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Cover story

Children from Cambodia, Mongolia and Tanzania visited Korea with great expectation. HCS's seven-day foreign children invitation program is intended to present them opportunities for various experiences and to support their dreams. (continued in Page 10)

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Love in Action

Help children and families feel secure and safe which will contribute to a warm and happy society.

HCS has been devoted to the happiness of every child in the world in the honor of the precious value which Harry and Bertha Holt had left, 'Every child deserves to grow up in the warmth of family.'

HCS has fulfilled the four objectives of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) agreed among UN members.



Family Support

HCS supports children's growth in a happy environment of a decent family. We find a family for children in need of one and help families in poverty, single-parent families and multi-cultural families.



Health Support

HCS provides medical and rehabilitation support for children, youths and babies put up for adoption, who are suspicious for or diagnosed with a disease but could not get medical treatment due to financial difficulties.



Education Support

HCS supports various education programs for students from elementary to high schools so that they would not miss the opportunity of education due to financial difficulties or disabilities.



Emotional Support

HCS provides various programs including professional counseling for children, parents and families with mental or emotional problems and help them restore emotional stability and overcome difficulties.



Independence Support

HCS supports independence of youths and single parents discharged from residential care. We also provide rehabilitation, job training and independence education for the disabled.



Awareness Improvement

HCS runs various programs to improve awareness on single-parent and adoptive families vulnerable to negative perception derived from prejudice.



Overseas Projects

HCS helps overseas families and children in poverty become decent members of the society. We provides regular medical examination, hygiene education and various education opportunities for children in poor circumstances.

Help Each Other! Care for Each Other! We Can Get Through This Together!

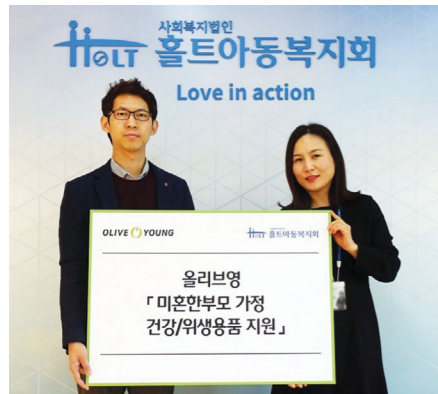
: Emergency Support for Families in COVID-19 Crisis

Written by Woo, Eun-young and Bae, Yun-jin, Public Relations Team

A novel coronavirus COVID-19 has become a pandemic, having emerged in China in December, 2019. Korea also sees rapid increase of infection, particularly in Daegu and Gyeongsangbuk-do. Korea's infectious disease alert was elevated to 'Serious,' the highest level in February. In the crisis, however, many people joined to help neglected families burdened with overwhelming difficulties.

CJ Olive Young provided single-parent families with 10,000 health and sanitary items including face masks and antibacterial wet tissue in February. Actor Lee, Minho and MYM Entertainment donated KRW 10 million and 1.5 ton of rice through the donation platform PROMIZ in March. Actress Ko, So-yeong sponsored neglected families shut from the outer world with KRW 50 million as well as sanitary items including masks for children, toothpaste, gargle worth of KRW 50 million.

Comedian Kim, In-seok donated KRW 10 million to celebrate his son's birthday and at the same time to wish the COVID-19 pandemic come to an end. Celebrity real estate lecturer Jeong, Ji-young also donated KRW 10 million for adolescents discharged from residential care. She has supported 'Blue Bird, Wingbeats for Dreams,' HCS's sponsorship program for adolescents discharged from residential care.



We Packed Every Sharing Kit with A Wish for Health

The precious donations were used to produce and distribute 'Sharing Kits' containing disposable face masks, hand sanitizers and foods and drinks for families in crisis across the country, particularly for those hardest hit in Daegu and Gyeongsangbuk-do. We also intend to support necessary items for low-income or single-parent families and adolescents discharged from residential care, while expanding emergency support of shelter, medical service and psychological counseling. We are truly thankful to the warm-hearted donators.

'Thank You' Messages from Those Who Received 'Sharing Kits'

Sharing Kits were delivered to families in crisis in Daegu and Gyeongsangbuk-do through community centers including Daegu Holt Community Service Center as well as the adolescents discharged from residential care through 'Blue Bird, Wingbeats for Dreams.'

"I had been depressed, locked up in the house with the school closed. I cannot thank you enough for supporting us with all the necessary items. Thank you very much for helping us in this difficult time."

"HCS helped me a lot when I was at a loss on what I needed for my independent life that started during the pandemic crisis. The Sharing Kit was really useful. Thank you for helping me have a healthier and cleaner life everyday."



A Special Day of Kim Pegula

Written by Ryu, Min-hyun, Post Adoption Services Center



We receive about 6,000 e-mails from adoptees each year and getting one is always an exciting and meaningful part of the day. On a sizzling day in August last year, we received an e-mail from an adoptee as usual. She said that on the day she would turn 50 her oldest daughter would play in a tennis tournament which would take place in her motherland Korea and that her whole family would visit Korea for the first time. As we could see her happy life only with the few sentences, we felt compelled to make the visit as meaningful as possible.

A five-year-old girl was found in front of a police station in Noryangjin, Seoul, in the early 1970s when Korea's rapid development just started. She had no records or guardians so that she was accepted by a nearby orphanage and given a name called Kim, Sook-heui along with an assumed birth date. They waited for someone to come and claim her but nobody did for several months. After a while, Sook-heui was adopted by an American family in New York and 45 years later she came back to her motherland as a woman named Kim Pegula. She visited the office of Post Adoption Services Center for Adoptive Families along with her beloved husband, her tennis player daughter and two other daughters, her adoptive father and her four best friends.

One of the most difficult part of a social worker's job is to meet adoptees who had been abandoned. We can give them no information on their biological family and only few explanations on why they were adopted. Kim surprised us, however, when we expected questions on her adoption and worried about her response to our insufficient answers. She simply said, "Thank you. I'm blessed." It blew our mind when she told us that the family she met and the opportunities she got thanks to the adoption have presented her a blessed life.

Kim's silver-haired father showed us the pictures he took when his family first met her precious adoptive daughter at JFK International Airport in 1974. Although the pictures were worn now 50 years later, he could not still hide the happiness when he told us that he remembered everything that happened that day. Kim's adoptive parents already had two biological sons when they adopted their youngest daughter from Korea. Kim's older brothers were sorry for not joining this trip but asked their father to deliver a message to HCS. They said, "Thank you so much for sending us our little sister Kim. It has been the greatest happiness to our family." All of us were moved to tears, literally everyone including Kim who were listening to her father say the words, her father who was delivering the message, her husband and me.

Asked about how she met her husband Terrence Pegula, Kim smiled a little and said that they accidentally met at a restaurant in New York and ended up getting married. Terrence started a natural gas company which has grown up to be a major one with the support of his wife and made him a billionaire with 4 billion dollars worth of assets. Then Terrence sold his company, went for his dream and bought a



professional football team Buffalo Bills. Kim and Terrence fulfilled their dreams of becoming co-owners of a National Football League (NFL) team after competing against then real-estate mogul Donald Trump, the current president of the U.S. Kim had been in the spotlight in the U.S. for some time for being the first Asian American owner of a NFL team. She was ranked the 424th richest person in the world by Forbes and now works as the president of Pegula Sports and Entertainment.

We handed Kim over the picture of five-year-old Sook-hee that we kept in her file, and 50-year-old Sook-hee took a picture with the little Sook-hee's photo in her hand in her motherland which she visited half a century later. Kim and her family looked through her adoption document at HCS office, visited the orphanage she stayed as a little girl, met Korean fans of Buffalo Bills and went back home in America.

Having lived a life like a movie, Kim was absolutely modest, warm-hearted and appreciative person. We hope that her life would show everyone that finding a family for children without one is the best gift for them as she said.



First Time in Korea Full of Dreams and Joy

Written by Park, So-hyeon, Department of Overseas Projects



The group of 12 exciting children and teachers visited Korea from Cambodia, Mongolia and Tanzania in October last year. For seven days from October 15 to 21, they were invited to HCS's invitation program for overseas children intended to support the dreams of overseas children from impoverished families by providing opportunities of various experiences of history, culture, nature and IT in Korea.

Most of the children who study at Holt Dream Center are from low-income families where both parents have to work or grandparents or a single parent raise them. They barely have the opportunity to go outside the town they live in. The children need opportunities to grow up as bright and enthusiastic people despite the dire circumstances which can easily suppress and discourage their dreams. And that is why we invite them every year. The children said that they could not sleep at all with excitement before the day they got on the plane to Korea. They got along with each other with bright faces all the time, easily overcoming the strangeness and anxiety in a foreign country they visited for the first time.

After the welcoming ceremony where the children gave a lot of joy with dance and singing performance they practiced at Holt Dream Center, they had various experiences. They sought their interests and their likes by experiencing jobs such as policeman and fire fighter as well as drone flying, pizza baking and fashion show. The children from Tanzania and Cambodia lost track of time riding sleighs and enjoying the snow they saw for the first time in their lives at Snow Park. They overcame language differences and got along with each other in no time. In the process, they learned caring for each other and exchanging warm-hearted communication.



"The best memory is that I performed dancing and singing I practiced a lot in front of many people. Everyone applauded and sincerely welcomed us. I want to study hard and become a great dancer who can spread positive energy among people. I can't wait to go back and share my experiences in Korea with my friends at Holt Dream Center."
Mia Dane from Cambodia

Despite the long flight and busy schedule, the children spent the seven days completely healthy and bright and went home safely. We are sure that their experiences in Korea would be their proud moments, precious memory and encouragement for whatever they dream.



"As I had so many great memories in Korea, I cannot pick one. When I did policeman job shadowing, I thought that I wanted to be one who can change the world for the better."
Amin Erden from Mongolia

Give Back the Love from HCS to the Children of Holt Dream Center

Written by Lee, Dong-eun, Department of Overseas Projects

In the early days of Holt Dream Center Cambodia in 2012, Khorn Srey E started to study at the center as a 12-year-old enthusiastic student. She graduated from the center in October, 2019, at the age of 19 and got accepted by Royal University of Phnom Penh (RUPP), the top university in Cambodia. As she started her college life, she was hired as an administrative staff of Holt Dream Center. Having been a proud daughter and reliable sister at home and a good student the teachers adored at the center, Srey E is now its official staff member. We interviewed her with delight from the multiple happy news.

Srey E: Hello. I'm Srey E, a student from 2012 to 2019 and now an administrative staff of Holt Dream Center.



Q. We heard two great news. First, you got accepted by RUPP. How amazing it is!

I wanna be a high school teacher and so I major in physics and chemistry. I enjoy my college life with no worry thanks to the scholarship from HCS. I want to share the love I received from HCS with others. That encourages me to study hard.

Q. And you got a job at Holt Dream Center. Do you have any reasons that you have to work when you got full scholarship from HCS?

Sometimes it's hard to juggle between working and studying. It takes a lot of energy to attend college classes from six to nine in the afternoon after working from eight in the morning to five in the afternoon. But I have to work for my family. My parents has supported me and my brother by selling fish, but now it's not easy when they got older. We also need college tuition for my brother. So I work to earn money for my family and myself.

Q. You had been a Holt Dream Center student for a long time. What kept you from dropping off?

The best thing about the center was that I didn't have to pay to study. Other institutions require some money we cannot afford. Besides, the center supported meals, school uniforms, stationeries and lots of things. I had only happy memories at the center, particularly the birthday parties every month and the picnic I went with all my friends.



▲ When she was in Holt Dream Center

Q. What are the memorable moments while you work as a staff at the center?

I sometimes substitute the teachers on vacation or sick leave. I feel proud of myself when I meet students at classes because it feels like I take one step closer to my dream. And it's rewarding when I get better at my work. But it's hard to work on termination process as it's really complicated and I have to do lots of interviews. Most of all, it hurts to see the children in the process while I persuade them.

Q. As a graduate from Holt Dream Center, what do you want to say to your juniors?

Don't give up studying, and someone will be there to support you. And you have a lot more opportunities if you're a college graduate. Never ever give up no matter how hard it is!

Q. Lastly, do you have something to say to the sponsors who have supported you for such a long time?

Thank you for changing my life. I grew up and got an opportunity for my dream at Holt Dream Center. I cannot thank you enough. I wish more children keep on studying with scholarships and books you support.

Family Albums for Happy Moms

Written by Won, Ji-hyun, Kim, Jin-heui of Single Parents' Support Center



HCS agreed to launch 'Family Albums for Happy Moms' with Canon Korea Business Solutions INC. in order to present special memories for single-mother families who cannot afford family snapshots. We supported studio snapshots as well as albums, frames, printing and mini photo printers for 59 single-mother families with children under the age of six living in capital area from June, 2019 to February, 2020.



"I cannot even think about studio snapshots as I've been so busy to make ends meet. I was really happy that I can keep the photos of the beautiful moments of my baby."

"A single mother like me is not easy to take photos with her child. Thank everyone at the studio and HCS for presenting me my first family snapshots. My family is ever more happier with the memory."



"The cost for snapshots has always been too much for me, but now I had valuable experience keeping the moments of my child growing up in the photos."

"I had to run away only with my baby and a diaper bag, abandoning everything such as baby albums and frames that I could barely afford. I never felt homey in the new house we settled in, cause we had no family photos. 'Family Albums for Happy Moms' turned our house into a home finally. Thank you for the opportunity that I can keep my child's beautiful moments in the photos."



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'Family Albums for Happy Moms' presented valuable memories and opportunities to strengthen the family bond for single-mother families. We will continue to present happy memories to as many single-parent families as possible.

For the Dreams of Blue Birds

Written by Jeong, Soo-young, Children and Youth Department and Woo, Eun-young, Public Relations Team



HCS made a sponsorship agreement with Hyundai Department Store's Social Welfare Foundation in 2018 in order to help the independence of adolescents discharged from residential care. We agreed to provide financial, career and psychological support for two years each before and after discharge. It is a promise that we will help them prepare for an independent life before discharge and overcome difficulties after discharge. For four years total before and after discharge we support the adolescents of 'Blue Bird, Wingbeats for Dreams' who have to leave the facility when they turn 18. We helped class 1 of 28 adolescents from 2018 to February, 2020 and class 2 of 30 from 2019 to February, 2021.



We had education for mentors and counselors twice each in September and November, 2018; financial management education as well as group mentoring on baking, sports, music & art and volunteer service in December; three-day workshop for career search and strengthening capability to lead an independent life in January last year; and a program appraisal for the first year with 27 children and adolescents, 27 teachers and 17 mentors, of which 87.8% answered 'very satisfied' in the survey.

In May, 2019, 30 adolescents around Seoul and Gyeonggi-do were selected as the members of Blue Bird class 2 along with 22 adults and college student mentors. All of them were divided into five mentoring groups. Like class 1, class 2 participated in the workshop for career search and strengthening capability for independent life for three days from January 8. The first day's education themed 'self-leadership' was about the most important quality for independence, which is making one's own decision by oneself. The second day was focused on financial management, one of the trickiest part of an independent life. They learned the value of money and the importance of financial planning by simulating how to use their support fund. After two days of education, they said, "I earned sense of reality as the independence is so close to me. I want to remember everything I learned and well manage the fund."

The most popular program of the workshop was obviously 'Talk Box with Mentors,' during which the adolescents ask questions on independence to the mentors who used to be in residential care. There were many moments of complete sympathy and understanding with real questions and answers exchanged such as 'What are the tips on cutting living expenses?' 'How do you get over loneliness?' and 'Who would walk me down the aisle at my wedding ceremony?' Rev. Park, Yo-han, an honorary



mentor for class 2 and Holt ambassador, took time to join the workshop and encouraged the young people preparing to venture into the wide world.

The Blue Bird class 2 is about to fly out into a wonderful future. We hope that the loving support would go on to help them find their own way as a decent member of the society.



Holt PR ambassador Sean (rapper) and Bugaboo donate strollers to shelters for unwed mothers and children

Holt PR ambassador Sean and Bugaboo Korea donated strollers to shelters for unwed mothers and children on January 17. The donation was possible thanks to the special relationship of Bugaboo and Sean who always takes the lead in helping those in need. The strollers would be a great help for single mothers.



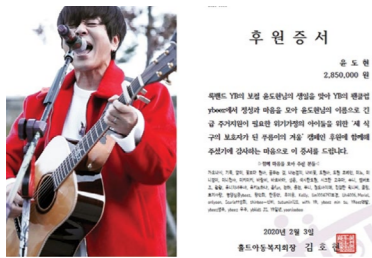
Creta Inc. and entertainer Kim, Tae-gyun sponsor child welfare project through Holt Family Shop#

HCS made an agreement with Creta Inc. for joining Holt Family Shop# and sponsoring children in need of help with entertainer Kim, Tae-gyun and actor Jeon, No-min attended. Creta Inc. donated KRW 40 million worth of items for children to be adopted and single-parent families through HCS Chungcheong-do office.



Holt PR ambassador Kim, Seong-eun and Weleda Korea donate items for single-parent families

Holt PR ambassador Kim, Seong-eun and Weleda Korea donated items for children of single-parent families on January 22. The natural beauty brand Weleda donated items worth the profit it earned by promoting group purchase of the four-piece of baby line items.



Rock band YB's fan club 'ybeez' donate to celebrate the birthday of its leader Yun, Do-hyeon

Rock band YB's fan club 'ybeez' made a donation for children of families in crisis, commemorating the birthday of the band's lead singer Yun Do-hyeon. Yun often said that he wanted to help the children who could not afford to celebrate birthdays, and the band's fans made his wishes come true on every birthday of the five members.



Holt Gangdong Community Center for the Disabled hold the completion ceremony of the vocational training class of Happy Academy

The completion ceremony of the vocational training class of Happy Academy took place on January 31. Class participants were introduced and videos on the class programs were watched by the participants and their guardians. Certificates were delivered to each of them, who said a few words on the course. Evaluation was also made. Please look forward to new classes of the academy.



Holt Daegu Community Services Center hold evaluation meeting and presentation on 'Naraepin,' the class for disabled youth

The evaluation meeting and presentation on 'Naraepin,' the class for disabled youth took place on December 10. The 22 students of special class of Dongmoon High School had a meaningful time on every Tuesday for nine months from March in ukulele, line-dance, and cooking classes.



Daegu-Clover Home for Unmarried Mothers and Children supported fund for the independence of the discharged

A resident of Daegu clover, a shelter for single mothers and their babies, was discharged to become a nurse on January 31. She had long prepared for independence, having raised her baby and studying at the same time. She is now a qualified nurse at a university hospital. HCS supported KRW 5 million for the independence and settlement of the first person discharged from Daegu Clover. It will continue to support her in various ways.



The lives of moms in Daejeon-Clover Home for Unmarried Mothers and Children become a story

The publication party for 'Clover Story: Four in One' written and drawn by four single parents living in Daejeon Clover took place at Book Gallery of Gyeryong Bookstore in Daejeon on February 15. All proceeds from the sale of the book published with the support of Hansaem will be used for the settlement of the shelter's residents when they are discharged.



Daegu Counsel Center made a business agreement with Daegu Youth Advisement Center

The agreement was made at Daegu Youth Support Foundation on February 12. Youth Advisement Center is a representative youth support organization which plays a central role in communities' comprehensive support system for youths to help their healthy development. We will continue to make efforts to support healthy and happy development of youths.

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

To contact the Family Care Center for Single Parents Telephone: +82-2-331-7081/7082

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