



**ONE SKY**  
for all children

CELEBRATING  
**20** years

# 2018 IMPACT BRIEF

Unlocking the potential of our world's vulnerable children

# YOUR IMPACT

On behalf of thousands of vulnerable young children we would like to thank our generous community of partners for a truly extraordinary year.

In 2018 we increased access to quality early childhood care and education programs for **30,468 children**. We trained **6,582 caregivers** who now work tirelessly to nurture vulnerable young lives using globally accepted best practices in care. With your help, OneSky ensures that the training these caregivers receive and the care they provide to marginalized young children is second-to-none.

We are grateful for your continued investment in their lives and our shared future. On the following pages, we invite you to review the impact you made possible.



*Impact figures were updated in January 2019 based on the most recent 2018 year-end data.*

## 20 YEARS OF IMPACT 1998-2018



CHINA  
1998-2018

**38,067** caregivers trained  
**177,173** children reached



VIETNAM  
2017-2018

**134** caregivers trained  
**2,595** children reached



MONGOLIA  
2018

**20** caregivers trained  
**180** children reached



# OUR FIRST FULL YEAR IN VIETNAM

Launched in 2017, OneSky is offering a comprehensive approach to the challenges that hinder the physical, social, and emotional development of young children living in rapidly expanding factory zones of Vietnam. At the heart of the program is an Early Learning Center (ELC) in Da Nang which provides care for children of local factory workers and serves as a training hub to improve quality of care in local home-based daycares.

We have made great strides during our first full year of operation. The children at our ELC exhibit more creative, autonomous and engaged behaviors. Many are even asking their parents to take them to the center on weekends and holidays. The teachers expressed that they appreciate the friendly and supportive environment that encourages them to develop their personal and professional skills as well as their creativity. Our home-based daycare provider training sessions in the surrounding factory zone have had close to 100% attendance rates despite being completely voluntary. **And our government partners, seeing the concrete results we have achieved, have asked us to develop a plan to scale OneSky programs to 19 additional provinces in Vietnam.**



## 2018 IMPACT



252

children in the ELC



54

teachers in the ELC



80

home daycare  
providers trained,

reaching more than

2,320 children

After long shifts at the factory, parents come to the ELC to spend time with their children. “I didn’t realize my daughter loves listening to me reading books so much. After a long day at work, this time is so precious,” said a dad after arriving to the center to pick up his child. “The only book we have at home is a black and white alphabet book. I am grateful for the opportunity to have my daughter attend the OneSky ELC.”

# AN AMBITIOUS PLAN TO REACH ALL OF CHINA'S ORPHANAGES

## 2018 IMPACT



3,128

caregivers trained



14,558

children reached

In 2018, we focused our efforts on **developing a strategy to reach every orphanage in the country and build sustainable local capacity by 2030** through our National Training Plan. A critical next step in this effort will be the establishment of a demonstration center in every province.

As we continue to reach new welfare institutions in China, we find the demand for special needs education in these facilities is on the rise. **Over 90% of children in the country's orphanages have special needs yet there is little training available nationally to empower caregivers to support these children.** So, in addition to providing comprehensive special education training for orphanage caregivers, we are also working on an integrated team-based approach to address the comprehensive needs of children with special needs. Moreover, through our online learning platform, we now offer special education courses that are accessible even in the most remote provinces.

Dongdong was found on the side of the road and brought to the OneSky orphanage by the local police when he was just a baby. Because of a severe birth defect he could not walk. He was also malnourished and weak, too thin to sit up by himself. After a year in a OneSky program, Dongdong transformed from a withdrawn, quiet baby into a curious and exuberant child. With the loving care of his nanny, he has reached target weight and learned how to sit up by himself. When he was strong enough, Dongdong underwent a medical procedure to correct his malformed limbs. The recovery period was long but recently, Dongdong finally took his first steps. "It was like a miracle," said his nanny, Yan. "I was so excited for him and his progress."





# REACHING MORE RURAL VILLAGES IN CHINA

In rural villages where traditional family structure has broken down due to economic migration, OneSky promotes a nurturing environment for young children and enables elderly villagers to see themselves as change agents working towards strengthening their own communities.

This year, a formal third-party evaluation assessing the impact of our work in rural villages was finalized. **We are pleased to share that the randomized control study indicated significant improvements in the children's overall development and marked progress in the development of parenting skills amongst community members in OneSky's intervention villages.** Based on the evaluation and what we learned during this three-year project, we have refined the model and are in the process of formulating a strategy to scale the program across China.

## 2018 IMPACT



**3,234**

caregivers trained



**13,052**

children reached



Local women are hired as Family Mentors to teach villagers parenting skills based on responsive care. “Initially, I did not want to attend the training,” says Wang Li, an elderly grandmother and the sole caregiver of two toddlers. “I don’t know how to read or write so I was intimidated and embarrassed.” A local OneSky Family Mentor visited Wang Li in her home and encouraged her to come to class, even if just to meet others in the village in a similar situation. “I learned so much just from watching the teacher interact with the children. In class, I was surprised how easy it was for me to understand and learn the material. I also made new friends and now we get together weekly to let the children play. I never miss a training session anymore. It is great to have this support in our village.”

# OUR NEW PROGRAM IN MONGOLIA

## 2018 IMPACT



20

caregivers trained



180

children reached

This October, OneSky launched its very first pilot program in Mongolia. Extreme climatic and geopolitical events have caused thousands of formerly nomadic herders to move to “ger districts” surrounding the capital city Ulaanbaatar. These districts lack public services, paved roads and, most critically, educational opportunities for young children. **Some families living in these neighborhoods are unable to access even basic necessities such as food and water.**

A OneSky pilot program has now launched in three state-run nurseries in Ulaanbaatar where young children are referred for care when local medical clinics deem them to be malnourished, abused, or suffering from neglect. While the nurseries serve to address the health needs of the children, **overcrowding and a lack of trained caregivers and learning materials means the children’s educational and emotional needs are not being met in these facilities.** We are grateful to partner with the Mongolian government on a pilot program focused on hiring and training additional caregivers to make a difference in the lives of the children in their care.



“I was sitting on the floor and suddenly a little girl walked over to me and decided to plop herself on my lap. She just needed to be held but I couldn’t get any other reaction from her. This went on for 15 to 20 minutes. Two-year-olds don’t normally sit still for that long,” described Virginia Wilson, OneSky COO, of her visit to a local nursery. “The children in these nurseries are very much like institutionalized kids – except they go home every night to families. They have clearly suffered from neglect. You can see in their eyes they are somewhere else.”



# LOOKING AHEAD IN HONG KONG

OneSky is creating a regional training hub in Hong Kong focused on high quality early childhood care and education (ECCE) for vulnerable children in low resource settings. The new OneSky Global Centre for Early Childhood Development, to open in mid-2019, will train caregivers, governments and NGOs in best practices in ECCE while also serving vulnerable young children and their families living in Hong Kong's Sham Shui Po area.

