

AT HOME FOUNDATION

Chairman's Report 2023

Having been in operation for three years, At Home Foundation (AHF) has firmly established itself as a charity to provide aid and support to immigrants, in particular those newly arrived from Hong Kong.

Fundraising

During 2023, we launched 3 major fundraising campaigns:

- Over 130 friends and supporters participated in the dinner held in April, raising general funds in an atmosphere of fun and passion.
- The Chain of a Thousand Heart campaign carried out in the Summer successfully connected and united many HKers in the UK through the creation of chains of donors online.
- In September, the Run 2 Free Hong Kong Marathon was participated by 72 runners/walkers, taking part in full marathon, half marathon, 10 Km run and 5 Km walk.

These fundraising events netted over £31,000. Together with other general donations, total net income for the year amounted to £132,000, 55% more than 2022.

During the year, AHF provided a total of £127,000 for the following programs:

- Find a Good Boss, a job placement platform and provision of job seeking advice to young HK immigrants;
- Provision of emergency accommodation and emotion counselling to young HKers;
- Scholarship to 7 students.

As can be seen, since AHF has no paid staff and basically operates by 5 volunteers working at home, thereby keeping administrative expenses to a minimum, 96% of donation received was used to benefit those in need through the 3 aid programs, with the following tangible results:

- found jobs for 68 HKers;
- provided career planning and advice to over 400 people;
- offered emergency shelter to 50;
- received 673 enquiries for help;
- handled 185 emotional support cases;
- supported 72 asylum applications; and
- granted 7 scholarships.

We are glad that after sponsoring it for 2 years, Find a Good Boss can now operate on a self-sustaining basis while continue to offer AHF's beneficiaries free advice and job placement. We anticipate that requirements for the emergency accommodation will diminish over time.

Looking ahead, we will concentrate our resources and effort to provide emotional counselling support and more importantly, scholarships to support Hong Kong students who have migrated to and settled in the UK in the last 3 years and who are admitted to study in tertiary education institutions in this country.

I must express, on behalf of the Trustees, our sincere gratitude to our many donors who supported us all along. We hope that they will continue to do so, amid a deteriorating overall environment. I must also thank our core team of volunteers working passionately for us on a daily basis and the many volunteers helping out at our events. We would not be able to fulfill our mission without their unfailing support.

Thank you!

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