

A photograph of two young girls in the foreground, both wearing green and white raglan shirts and blue lanyards. They are both making peace signs with their hands. The girl on the left is also wearing a bracelet with a clear stone. In the background, another person is partially visible, and the setting appears to be an indoor event space with recessed ceiling lights.

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“Lost 413 Days” Support Campaign for Babies Waiting to be Adopted

Written by Hong, Eun-ji of Cooperation Department



For the first 413 days after birth, babies go through a lot. The little ones who used to spend the whole day sleeping, eating and crying develop into being able to hold their heads up, begin to babble, make eye contacts with their caregivers and finally take a first step. They feel and remember everything from the warmth in their caregivers' arms to sadness and anxiety throughout the whole process. However, those separated from their biological mothers right after birth and put up for adoption have very different 413 days. It takes 413 days on average for the babies put up for adoption right after birth to be adopted by a new family. The days are lost because neither their biological nor adoptive parents can share or remember them. They have yet no family to remember and celebrate every first thing they do in their lives.

Ko, Chang-seok and Lee, Jeong-eun

Many people lent a hand to help the babies. Among them, actor and actress couple Ko, Chang-seok and Lee, Jeong-eun appeared in the campaign footage. They said that they reminisced about their teenage daughter's first days during the shooting. Mr. Ko said, "I didn't know the babies wait to be adopted without a family during the days until I joined the campaign. This became an opportunity for me to take an attention to the children put up for adoption." The couple also volunteered to be No.1 regular sponsors for 'Lost 413 Days' campaign.



Hong, Hyun-heui and Jason

The celebrity comedian couple Hong, Hyun-heui and Jason also participated in making the campaign footage. They donated their precious time and talent out of busy schedule. They talked about the first moment when they met each other's family and the meaning of family. It was really impressing that they truly understood and sympathized with the children put up for adoption. You can watch their warm-hearted campaign footage on HCS website or Youtube.

Your precious donation is used for fostering the babies waiting to be adopted. We hope that more attention and participation would continue for 'Lost 413 Days' campaign.



“Will You Come Over to My House?” House Support Campaign

Written by Jeong, Su-yeong of Children and Youth Department and Kim, Yu-jin of Cooperation Department



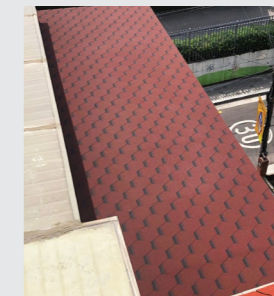
Eunji (an assumed name)'s family is a multi-cultural one. She lives with her Philippine mother and mixed-blood brother. They lived happily without serious problems until her Korean father's sudden death in 2014. After his death, her family went through harsh times financially and emotionally. They had to survive with her father's modest savings as her mother has had difficulties in finding a job due to her poor Korean.

Eunji's family lives in a two-room multiplex housing unit with a lot of problems. One of the rooms was insufficiently insulated and waterproof so that the walls and ceiling were covered with mold and pieces kept falling from the corroded ceiling and walls. Eunji and her brother naturally wanted to have their own room but the three of them had to sleep together in one mold-free room or in the kitchen. It was really sad for her mother to see their children live in such environment. They also lived with the danger of electric shock from home appliances due to the damp circumstances in the house but could not afford to fix it. They just kept throwing out the water out of the house. HCS's 'Momdeundeun Fence' campaign went to the rescue.

• Before



• After



Now Eunji's family lives in a safe and solid house with new waterproof walls and linoleum and all the black mold on the walls and ceiling has gone. Eunji is happy as she can invite her friends, play with them and do homework together at her house.

We can now sleep safely at night at a clean house without any fear of pieces falling from the ceiling. We are really happy to live in a safe house without a mold. Thank all of you who went through all the troubles to fix our house. We will never forget your kind heart. - From Eunji's family



2019 Wonderful Kumdongi Summer Camp

Written by Seo, Jeong-gi of Children and Youth Department

The 11th Wonderful Kumdongi Summer Camp took place at High1 Resort in Jeongseon, Gangwon-do for two days from July 25 to 26. Kumdongis, the recipients of Dream & Hope project which supports education of the children from families in crisis, gathered at the camp after a year and completely enjoyed the whole experience despite a long and nasty rain.



Kumdongis from all across the country had a wonderful time for two days of camping which heralded the start with the admission ceremony. They had a particularly meaningful time making 'thank-you' handkerchiefs decorated with flower dyeing and heartfelt messages to the sponsors who had long supported their dreams. Kumdongis expressed their gratitude in such a beautiful way.

Kim, Gyeong-heui, member of Holt board of directors and Lee, Su-jin, the president of Holt Nationwide Sponsorship Association graced the occasion along with President Kim, Yun-jeong of Top Leaders, the gathering of large donors who make efforts to promote the welfare of the neglected and put noblesse oblige into action. CEO Hong, Gyeong-a and the staff members of Paranmun Pharmacy also attended, who provided medical supplies and mosquitoicide. Also, Lotte Confectionery provided snacks for the children.

A very special guest surprised Kumdongis at evening program. 'Uncle Sean'(rapper/Holt PR ambassador) squeezed out of his busy schedule to spend time with the children and give them encouraging messages. Kumdongis showed great interest in Uncle Sean's experience of doing the TV wilderness survival show 'Rules of the Jungle' and asked him advices on their future. Uncle Sean gave sincere and earnest answers to every question while memorizing and calling every kumdongi by their first name.



We overcame the heat wave of the last summer at Kumdongi Camp which blew away all our worries. We are truly grateful to all the sponsors for their great attention and love for the children. We hope that this meaningful project would go on so that kumdongis' could shine bright in the future.

“I’m from Holt.”

It is truly heartbreaking to tell you that Chairperson Molly Holt, the true God's servant, who devoted her whole life for the disabled children passed away. Honoring the will of her late parents Harry and Bertha Holt, she devoted her entire life to finding a home for numerous war orphans and the disabled abandoned and hurt. She used to say that she would love others as long as God permitted even during her last days fighting cancer. In memory of Chairperson Molly Holt, the mother of orphans and the disabled, we'd like to introduce her own writings back in 2014.



Now that I have stayed in Korea twice as much time I stayed in the U.S., people say I am a Korean as much as I am an American. It does not matter, however, that I was born in America or that I have lived for a long time in Korea. It was my father who called me here when I intended to advance to a university after graduating a nursing school when I was 20. But I am certain it was God who led me to this life. I wonder what God expected of me who was such a fragile and insignificant girl. Now I think that God needed someone who can willingly do God's work and a tool to spread the message of love. I am only grateful to be used as God's tool.

People gave me many names such as the godmother of adoption and the mother of the disabled. Sometimes I am a grandmother and at other times a chairperson of an organization. I do not care whatever they call me. I am who I am, Molly Holt. I just feel grateful for being able to be somebody's mother, sister and family. All I want is love the children yearning for love and help those in need as I did when I was 20.

A framed four character idiom '*Baek-Gol-Nan-Mang*' hangs on the living room wall of Molly's house where I stay. It was a gift that an orphan who grew up at Busan Boys Town gave me when he visited me 30 years after leaving the orphanage. It means 'the kindness so great that he will never forget even after he turns into white bones.' He thanked all of us for taking care of him having been abandoned to die alone as a baby and raising him to be a decent man. I got overwhelmed by his sincere mind and lost my words when I received the gift. In the end, all of us are adopted. We are doomed to die because of our sins but blessed with eternal life as we are adopted as God's children. "For those who are led by the Spirit of God are the children

of God. The Spirit you received does not make you slaves, so that you live in fear again; rather, the Spirit you received brought about your adoption to sonship. And by him we cry, Father." (Romans 8:14)

If someone asks me where I come from, I would answer without hesitation that I am God's child from Holt Children's Services where I spent 58 years with Korean children. My father Harry Holt flew all the way across the world and started adoption services in the belief that every child deserves a family. My mother Bertha Holt practiced true love and spread the message that children are most beautiful when they are loved. I am only thankful that the little seed that Holt family planted in this land has grown to be a big tree bearing a lot of fruits. And it would not have been possible without many people without names who helped us get familiar with Korean culture and society.

Korea has changed and developed greatly. This country was in a total chaos of war only 60 years ago. In such a short time, Korea grew from the receiving end to the helping end. Nevertheless, some children still suffer in the shadow. We should not forget them. The best thing we can do for them is finding a family, the greatest blessing in the world. Even if we cannot find a family for every child, I hope that every one of them is loved as much as others are loved in a family.



Molly Holt

Angel Network Sponsored Classroom Extension of Tmoda Elementary School



As most of NGOs' activities focused on Phnom Penh in Cambodia, elementary schools in local area get relatively less attention and help. Tmoda Elementary School is one of them as it is located in Kampong Cham 40km away from Phnom Penh Airport. As it lacked classroom, all the students crammed in only three classrooms and the fifth and sixth graders shared one. Some children had to travel long distance every day to get to school.

The school got three more classrooms in May thanks to Angel network, Suwon volunteers' group, which sponsored 200 thousand dollars and the head of the village and the principal who raised 4,000 dollars. Now the students of each grade get their own classroom and accordingly systemic education.

The long-awaited ceremony for classroom completion took place on August 22. It was like the whole village's festival with 284 students and about 200 villagers gathered. The city councilor and the superintendent of schools thanked Angel Network and HCS. The volunteers' group

also donated school supplies and shirts for the students and development fund for the school.

Holt Dream Center Cambodia has made efforts to improve education environment and provide education opportunities for as many children as possible. However, many Cambodian children still have difficulties continuing their education in a dire circumstances. We hope that more attention and support would continue for Cambodian children.



Opening of Holt Dream Center Nepal



The opening ceremony of Holt Dream Center took place at Kokuna in Katmandu, Nepal on May 15 with the director general of HCS welfare business, the head of Kokuna borough and local children and their parents attending. The children with bright faces showed their happiness playing around at the shining yard under the sun.

Kokuna is a residence of ethnic minority Newar, an extremely impoverished region with most of the houses collapsed during the 2015 earthquake. HCS opened Holt Dream Center to provide opportunities for quality education for poverty children and support the independence of poverty families. The center has the only outdoor playground in the borough and provides various indoor education supplies as well as daycare, after-school programs and parent education to protect the children's healthy childhood. We hope that Holt Dream Center Nepal would help the children have a happy life where they can have a dream.

“Love In Care”

Medical Expenses Support Program for Adopted Children

Written by Lee, Su-hyeon of Domestic Adoption Department



HCS's domestic adoption business is for children in need of safe and happy environment of family. Most of the adopted children grow up healthily and happily in a loving family. However, some of them have difficult times with minor or serious medical problems. As the children need urgent and active support, we started 'Love In Care,' a medical expenses support program for adopted children.



A sad news came from Hana(an assumed name)'s parents last February. Hana was put up for adoption through HCS a week after birth and adopted by her loving parents when she was one month old in January, 2017. The happiness her parents felt by adopting Hana was greater than anything else and she grew up as a healthy and happy baby in a stable circumstances filled with her family's love and attention. One day, Hana showed cold symptoms and her parents took her to the hospital, thinking she might have a minor problem like tonsillitis. After various tests, however, Hana was diagnosed with the fourth stage of neuroblastoma, a kind of pediatric leukemia. Her parents did not know what to do, but they tried to overcome the hardships as hard as they could. They tried everything to cure their daughter and prayed everyday.

Hana took six times of chemotherapy and a surgery to remove a tumour ever since she got a definitive diagnosis five days before her third birthday. HCS sought for ways to help her and her family, started 'Love In Care' and actively supported her treatment. A while ago her parents sent a message that says, "Hana went through chemotherapy and surgery successfully and is restoring her health thanks to HCS support. We still have a long way to go but we believe we can get over it with the support and prayer of a lot of people."

HCS has kept supporting domestically adopted children and families when they have urgent and serious medical problems. We will go on various efforts to help adoptive families have a happy and healthy life. We also express gratitude to Community Chest of Korea for its support for 'Love In Care.'



Happy Glamping of Moms and Children

Written by Kim, Ju-yeon of Single Parents' Support Center

Single-parent families and Charlotte volunteers' group went camping for two days at Paju Glamping Ground on June 13. HCS and Lotte GRS started 'Happy Glamping of Moms and Children' program in 2016 to give the families some space and time to improve relations with each other.



The families gathered at HCS auditorium in the early morning with excitement on their faces and expectations in the bags on their shoulders. Charlotte volunteers who would be the children's uncles and aunts during the camping were also excited.

The children got on the bus, holding hands with their mothers, uncles and aunts and headed to Paju. The first program they had in the fresh nature was 'making my own flower pot,' a green campaign prepared by Lotte GRS. They decorated white pots in their own ways. The children did not stop expressing their creativity even after the guide said, "Now put down your pens and choose your plant." Finally, the plants they picked were transplanted in the colorful pots. We hope that the delightful memory of making a pot with their own little hands would keep their hearts warm.

'Mini track meet' took place at the small field. The children's fervor and cooperation put the hot summer weather in the shade. While walking along with their mothers in the nature, the children said 'hello' to squirrels they could hardly see in the city and guessed the names of various flowers and plants. As the highlight of the glamping, everyone gathered at the auditorium and had a family talent show competition after having barbecue as dinner out in the open. All kinds of talent graced the night, from the performance of sing-a-song writer family and singing along a comic tune to imitating idol groups and tap dancing.



Later, a family sent us a letter saying "Spending two days in nature filled with the sound of flowing water and singing birds was a vacation and a gift for me having been exhausted from daily lives. I had always been tense looking after my child in and out of the house but I was able to relax thanks to Charlotte volunteers. My child could not stop smiling and laughing the whole time and held onto the hands of the volunteers when the moment of departure came. Thank you HCS and Lotte GRS volunteers for giving us such a wonderful memory!" We express our gratitude to Charlotte volunteers who presented such an amazing time to the single parents and their children and Lotte GRS which had sponsored for the program for three years.



Inauguration of the 19th Chairperson Hong, Hyun-kook

The inauguration ceremony took place with the prayer of Director Seol, Tae-ho in HCS auditorium on July 1 with HCS executives and staff members and guests attending. Chairperson Hong, Hyun-kook said in his inauguration speech, "I'll do my best to continue practicing the founder's spirit 'Love into Action' together with the executives, staff members and sponsors." Hong's term as the chairperson expires in 2022.



Overseas grown-up adoptees and their families visited Korea

Total 200 overseas grown-up adoptees, their families and leaders of concerned organizations visited HCS in groups of Norway Homeland Visitors, France Homeland Visitors, U.S Family, Asia Family and Korean Ties. Overseas adoptees had a meaningful time reading their adoption documents and reuniting with their biological family and foster mothers.



Holt Special School ran summer school Neulhaerang

HCS ran Neulhaerang School for two weeks from July 29 for students with severe or multiple disabilities. The school opens twice a year during summer and winter vacations in order to improve the children's social adaptability and strengthen their will to overcome their disabilities through various activities including field study, movie watching and waterside excursion. The parents gave us a feedback that they were very much satisfied.



Bolli Community Service Center in Dalseo-gu run children's cooking teacher course for women on career breaks

Bolli Community Service Center in Dalseo-gu, Daegu, runs 'Atamma,' to help women on career breaks to get the first-class certificate for children's cooking teacher. This course is approved as a part of a public participation of Dalseo-gu's lifelong education promotion program. It encourages the social advance of women on career breaks by providing classes for certificate acquiring, talent donations and career and business information.



Achimddeul families' overseas outing

18 members of Achimddeul, the shelter for unwed mothers and their babies, went overseas outing sponsored by KT and KTCS. They enjoyed exotic nature and culture and made unforgettable memories for three days. They also nurtured dreams to advance into the wider world.



Completion ceremony of Korean classes for the first half took place at Mapo Multicultural Family Support Center

Completion ceremony of Korean classes for the first half took place on July 12. Four classes completed 100 hours of classes classified from level 1 to 4 from March to July. 22 of all the students attended more than 80 hours of classes and their Korean improved greatly. We hope that they would go on improving their Korean.



Dabbling in water in the hot summer at Jeonju Babies' Home

Again this year Jeonju Babies' Home opened a small water park on the rooftop garden as the hot summer came. The children dabbled in the water, beating the heat, developing their gross and fine motor skills, learning intuitively various concepts and knowledge, and improving their social adaptability by cooperating with other children.

Have you heard of Sponsorship for Single-Parent Families, HCS' social service project to spread seeds of love?



Among various HCS's social service projects, Sponsorship for Single-Parent Families encourages and supports single-parent families to achieve self-reliance. Its ultimate goal is to help children grow in a wholesome environment and eventually make the world brighter and happier. Here are the details of the project.

Professional and trustworthy counseling

HCS provides single-parent families with consultations for psychological issues and child development

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