consultation, rather than through education and indirect experiences.

On the day following their arrival, Holt hosted a welcome party where the participants tasted traditional Korean cuisine for the first time in their lives. They were soon enchanted by Korean food, with some constantly asking the name and the recipe after having bulgogi.



The next day, group therapy sessions were held with the

participants, dividing the adoptees and

their companions into two groups. The therapists who led the sessions were also adoptees who had grown up overseas and then established themselves in Korea. They were really helpful in understanding the participants' lives and emotions as they had gone through similar experiences in life. An art therapy was held after the group sessions to help the adoptees view themselves in both objective and subjective perspectives. The participants expressed the image of their partners in multiple words and the image of themselves in drawings. Preston, the youngest participant, presented himself cleverly and proudly, making the rest of the group smile throughout the session.

The art therapy session was followed by another session focused on the adoptees' roots, where the adoptees and their companions read their adoption documents and some met their biological families. Christina, who had been adopted by an American family with her brother when she was three years old, had began a search last year to find her biological families, but had difficulty in finding family members since her biological parents had passed away. However, by tracking down the telephone number through which her aunt had reached HCS, we were able to find her aunt and family. As Christina received this wonderful news the day after her arrival, the other participants and HCS staff members were sincerely happy for her and gave blessings for her reunion with her biological family.

Art therapy and looking for roots-reunion with their biological families



The time fully immersed in Korea- Jeju Island tour, calligraphy and traditional Korean food



After days of therapy sessions and reunions with biological families, the participants headed to Jeju Island where they spent three happy and memorable days. Having filled their stomachs with Black Pork, the specialty of Jeju Island, they experienced picking and tasting mandarin tangerine. The participants also rode bikes by the waters of Soisokak, experienced the view of the entire island of Seongsan Ilchulbong and appreciated Korea's autumn ocean at nearby beach. The time they spent in Jeju Island was a grateful to end their ten days of journey.

Back in Seoul, the participants had time to understand Korean culture through activities such as calligraphy, cooking, and tasting traditional Korean food. They also caught a glimpse of their Korean ancestors by watching a traditional performance.



Unforgettable  
memories of finding  
true self and  
understanding ones'  
companions



On the eve of the closure of the program, participants and staff members had a farewell dinner, looking back over the ten days of journey. As they returned to their hotel and packed their bags after finishing the program, the participants thanked us for the opportunity to stay in Korea. They hoped that Happy Journey would go on to give other adoptees and their companions their own opportunities to seek their roots. Though they did not know when they could come back or whether it would be even possible to come back, they said that they wanted to be some help to sponsor and support other adoptees to have the same experience. They did not forget to give thanks to HCS and Korea Adoption Services for organizing and sponsoring 'Happy Journey'.

Preparing and hosting the event had its difficulties for HCS, as took a lot of budgeting, effort, and time. Regardless, the staff members who prepared the program felt an even greater sense of gratitude than the participants did. Their hard work gave great opportunities for the participants to build unforgettable memories and a better understanding and acceptance of themselves. HCS families pray for their happiness and for their wonderful futures.

# Dance in Joy-Get Up and Dance Again



Dae-un sings a song to calm her whining babies. Dance, dance, dance in joy and freeze just as you are. The children soon stop crying but the cloud over the lives of the mother and her children does not go away easily. Da-eun is heavily burdened because of her child's hospital bills. She is about to be evicted from her rented house in the middle of the winter. She does not know what to do for herself and her children. Nevertheless, she is determined to get back on her feet again for her babies, her studies and finding a job. Where is the home that can keep her and her daughters warm in this winter?



Hyun-ji and Hyun-ju smile brightly when their mother sings a song to them.

**Since the children had only a couple of outfit, Da-eun was busy washing one outfit before the other would get dirty-sometimes she just gave up going out with her babies**

It was an old apartment complex located in a dull neighborhood remote even from Euijeongbu. I was surprised at the scene of the mess, filled with unsorted boxes when Da-eun (age 23), a single mother of two fraternal twin girls, opened the door of her apartment. The babies who were playing in the corner of the living room started crying possibly because they were startled by the visit of a stranger. Even the lovely pairs of colorful hanbok I brought as presents could not stop them crying. Although the children went to a daycare center at that time, they held out with only one pair of shoes and a single of jacket for each. Da-eun wanted so many things for her babies but it was not easy when everything cost double. The young mother, who looked like a little girl herself, skillfully and patiently caressed her two babies. Whatever others said about her, she appeared to be a caring mother, with Hyun-ji (20-months-old), her first-born child, falling asleep in her arms. Hyun-ju (also 20-months-old), was the smaller and more fragile one of the two baby girls, was difficult to believe that she was a twin sister of Hyun-ji. I was sorry to see her constantly scratching her arms as she suffers from atopic dermatitis.

**The landlord told me to evacuate the apartment because of overdue rent**

As her two-year contract of the apartment was coming to a close, Da-eun had to go out with her babies and look for a place when she had no money for a security deposit. In fact, the current apartment was never good for raising babies. One of the rooms had mildewed everywhere because of the humidity, so she locked the room. All the baggage that could not be sorted in the room was dangerously scattered all over the apartment. The mother and the babies spent the day and night sleeping in the narrow living room. Because of the cold and drafty windows, the children often caught colds. Nevertheless, the thought of leaving this deteriorated house truly scared her.

What burden of life so overwhelmed the young mother that she could not afford the rent for months and the time and energy to clean the house? Her twin daughters were born prematurely at less than 35 weeks. The cost for keeping the babies in incubators for 36 days came to one million won. Hyun-ju's health was peculiarly poor due to insufficient nutrition. As a fetus, her twin sister absorbed more nutrition while they were in the womb. Hyun-ju had to depend on diuretics to urinate and also had



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Da-eun cannot stop smiling when she sees her children's bright laughter even in dire circumstances.

a heart condition. Still later, she got sick frequently and her condition required numerous hospital visits. Recently, an MRI scan showed that the size of her right and left brains did not match the other. This left her mother very disheartened. Doctors said there was nothing that could be done but were cautiously observing her as she grew up. Da-eun's debt piled up due to the hospital bills. She was forced to rely on her brother, who was labeled as a delinquent borrower on his credit card debts, even though he worked in the transportation business at night and her mother worked at a restaurant while recovering from a major surgery.

### **Da-eun's father and the twins' father all turned their backs on her—a family sitting on a pile of debt**

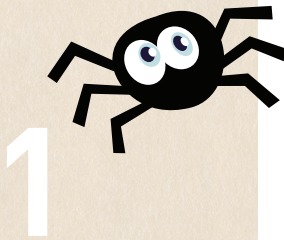
The babies' father was the brother of Da-eun's friend. The two of them who had a similar background of growing up in poverty in a single-parent family. They grew affectionate with each other and became a couple. When Da-eun became pregnant, they often had quarrels over money problems and she had to pay for the tests for the pregnancy with the money she had saved up from working. Although she swore not to pass down the same wound she got from her parents' divorce to her babies, she could no longer trust her boyfriend, who demanded she abort the pregnancy. He threatened to give away the babies to a relative if she insisted on having them. She decided to break up with him and give birth to the babies by herself. While she watched her belly grow bigger, alone in her house with no one to take care of her, she was extremely devastated and often became vulnerable to some thoughtless utterances of others. Her father got remarried after divorcing her mother and was so disappointed at his daughter, he said harsh things and cut contacts and all financial assistance. Da-eun's mother and brother supported her and her babies but they soon fell into huge debts. Da-eun did not know how to repay it, but the most important thing for the young mother was recovering the babies' health.

### **In fact, I always have regret over unfinished school**

Da-eun had only a middle school degree, as she had dropped out of high school because of her dire circumstances. She greatly regretted not finishing school. Her eyes sparkled when she said that she wanted to go to a two-year high school course for those who study late. She spent the rest of the time learning hairdressing, while her children went to the daycare center. She got counseling at Euijeongbu job center and waited for a hairdressing class to start. She cautiously hoped to start school again in March, although others advised her that it would be difficult to juggle between studying and caring for twin babies. What Da-eun wanted was to be a competent mother for her children. She wanted to go out into the world in order to become more independent and stronger for her babies. On the way back from her apartment, my mind was filled with worries for the predicament Da-eun's family was facing during this cold winter. However, I believed that she would dance her sad moments away and sincerely hoped that warm support would reach her and her children. Holt Children's Services provides this family with baby products including milk powder and diapers as well as medical fees for children as much as 200,000 won per month for a year.



# Winners of Halloween Contest



## The first Prize.

Alvernaz family in CA. They adopted three beautiful children from Korea and they won the contest.

They received three handbooks for next year's Halloween.



wow! starwars family

Please enjoy the Halloween contest photos.  
Thank you so much sending nice photos for the contest!





Um hahaha~ candy!

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## The Second Prize.

Lesiw family in CA.

They adopted two sons from Korea and one daughter was adopted through the US domestic adoption program. The adoptive mother is also a Korean adoptee as well. They received three handbooks prize of the contest as well.

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## The third Prize.

It was difficult to choose the family among so many good photos. Courreges family in France, they received the third Prize. They adopted one son from Korea.



Love is magic~





## Give the Children of Mongolia Their Own Wings to Fly

Mongolia's capital Ulaanbaatar is already overcrowded with people who moved in, winding up their nomadic lives. Lack of sufficient jobs has created increasing numbers of urban poor. Holt Dream Center (HDC) was located in the concentrated area of the destitute poverty of Songino. Children live in a so-called ger, a portable tent house about 19 square meters, with seven or eight family members without access to electricity, water, or even bathroom. Mongolia's children are shivering in the temperatures that drop to almost minus 50 degrees Celsius. Shall we give them back their wings to fly?

### HDS's prayer for Mongolia, the second overseas project

HDC in Cambodia, was initiated in April 2011 and developed with the support and attention of many sponsors. Holt Children Services (HCS) had been planned a second HDC in an overseas area.

We looked for children desperately in need of our help and decided to include Mongolia in our prayers. The Mongolian similarities to Koreans made it almost plausible that the two people are related. In February 2014, HCS started sponsorship services for 20 children from poor families in the ger concentration area of Songino Khairkhan in Ulaanbaatar, the capital city of Mongolia. In April of that year, we opened HDC on the third floor of Namyangju Culture Center of Bayangjurh to nurture and educate 40 children.

Kim Dae-yul, HDS president, Seol Tae-ho and Kim Gyeong-heui, members of Holt board of directors, visited Mongolia to attend the signboard hanging ceremony on September 16, 2014 heralding the official start of HDC in Mongolia.



- 1** Kim Dae-yul, HDS president, Seoul Tae-ho and Kim Gyeong-heui, members of Hold board of directors, visited families where grandparents raise grandchildren. They live in small places under the stairways of apartment buildings.
- 2** Clothes that have not been washed for too long
- 3** Mongolia's ghetto. The shabby houses cannot protect the people from the harsh winter as temperatures drop to almost minus 50 degrees Celsius.

### Children who live under the stairways of an apartment

Most of the children registered at the center were from poor families who lived in gers or in places about four square meters under the stairways of an apartment building. You would ask, "Is there even a place for people to live under the stairway of an apartment building?" I had the exact same question. But there was such a place, although one could not stand up straight in it. In the case of one family, who thankfully made a hard decision to allow our visit, a grandmother had been raising four grandchildren by herself after their parents left home. I could only imagine her toiling life raising four grandchildren alone without their loving parents, while cleaning and guarding an apartment for a living. When I first visited them, the door was locked outside and I heard the sound of children from inside. The youngest and his sister, the third child, were inside and the door was locked outside. The grandmother would have no other ways but locking them up, worrying they might get hurt outside while she was at work. As a mother of two children, however, I felt my heart fell to the ground the minute I saw the lock. Even while at work, the grandmother could not stop thinking of whether her grandchildren would be safe and well.

### HDC in Mongolia, planting seed of love

The children of Mongolia live in extremely dire circumstances. The closest schools they can go to are 20 to 30 minutes away. Besides, the schools are runs on triple-shifts, as classrooms are insufficient so that the children often skip classes using excuses that they are sick or need to take care of their younger siblings. Their parents, who are always busy trying to get through the day without starving, regard school as a luxury for their children. They are so overwhelmed with the worries for getting a meal that they cannot recognize the importance of education. HDC in Mongolia always does the best to take care of the children for the purpose that the gap between the rich and the poor and the gap of living standards do not lead to the gap

of education. Although a lunch or a few hours of afterschool class would not fill the void of the children's minds, we believe that this small seed of love would protect a precious life that will make the world more beautiful.

### Send warmth and love to Mongolia suffering from harsh cold

Heating is a matter of life and death for the people of Mongolia where the winter is very long. The poor often use well-dried cowpat as fuel when they cannot afford coal or wood. They also have to walk ten minutes carrying a bucket as big as a man to buy water which can only be used for drinking. They cannot even imagine using the hard-earned water to wash clothes or bathe. Many of the children get through the winter and endure temperatures as low as minus 50 degrees Celsius in clothes never washed throughout the winter.

Do you remember that children grow with the power of love? Many sponsors who agree with our belief participate in sponsorship programs. Whenever we get one more sponsors, our staff members need to get faster. However, nobody complains. We visit homes in need of help with minds filled with pleasure, because our feet are protected by shoes of love and attention from our sponsors.

Many children of Mongolia are in desperate need of help and are still living in the ger concentration area of Songino Khairkhan. The temperature already hit minus 5 degrees Celsius in the early November at HDC in Mongolia which needs winter clothes, school supplies and the love and attention of sponsors. Let's put the wings back on the crouching shoulders of Mongolian children right now. We wait for your love and attention.

(To sponsor, please contact 82-2-331-7088)

Written by Lee, Eun-jung,  
Head of Overseas Business Division

To sponsor, please contact 82-2-331-7088

**Main Office**

**i-KAIST agreed to participate in social contribution projects**



On November 17, i-KAIST (CEO Kim, Seong-jin) signed to participate in social contribution projects. CEO Kim's personal donation of 10 million won led to the company's participation in sponsorship. The donation of i-KAIST is used for the annual Beautiful Youth Award, one of HCS's scholarship programs, and education support projects for the poorest countries.

**2014 Happy Journey, the motherland tour for overseas adoptees and their companions**

The 40<sup>th</sup> motherland tour for overseas adoptees and their companions were held from November 9 to 18 and was sponsored by Korea Adoption Services. Twelve adoptees and their companions came from the U.S. and Belgium to participate in group sessions and art workshop, watch traditional Korean performance, and experience and taste traditional Korean cuisine.

**HCS joined KCOC as a full member**



HCS joined Korea NGO Council for Overseas Development Cooperation (KCOC) as a full member this year. Lee, Eun-jung, the head of Overseas Business Division, attended the meeting for new members and received

the certificate of full membership. The membership is expected to strengthen international development cooperation through exchanges of information and collaboration with KCOC's Korean members.

**The fund-raising bazaar of the autumn of 2014 ended in great success**



The philanthropic bazaar for fundraising for children in need of medical care was held on October 31 with many visitors and in great success.

**2014 Happy Together for overseas adoptees with special needs and their families**



The 4<sup>th</sup> Happy Together, HCS's motherland tour program for overseas adoptees with special needs and their families, was held from October 29 to November 5 sponsored by Korea Adoption Services. The 17 participants had the opportunity to newly recognize their motherland, experiencing and tasting traditional Korean cuisine and learning calligraphy.

**The 6<sup>th</sup> invitation training for Cambodian public servants was held**

HCS offered social welfare training and a tour of HCS facilities for four Cambodian public servants in charge of child welfare, one staff member of



HDC in Cambodia and a community leader from October 22 to 29.

**The leader of our Luxembourg cooperative agency and Norway's Children of the World visited HCS**

In order to support the 6<sup>th</sup> invitation training for Cambodian public servants held from October 22 to 29, President Malou Schaul-Boonen of Luxembourg's Amicale Internationale d'Aide à l'Enfance and President Young-kuk Kim of Norway's Verdens Barn Children of the World visited HCS, expressing support and promising continued cooperation and sponsoring.

**LIG Picnic of Love**



LIG Picnic of Love was held for 300 foster children and their parents on October 14 sponsored by LIG Group with the compassionate help of Daesang, CJLION and Lotte Confectionery, which provided gifts for foster homes.

**Gathering of overseas adoptive families**

The families Andersen from Norway and Strom and Hostetler from the U.S. visited Korea on September 16, responding to the court summon before adoption. The three families stayed in Korea for over a month and experienced Korean culture. HCS's Overseas Cooperation Division provided the opportunity for them to

form a friendship.

### Good action, the supporters of Holt Scholarship students delivered sponsorship fund

Good action, the supporters of Holt scholarship students promoted 280 Days of Hope, a support campaign for unmarried mothers, on June 28th. They delivered the fund raised by the campaign and also delivered their love by joining in the volunteer work of packaging 365 Baby Care Kits to be sent to long-term recipients. They also received a comprehensive briefing on HCS's projects and visited HCS facilities.

### The 30<sup>th</sup> Holt Nationwide Sponsorship Association Workshop in 2014

The 30<sup>th</sup> Holt Nationwide Sponsorship Association Workshop was held from October 16 to 17 with about 160 members attending, hosted by Holt Gyeonggi Supporters' Association. In the auction held before the ceremony, Seo, Yeong-ja, an advisor of the association and President Na, Myeong-ja donated 10 million won. This generous donation will be spent on education facilities of HDC in Cambodia.

### Holt ambassadors Sean (rapper) and Jeong, Hye-yeong (actress) received 2014 Paradise Award



HCS's ambassadors Sean and his wife Jeong, Hye-yeong were awarded in the social service category of 2014 Paradise Award on October 14. They got credit for more than 1,000 hours of volunteer work for ten years and billions won of donation.

### HCS celebrated our 59<sup>th</sup> anniversary



HCS celebrated our 59<sup>th</sup> anniversary and had a divine service on October 6th. Staff members of local branches and community offices gathered for service. 49 long-serving employees and 15 exemplary employees were honored in recognition of their contribution to HCS's projects.

## Community News

### Subscription concert of Voice of the Soul



Voice of Soul conducted by newly-appointed Son Jong-beom had its first subscription concert after 16 years of its foundation at Seoul Arts Center (IBK Chamber Hall), a dream stage for a choir, with the help of the songwriter Ju Yeong-hun as the host on November 11. Voice of Soul was deeply grateful for the help of JW Foundation and many other sponsors as well as the audience response.

### 23<sup>rd</sup> Volunteers' Day

On November 10, HCS awarded appreciation plaque to 11 regular



volunteers who had worked 500 to 3,000 hours at Holt Ilsan Center. Also, Professor Lee, Chang-shin gave a lecture on human rights and laughter therapist Lim, Jeong-taek gave a lecture titled Laughter Makes You Happy.

### Rehabilitative horseback riding class

On October 31<sup>st</sup>, quarterly horseback riding classes for 50 students, including ones with severe disabilities, was held at the playground of Holt Special School with the help of Healing Horseback Riding Group (chaired by Kim, Myeong-gi) of NEWis Health. The students, who have difficulties walking because of their disabilities, gained confidence from horseback riding which uses skills that are similar to walking upright.

### Advisor Seo, Yeong-ja received Minister prize from Ministry of Health & Welfare

Seo, Yeong-ja working as an advisor for Seoul Sponsorship Association received the Minister prize from the Ministry of Health & Welfare at 2014 Sharing Korea Award held at KBS in Yeoeuido on October 9th. It was in recognition of her contribution and continued volunteer work for HCS's various social service projects for the past 35 years.

### Goyang City Rehabilitation Center held Hanmaeum Festival

The Hanmaeum Festival for families with disabled members of Goyang City was held at Ilsan Culture Park on October 8th. The residents of local community enjoyed performances, healthy food as well as a campaign to raise awareness of disabilities and the promotion center of products made by the disabled.

## Bosingak Bell ringing ceremony

“Bosingak”, also called “jonggak” was named by King Gojong in 1895. The Bosingak Bell was cast in 1468 and kept in the Buddhist temple, Wongaksa. After the demolition of the temple, the bell was moved to Bosingak in Gwancheoldong, downtown Seoul, where it was rung to announce the opening and closing of the four big gates and four small gates and the hours of the day, ringing 33 times at 4 am and 28 times at 10 pm. The bell is now preserved at the National Museum of Korea. The current bell is a recreation of the original made in 1985 through public donations. The Bosingak Bell ringing ceremony used to be held on specific days, but it is now held on a regular basis with the participation of Seoul citizens.



- Every Tuesday day 11:00 AM ~ 12:20 PM
- Exit#4 of Jonggak station (Line#1 Dark blue line)
- Free of Charge

Picture Time : 11:40 ~ 11:50

Introduction : 11:50 ~ 11:55

Rehearsal : 11:55 ~ 11:59

Participation : 12:00 ~ 12:10



One of the highlights of our trip to Seoul was to participate in the bell ringing ceremony at Bosingak

\* Please, contact Holt travel T. 02-6938-5502

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### Via bank transfer

- **Bank** : SHINHAN BANK, SUHKYO-DON BRANCH  
(Address : 449-14, SUHKYO-DONG, MAPO-GU, SEOUL, KOREA)
- **Account No** : 140 008 013005 (Holt Children's Services, Inc)
- **Swift code** : SHBK KRSE (When sending money from abroad)

### By mail (certified check in USD or Euro)

- **Address** : Sponsorship Team, Holt Children's Services, Inc.  
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- **Beneficiary** : Holt Children's Services, Inc

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### For more information, contact Sponsorship Team

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## HOLT CAMP 2015 SHARING TOGETHER

Holt Camp 2015 is a motherland program for adoptees to walk and share their journey together with or without their companion to enhance their understanding of their Korean heritage.



- **When** October 14th ~ October 23rd, 2015
- **Where** Grand Hilton Hotel(Seoul)
- **Who** Overseas adoptees with or without one companion
- **Deadline** July 15, 2015
- **Contact** Holt Post Adoption Services: holtkorea@hotmail.com, www.postadoption.or.kr

• **Schedule (Subject to change)**



Date	Program
Oct. 14	Arrival / Check-in & Registration
Oct. 15	Holt Ilsan Town, Orientation, N Seoul Tower
Oct. 16	Cultural Experience, National museum, Insadong Visit, Holt 60th Anniversary Dinner
Oct. 17	Palace Visit, Korean Homestay or Seoul City Tour
Oct. 18	Korean Homestay or Korean Folk Village, Traditional Performance
Oct. 19	Blue House Visit, Group Session I & II
Oct. 20	File Review & Roots Search (optional)
Oct. 21	DMZ Tour
Oct. 22	Korean Calligraphy, Korean Cooking, Farewell Banquet
Oct. 23	Check-out/Departure



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