# Social and environmental engagement report



1st September to 31st December 2018











Guangzhou, China



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#### The British School of Guangzhou

The British School of Guangzhou is the largest fully international school in Southern China. Established in 2005, exclusively for international children aged 1-18 years, the school quickly acquired a reputation for excellence and has experienced phenomenal growth ever since. In 2018 academic success was world beating, with over 50% of graduates gaining places at universities ranked in the world's top 100. Currently 200 staff teach 1400 children from 56 countries.

#### **BSG Philanthropic profile**

At the British School of Guangzhou, we aim to be responsible and contributing members of our local community.

We support organisations that represent underprivileged or disadvantaged groups, especially those that represent children. Our service and fund-raising activities ensure our students engage in real-life problem solving, through cooperation and mutual respect. We learn to appreciate the personal value of giving to those in need.

Every section of the school is involved and organises a range of events from school-wide International Day celebrations, film evenings, Fun Runs to Coin Collections when learning to count in Early Years.

Students, teachers, staff and parents are all involved in our fundraising efforts, building friendships and community spirit across the BSG community.



19 activities completed



931 hours volunteered

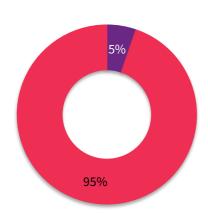


43 goods donated

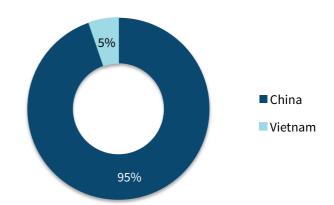


\$26'707 funded

Type of Activity



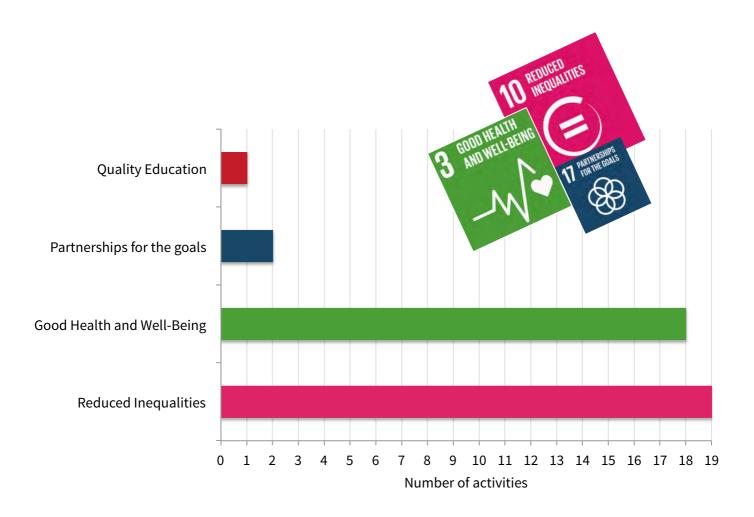
Countries Impacted

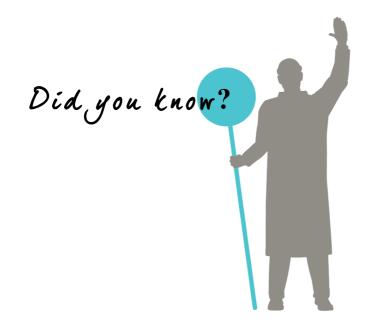


Goods Collection: the goods are collected and sent to the end beneficiaries.

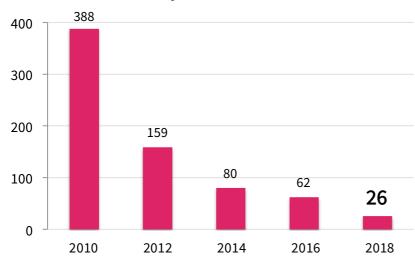
**Fundraising:** an event whose primary purpose is to raise money for a community partner

# Sustainable Development Goals





## **Reduced Inequalities**

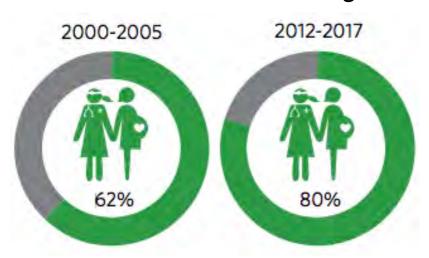


The number of billionaires owning as much wealth as half the world's population is continually declining.

Today, the **26 richest** billionaires own as many assets as the 3.8 billion people who make up the poorest half of the planet's population.

Source: OXFAM International, 2019

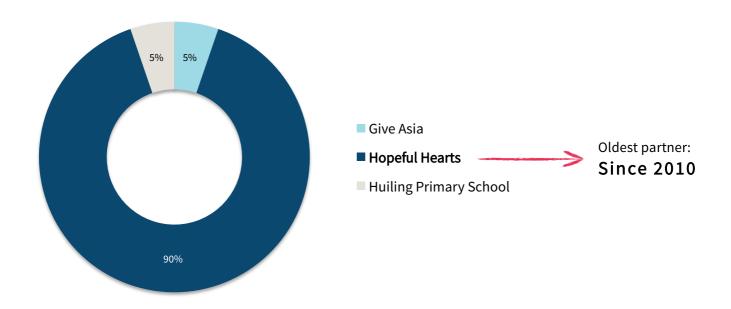
## Good Health and Well-Being



Over the period 2012–2017, almost **80 per cent** of live births worldwide occurred with the assistance of skilled health personnel, up from 62 per cent in 2000–2005.

Source: The Sustainable Development Goals Report 2018

# Community Partners



#### **HOPEFUL HEARTS**

Hopeful Hearts is a non-profit charity run by local Chinese and expatriate volunteers which raises funds to provide lifesaving heart surgeries for children from low income Chinese families. Hopeful Hearts was created in 2003 in memory of baby 'Loetje', who was found abandoned on the side of the road in Nanjing but sadly did not survive due to a heart defect. The charity works in partnership with specialist hospitals and has teams in Nanjing, Chengdu (created in 2009) and Guangzhou (created in 2012). Hopeful Hearts arranges surgeries, often within days of hearing of children in need, and provides necessary funds to help families pay for treatment.

#### **HUILING PRIMARY SCHOOL**



Founded in 1990 in Guangzhou, **Huiling** established itself as a non-governmental, non-profit organization dedicated to promoting community-based care for people with mental disabilities. Huiling has now extended its services to cities like Xi'an, Qinghai, Tianjin, Qingyuan, Chongqing, Changsha, Lanzhou, Wanzhou and Hong Kong.

Facilities offered by Huiling include kindergarten, special primary school, youth training centre, youth sheltered workshop, adult care residential home, family homes and Huiling Farm. Their services help children and adults acquire knowledge and essential skills for future jobs and everyday life.

The Special Primary School caters for children between 6 and 15 years old who are moderately or severely mentally disabled. The students use learning materials especially designed for those with learning disabilities according to their ages and personalities. Students usually graduate at fifteen years old when they join the Youth Training Centre, Youth Sheltered Workshop, and Adult Care Residential Home to receive different levels of training and support.

#### **GIVE ASIA**

**Give Asia** was launched in 2010 in Singapore as a platform, which helps people raise money for personal causes. At GIVE.asia, they believe in harnessing human compassion and kindness for people in need. GIVE.asia helps patients with hospital bills and enables children to study in rural areas. GIVE.asia helps event organisers raise funds for causes. GIVE.asia provides support for humanitarian effort for countries in need.

# Activities Highlights



#### EYFS Monthly Bake Sales

The parents, students and staff at the Early years Lakefront campus come together every month to bake cakes and raise funds for Hopeful Hearts. Each bake sale is themed and aligned to topics the children are currently exploring at school.

The whole community shares delicious cakes and biscuits and



raises funds for families with children requiring life-saving heart surgery.

#### BSG's Got Talent - October 2018

'BSG's Got Talent' brings together the whole school

community in support for Hopeful Hearts. Behind the bright lights and laughter, the performers take on personal challenges, push their comfort limits and find out more about themselves as individuals.

During welcome drinks and the interval, charity leaders raise funds by setting-up and running a stall selling Halloween decorations

with all proceeds and donations going to Hopeful Hearts.



Monies raised allow Hopeful Hearts to fund life-saving heart operations for children from low-income families in Guangzhou. Students invest themselves and their time to creating an unforgettable evening of passion and entertainment.

#### International Day - November 2018

International Day is organised by the International Day Committee, a group of volunteer parents and teachers in conjunction with the events team.

The focus of the day is to bring together our school community and the broader Guangzhou community in a carnival atmosphere to celebrate our varied cultures and backgrounds.



Students from each class in Primary school, set-up and run a stall on the day whereas Secondary students support the running of charity stalls, sale of raffle tickets and other external stalls. Funds are raised for a variety of charitable causes. In 2018, proceeds from school-led activities were donated to Hopeful Hearts. Hopeful Hearts funds life-saving hearts surgeries for children from low-income families in Guangzhou; providing logistical, emotional and financial support.

# Christmas Decorations for Charity – November 2018

Students engage in raising funds for Hopeful Hearts by running a Christmas Decorations stall at different school events. They set-up the stall, create enticing displays, manage the stock and the pricing as well as committing their time to run the stall after school and in the evening. Monies are



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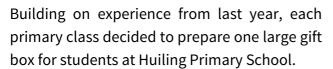
#### Journey to live - December 2018



The Secondary school turned orange for the day in support to Anna Do, from our sister school, BVIS in Hanoi. BSG students sent warm wishes via photos, videos and even personal messages to support Anna as she continues her battle with Leukemia. Students wore orange to school and donated money directly to Anna's give.asia page. Anna is looking to raise SGD 100,000 towards the cost of a second bone-marrow transplant operation. The Student Leadership Council (SLC) mobilized students, teachers and SSLT to plan activities to raise awareness of Leukemia as well as build support for Anna. A student, having the opportunity to be in Singapore in the following weeks, visited Anna in hospital and shared the messages of love and continued support from BSG.



#### Gift Boxes - December 2018



Gifts chosen were resources for the school and classrooms rather than gifts for individual students. Teachers and students agreed the scope of gifts to include: stationary, books, games, toiletries and art and craft resources.

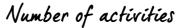
With additional resources, teachers at Huiling school can offer more activities and creative

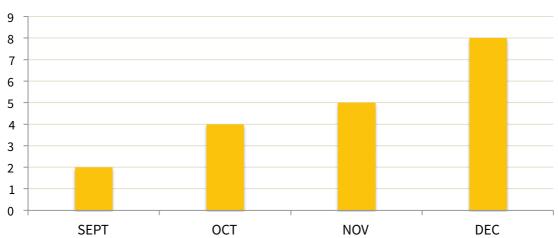




opportunities for their students. The gift boxes were decorated and packed ready for BSG students to deliver and sharing with Huiling at a Fun Day in early January.

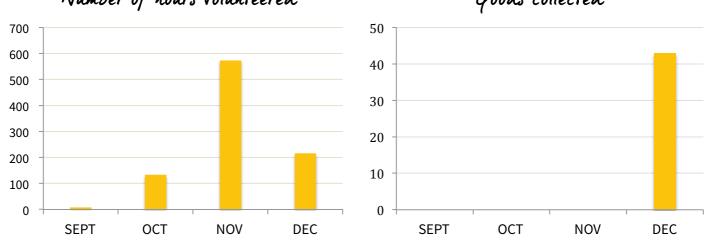
## Other Statistics



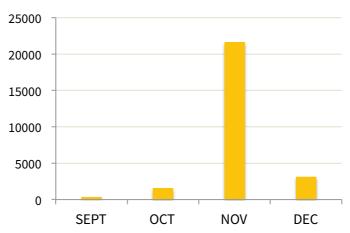


# Number of hours volunteered

# Goods collected



## Funds raised (USD)





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