

# ONESKY

## IMPACT BRIEF 2017



Unlocking the potential of our world's vulnerable children.

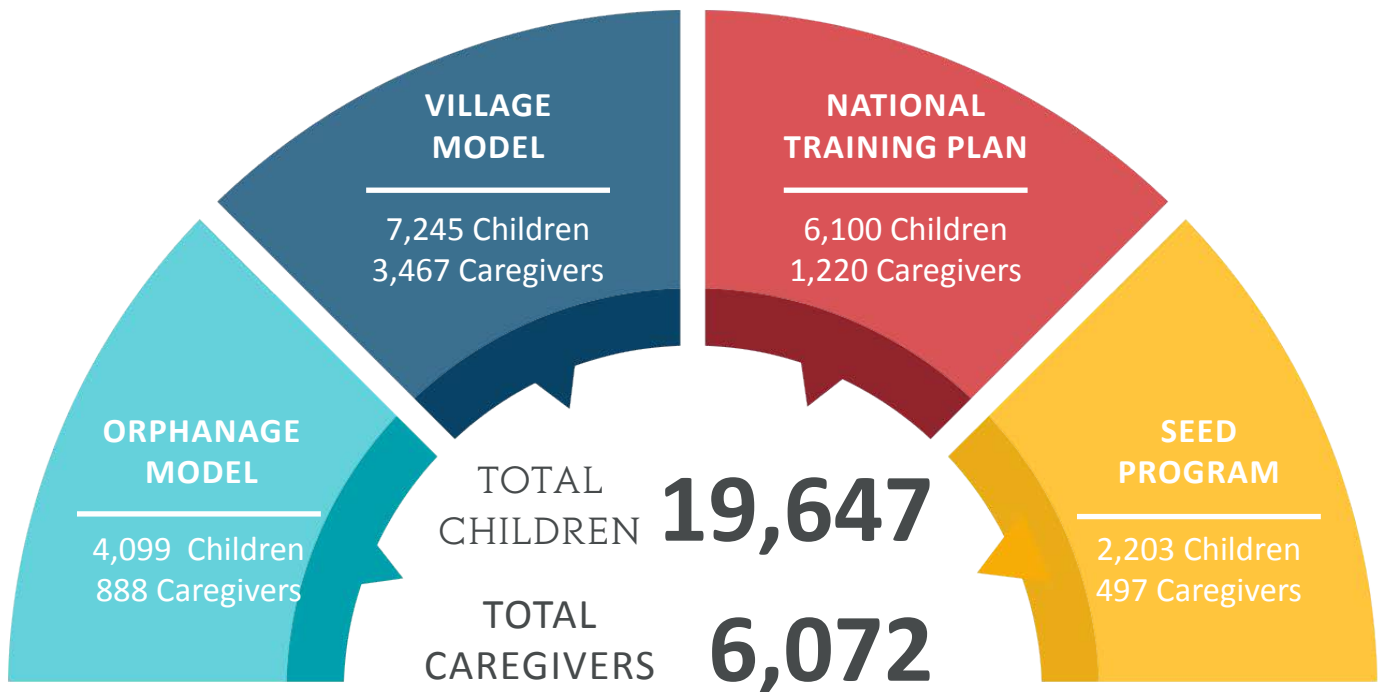
# YOUR IMPACT

This year, thanks to you, OneSky has invested in thousands of children via early childhood nurturing and education. With your dedicated support, our programs continue to spread across China and have officially found their way to Vietnam.

We could not have made such great strides in 2017 without you!

After nearly two decades of groundbreaking work, OneSky has reached **156,163 children** and **32,721 caregivers**.

The following highlights the breadth of your impact just this year alone:



# REACHING CHINA'S ORPHANAGES

This year, thanks to you, we were able to reach more vulnerable children living in orphanages across China. Your support this year helped us accomplish the following:



Helped **9 institutions** launch **OneSky programs** of their own through our Seed Program.

Community schools in China do not have the ability to support children with special needs, except for the visually impaired. This year, we piloted a new special education program to reach 23 school-aged children living in the Nanjing Child Welfare Institution. Our goal is for the pilot to become a model for special education classrooms across China.



We also identified **150 orphanages** across China that would like to implement OneSky programs, helping our local partners to replicate and scale our programs on their own.

## Catching up with Kongbao...

*OneSky Child Development Trainer for Anhui province*

I majored in Preschool Education, and joined the OneSky family in 2000. My 17 years of friendship with our caregivers and the children has given me a really profound understanding of potential - whether it's a child or a teacher, as long as they are respected, trusted, loved and supported, their inner power and confidence will grow and flourish. They grow into someone who is proud to be themselves. I'm very fortunate to see the progress in each one of them.





# REACHING CHINA'S LEFT BEHIND CHILDREN

In rural China today, **9 million children of migrant workers**—including 2.5 million under five years old—are left behind by both parents who must leave their poor rural villages in search of work. Our Model for Children in Villages is designed to heal these children and their communities.

Since we launched programs in 2015, we have accomplished more than we could have imagined – and we could not have done it without you. Our local partners now embrace our curriculum, which is a big departure from traditional Chinese early education practices. We are demonstrating to

our government partners that children can thrive in play-based, child centered, nurturing learning environments and that they also need a village of support to help them thrive. Our local partners also report that since the launch of our programs, there have been no reported incidences of child abuse or accidental deaths among left-behind children in participating villages.

We are thrilled that villagers are coming together to favor a more responsive approach to caring for left-behind children and we thank you for your ongoing support.

## Key achievements of our village programs (reflects period April 2015 - November 2017):



## Catching up with Xiying...

*A dedicated Village Preschool Teacher and Family Mentor*

Home visits are an important part of a teacher's job. For me, it helps further understand the conditions, interests, and hobbies of children, deepening my bond with them. More importantly, I get to observe the children's behavior at home and provide their family advice on how to encourage their growth.



# Expanding Beyond China – Opening an Early Learning Center in Vietnam

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Economic development in Vietnam is progressing at lightning speed. Thousands of families have migrated from rural areas to work in the factories fueling Vietnam’s new prosperity. With both parents often working long hours a cottage daycare industry has emerged. As many as 40 or 50 children may be looked after by one or two adults for 12+ hours a day, and are not receiving the care, stimulation or attention they need to grow healthy and happy.

Thanks to you, we opened the doors of an Early Learning and Training Center in Da Nang on September 5th, bringing OneSky’s programs and care to over 250 children of factory workers in the Hoa Khan Industrial Zone. Our new programs, developed by adapting all we have learned in China, provides a stimulating and nurturing learning environment for children 6 months-6 years as well as daycare provider trainings that will eventually impact thousands of children.

The launch of the center was a huge success and received incredible praise from our local partners. Major Vietnamese news outlets reported on the event, including ANTV, a state-run television channel (To view ANTV’s report visit the following link: <https://onesky.org/antv/>). We are thrilled to report that the Director General of Early Education for Vietnam, Nguyen Minh, announced his interest in building upon this new partnership, expressing his desire for OneSky to train the entire country in best practices of early childhood care and development. We look forward to our future progress in Vietnam.

We can’t thank you enough for being one of our most important partners in our work to reach our world’s most vulnerable children!

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I am confident that this pilot program can serve as a model to care for and educate the 1.2 million children whose parents work in Vietnam’s 300 industrial parks. And when that happens, the economic impact will be significant. Female participation in the labor market will increase, helping to create more educational opportunities for young girls, increase the presence of women in higher levels of management, boost incomes of families and raise living standards.

-Mary Tarkowna, US Consul General to Vietnam

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