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How your gifts can transform lives in Shanghai

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AN URGENT LETTER FROM THE DIRECTOR

DEAR FRIEND AND SUPPORTER,

As I write, coronavirus continues to dominate news headlines. It started 900 kilometers from Shanghai in Wuhan.

We don't know how long it will last, but today, masks are an urgent need. Homeless people can't find or afford them, but they have to wear them, and nobody can go into a shop or buy food without one. Your help can provide one for those in need.

"I haven't eaten in two days."

Each mask lasts only a day or two – and although they're now very scarce, we've found a few reliable suppliers who charge slightly higher prices. To comply with guidelines banning public gatherings, our drop-in center is closed, meaning homeless people have no place to have a hot meal, shower, change of clothes, or laundry.

Your gift will provide food for people on the streets. Packaged meals and milk cost much more than our communal meals and it takes longer to find the people who need them.

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He has nowhere else to turn. Your gift can give a food parcel and an essential disposable mask.

Homeless people are running out of every means of survival. There are no bottles or other recyclables to be found on the empty streets, and day jobs have disappeared. In the past, people would crew for outdoor events, but all of this is currently out of the question, with only a handful of businesses open.

So the situation is getting serious. When we give someone food or a mask, some people tell us, "I haven't eaten in two days." Still, I am incredibly grateful for your response to my recent email. Your kind support gives me hope that you and I can help people through this terrible time, no matter what happens.

于海生 Jimmy

Coronavirus hits the homeless

The Story So Far

Today, many homeless people have nothing to eat but steamed buns with very little nutrition. Many others have no food.

The streets of Shanghai are empty. There is no recycling to pick up and no day jobs. One person said, "There is no work, so I don't have money to eat."

Current Street Action

We are taking your gifts to the streets with parcels of food, milk, and disposable masks. It takes more time and more money. Our typical communal

Renewal's drop-in center will reopen the day we can. Until then, we need help to reach people who are stuck outdoors.



Your help can rush food and support to people on the streets.



No day labor and no income from recycling means no money, and no food.

meals are much cheaper, but because the drop in center is closed, they've been banned for now.

The Human Impact

People are suffering, and the dirt from the streets is humiliating. Our drop-in center sadly must remain closed for now, giving people no access to a shower, laundry or a clean change of clothes.

If this crisis continues, we can explore taking fresh clothing onto the streets. At night, there is a chance people might be able to change clothes with dignity.

What You Can Do

There's no telling how long the crisis will last, but you can help with a gift for disposable masks, packaged food, and nutritious drinks like milk for people who are stuck outside. The situation is now serious.

Few people are infected. But the closed businesses and empty streets are hurting the homeless. People who were already on the fringes of society are now pushed to the edge of survival. More and more people are sleeping in parks and in doorways. They really have no other choice.

Give 10 people a hot meal and a mandatory medical mask for just 150 RMB.

Biggest ever Spring Festival followed by closure

A record number joined our Spring Festival but we need your help for street sleepers.

We tested all 150 people who came to the Spring Festival dinner with an infrared thermometer and nobody showed fever or signs of coronavirus infection. Yet, on the very next day, we were forced to close to prevent large gatherings, and everyone outdoors was required to wear a mask.

Coronavirus put an end to gatherings like Spring Festival. We need your help to reach people who are now stuck outdoors.

But your help can make a difference. You gave a hot and hearty meal to our biggest crowd ever, and now we are working to reach many of the same people who are forced to sleep on the street. Your kind support is already housing as many people as we have space for on our residential training program.

If you can, come and see the results of your help. You will be amazed! Even if you can't pay a visit, thank you again for your support toward our biggest and perhaps best ever Spring Festival meal.

Please send a gift today to help those still stuck out in the cold.



Spring Festival was our last public gathering this year. Most people in this picture are now stuck on the streets and relying on our support for food, water and milk.

Your help in action

One man living on the streets was refused entry into a shop to buy food because he wasn't wearing a mask. He wrote, "I was about to leave but then I remembered I had one that you gave me on Spring Festival. Thank you!"

How you saved a grateful survivor

Your gifts can get Lin Tianye inside, clean, warm and fed, when we can.



Your next gift could help Lin, 76, who is especially vulnerable to the virus and cold weather.

You've probably heard that the coronavirus is worse for older people: on 6 March it was reported in the media that for every year above the age of 50 a person is more likely to die from the infection, and men are more vulnerable.

Thankfully, your help has kept Lin Tianye warm and healthy. Born near the end of World War II in Taiwan, he was displaced by the war and moved to mainland China. He later lost his investment in a failed business, and now has no family at all.

Try to imagine what it's like to survive on the streets at 76 years old, and you'll have an idea what Lin's life is like. Hanson is constantly in touch with Lin, ensuring that he gets whatever help he needs, as quickly as we can deliver it.

Thank you for helping Lin! Your next gift will reach another vulnerable person crisis.

YOU ARE THE ANSWER TO THE CORONAVIRUS CRISIS

The virus is scary, but you can save people facing the worst of it

If you're asking, "What can I do?" The answer is to help the Renewal Center respond to the coronavirus. We are close to the crisis and your gift will reach the poorest and most helpless people on the streets, with healthy food, milk, water, and masks that everyone is required to wear.

They are running out of hope. Shanghai's street sleepers urgently need help.



The Renewal kitchen is still cooking nutritious meals like egg fried rice with mushrooms. With your help, we are taking bowls of hearty portions to hungry people on the streets.

My gift to help the homeless hit by corona virus

YES, Hanson and Jimmy! Here's my life-saving gift for a mask, healthy meal and, essential care for people on the streets during this difficult time.

- 75 RMB to provide a mask and meal for 5 people
- 150 RMB to provide a mask and meal for 10 people
- 300 RMB to provide a mask and meal for 20 people
- _____ RMB to help as many people as I can.

We will use your gift – of any amount you can afford today – to help meet the most urgent needs people are facing on the day your help arrives.

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