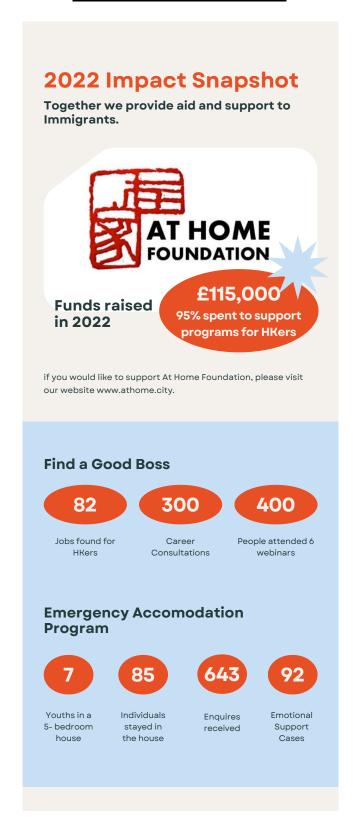


AT HOME FOUNDATION

Chairman's Report 2022



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We first contemplated a charity with the mission to provide aid and support to immigrants, when hundreds of them were coming to this free country from Hong Kong every day. At Home Foundation was incorporated in England and Wales on 25 June 2021 as a company limited by guarantee for public benefit, and at the same time, applied to the Charity Commission for registration as a charity. Our application was finally approved on 12 July 2022.

Before registering as a charity, our ability to raise funds was somewhat restricted. However, we were eager to get started, and thanks to the many donors who trusted us, we did get a good start by raising a total of £69,000 before we became a charity, and a further £46,000 before the end of last year. Total donations received from inception to the end of 2022 amounted to £115,000.

During that same period, AHF spent £5,600 on legal, accounting and website design, and provided a total of £107,000 for the following programs:

- a. Find a Good Boss, a job placement platform and provision of job seeking advice to young HK immigrants;
- b. Provision of emergency accommodation and emotion counselling to young HKers;
- c. Practicing English conversation for newly arrived HK immigrants.

As can be seen, 95% of all donations received was used to sponsor programs aiding Hong Kong immigrants.

I am happy to report that these programs have successfully served our purpose in benefiting immigrants, especially young people from Hong Kong. In a nutshell, we have:

- a. through the Find a Good Boss program,
 - found jobs for 82 HKers;
 - provided career consultation to over 300 job seekers;
 - arranged 6 webinars to introduce the UK job markets, local culture etc. for 400 participants.
- b. through the Emergency Accommodation program,

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- rented one 5-room house with the capacity to accommodate
 7 youth at any one time;
- provided temporary shelter for 85 individuals;
- received 643 one-off enquires for help, 256 of which were emergency cases;
- dealt with 92 cases for emotional support.

Going forward, in addition to our support of the job placement and emergency accommodation programs, we will introduce more services:

- a. Provide scholarships to support young HKers who are admitted by universities or institutions offering further education, but who are not be able to afford the expensive tuition fees and high living costs.
- b. Target to help more job seekers through Find a Good Boss:
 - to place 120 jobs for young HK immigrants;
 - to provide free training and career consultation service to at least 240 HKers.
- c. Provision of emergency accommodation in London to needy young HKers, with emotional support and counselling as required.
- d. Provision of legal documentation processing service to support asylum seekers.

Obviously, the continuation of existing programs and launching of new ones will depend on much funds we can raise. We will need a lot of support from all walks of life in the coming years so that we can continue to help those in need.

We are fortunate in the past year to have the support of many donors and volunteers. I would like to take this opportunity, on behalf of the AHF Trustees, to thank our donors and volunteers for their generous support.

Thank you!

Samuel Lai March, 2023