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PRESIDENT'S REPORT FOR YEAR 2020

by Amelia Choi

The year 2020 has been an unprecedented year in modern history with the onslaught of a global pandemic and the ensuing tragic loss of lives and livelihoods, overwhelming economic turmoil, abrupt impact in everyday living, escalated racial tensions, and many more. Rarely has something of this scale occurred in recent years on a global level to expose both the best and the worst in humanity as people and nations grapple to control the unknown, to seize the essentials that are needed to protect and save lives, to maintain some sense of normalcy, and to ultimately adjust to a new norm in the interim.

Along with our sacrificial healthcare and frontline workers who rush to the line of fire instead of away from it, the tireless scientists who work on a vaccine at an unprecedented speed, leaders whose legislation provided the most needed economic help to many, and many quiet constituents and volunteers who work in their own way to serve others in this dire time of need, I'm proud to say that the Canada-China Friendship Society (CCFS) has joined them in exemplifying the best of humanity as we continued to execute on our mission of promoting friendship and people-to-people ties between Canada and China. During the COVID-19 outbreak, we were agile in raising funds to purchase much-needed personal protection equipment (PPE) supplies for both the healthcare workers here at home and in China. We readily waived CCFS membership renewal fees since March 2020 in response to the economic impact of this pandemic. We were also quick to move all our programs online to continue to execute on our mandates and bring value to both our members and the general public at large.

The year 2020 also marks the 50th anniversary of the establishment of Canada-China diplomatic relations, the 44th anniversary of the Canada-China Friendship Society, and the 40th anniversary of the Federation of Canada-China Friendship Associations (FCCFA). What a year indeed!

As I reflect on all that we've accomplished together this year and throughout my tenure, I'm filled with gratitude to many. I'd like to thank our CCFS advisors Lolan Merklinger and Lorraine Farkas for their wisdom and guidance that I can lean on especially during the most challenging times. I'd like to thank our Executive Team and our volunteers, and the FCCFA member chapter presidents for your full support in all ways. I'm thankful to our CCFS members, partners and friends who contributed in various ways. I would also like to acknowledge the firm support of officials from both our Canadian government, the Embassy of the People's Republic of China in Canada, the HKETO (Toronto), the HKTDC (Canada), the various friendship organizations in China including the CPAFFC, BPAFFC, SPAFFC, and HPPAFFC, the China Bethune Spirit Research Association, the Bethune International Peace Hospital, friends and the municipal government of Anqing, the Canada China Business Council (CCBC), and many more.

A. CCFS Fundraising and Support to Help Combat COVID-19

When COVID-19 hit China and Canada, I, with the blessing and support of the CCFS Executive Team, led a very small CCFS Fundraising Task Force in mobilizing and coordinating efforts to help combat the virus through two separate fundraising campaigns and donation of PPEs to the healthcare workers in both countries.

- The first **CCFS Fundraising Campaign** was launched when COVID-19 first hit China. It ran from February 3rd to 23rd and raised **\$8,585.00** (gross) or **\$8,476.64** (net of GoFundMe charges) out of which \$7,069.58 was spent in procuring **6,000 units of masks and 215 pairs of protective goggles**, and shipping them to the Bethune International Peace Hospital in China. Donations were received from our members and friends from different parts of Canada including Nunavut, Toronto, etc.

Two main challenges that emerged at that time were sourcing and purchasing PPEs at a reasonable price, and searching for economical shipment options amidst massive flight cancellations to China.

Thankfully, after weeks of persistent efforts, we were able to overcome all the challenges and shipped all the procured masks and protective goggles to **Bethune International Peace Hospital** in Shijiazhuang, Hebei Province. We had the pleasure of visiting this hospital in a trip that was organized by the BPAFFC in Q4 2018, where I led our first CCFS medical delegation to China. This hospital was founded by Dr. Norman Bethune in 1937 during the Second Sino-Japanese War and was recognized by our Canadian government. It was named after Dr. Norman Bethune, in memory and recognition of his international humanitarian and selfless contributions to China during the Second Sino-Japanese War. To this date, this hospital has continued to carry on and further Dr. Norman Bethune's spirit of excellence, not only in their medical expertise and practices, but moreso in their professional ethics. It sent medical professionals to serve in Wuhan, the epicenter of the COVID-19 outbreak in China. This hospital is very appreciative of the kindness and support of the Canadian people, especially CCFS members and friends, in extending a helping hand during a time of crisis.

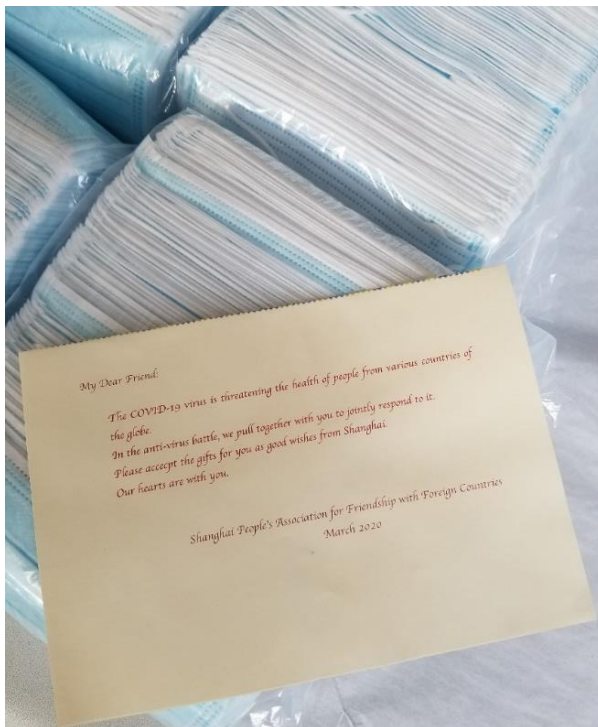


Bethune International Peace Hospital held a solemn ceremony to commemorate the 130th anniversary of Dr. Norman Bethune's birth and CCFS' PPE donations on March 3, 2020

CCFS also reached out to our sister organizations and friends in China with letters of support and encouragement.

- The second fundraising campaign was launched jointly with several other local Chinese-Canadian community organizations when COVID-19 hit home here in Canada, in order to help purchase ventilators for our sick and PPEs for our healthcare workers. We raised **\$123,102** which was more than double the initial target of \$60,000.00. All proceeds from this campaign, along with the remaining balance of **\$1,407.06** from the first campaign, went to **The Ottawa Hospital Foundation (TOHF)** whose professional staff handled the PPE procurement.

Various sister organizations, institutions, and friends in China likewise immediately reached out to us with letters of support which are posted on our [CCFS COVID-19 webpage](#). A total of **19,500 units of medical masks and 40 sets of isolation protective suits** were donated to us by the **Anqing Municipal Government, CPAFFC, SPAFFC, Huawei Canada, and the James Lu's family**. We greatly appreciate their support and generosity.



Donations from SPAFFC



Donations from Huawei Canada



Donations from Anqing Municipal Government

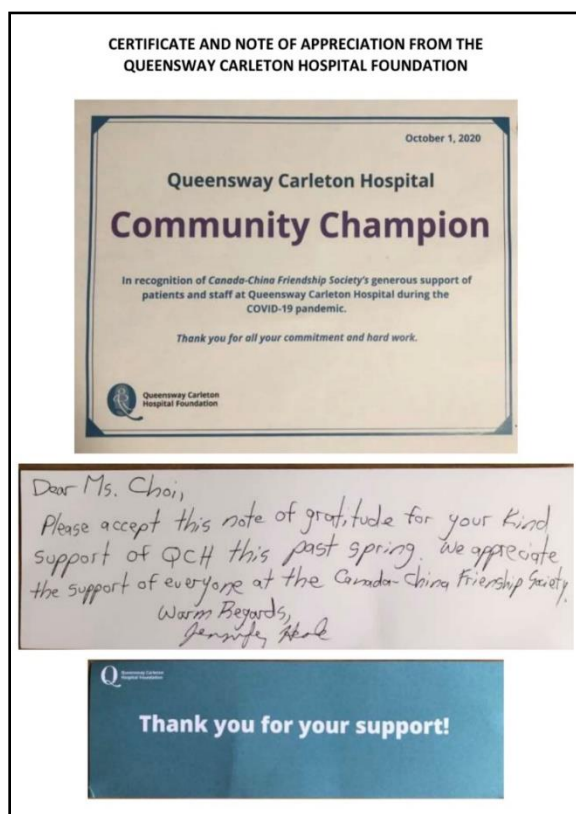


Donations from CPAFFC

On behalf of both CCFS and FCCFA, I personally supervised the coordination, allocation, tracking, and distribution of all of their donated items to the following local medical institutions:

- **Queensway-Carleton Hospital**
- **Ottawa Hospital**
- **Somerset West Community Health Centre**
- **Entrepôt Central du Centre Intégré de Santé et des Services Sociaux de l'Outaouais (CISSSO)**

Amidst adversity, solidarity of humanity lifts us all up as we witness how compassion and caring transcend all else. I'd like to thank our CCFS Fundraising Task Force and our Executive Team for your support, and more especially, those who were actively involved, namely: Hanson Tang, James Lu, Fang Guo, Guojie Qi, Nicholas Papiccio, AWOT Global Logistics Canada Corp., Emma Huang, Stephen Chappell, and Yongzhi Wang.



CCFS is both honored and humbled to receive a Certificate of Appreciation from the Queensway-Carleton Hospital Foundation, as shown in the picture above.

Below are photos from the Queensway-Carleton Hospital, the Ottawa Hospital, and the Somerset West Community Health Centre after they received our PPE donations:



For more information on these efforts, please check out the following:

- Appendix A - [Working Together to Combat COVID-19](#)
- Appendix B - [Update on Fundraising Campaign for Medical Supplies – February 15, 2020](#)
- Appendix C - [Update on Fundraising Campaign for Medical Supplies 2 – February 17, 2020](#)
- Appendix D - [Update on Fundraising Campaign for Medical Supplies 3 – March 8, 2020](#)

B. Speaker Program

Due to the pandemic, our flagship Speaker Program was held in person only once this year, featuring **Mr. Windy Du** of Huawei Canada who spoke about *Huawei's Road to Overseas Business Development* in February. As we got hit by COVID-19 in March, this program was transitioned online



and has since been offered as complimentary webinars to the general public, including our CCFS and other FCCFA chapter members and friends. We sincerely hope that through this format, our Speaker Program can achieve a greater reach to help the general public understand China better as part of our mandate, especially during this period of heightened tension between the two countries.



To date, we have held two successful webinars featuring **Professor Paul Evans** who shared great insights on “*What Does It Mean to be a Friend of China?*” and **H.E. Ambassador Cong Peiwu** who candidly addressed very pertinent topics regarding Canada-China relations today. Both events were very well received with attendees from coast to coast, including parliamentarians and

leaders from various organizations.



H.E. Ambassador Cong Peiwu speaking on Canada-China Relations

An upcoming webinar is scheduled for November 24th featuring **Senator Yuen Pau Woo** on *“Rethinking China Relations.”*

Special thanks to our wonderful CCFS Zoom Technical Support Team—Luc Trudel, Xiaotong Zhang, and Emma Huang—for their assistance in bringing our speaker program online.

C. CCFS Ottawa Canada-China Film Festival Projects

This is the 4th year of our **CCFS Annual Ottawa Canada-China Film Festival** with the goal of enabling Canadians to be better informed about life in China and to better appreciate the experience of Canadians with Chinese heritage living here in Canada, through enjoying various international and Chinese films.



This year, our film festival was likewise held online for the first time. Moreover, this is also our first year-round online film festival, which is made possible by the tireless efforts of the CCFS Film Festival Committee which explores films from international film festivals, streaming services, and film archives, and regularly updates our [CCFS website](#) with new films, thus enabling our audience to enjoy these films from the comfort of their homes. This year's film festival also features interviews that were conducted by some of our CCFS Film Festival Committee members with a documentary filmmaker, a professor of history of Chinese cinema, and others.

Special thanks to the hard work of Roy Atkinson (Chair of the Film Festival Committee), Erqin Zheng (Film Selection Committee Coordinator), and the entire Film Festival Committee for a job well done!

On the occasion of the 50th anniversary of the establishment of the Canada-China diplomatic relations, Roy also initiated and authored a paper entitled “**Remembrance of Canada-China Relations: from 1788 to the Establishment of Canada-China Diplomatic Relations on October 13, 1970**”. Using historic footage and archival material, this paper presents history featuring audio, visual, and cinematic records. It will be published by our Film Festival Committee.

D. Digital Newsletters and Online Resources

When the COVID-19 lockdown was first implemented in Ottawa, Lorraine and I started our **regular digital newsletters** to provide online resources that feature articles and videos to help our members continue to learn more about China. These resources are posted on our [CCFS website](#).

Special thanks to Luc Trudel and Nicholas Papiccio for doing a great job in assisting me with keeping our CCFS website up-to-date, Steven Jones for maintaining our social media platforms, and various CCFS members for contributing articles and videos for our digital newsletters.

E. ChinaReads

ChinaReads is our CCFS' China Book Club. It is founded by Marilyn Collette in April 2013 and has been led by David Burke since early 2018. Prior to the COVID-19 lockdown, this book club met twice to discuss books and to exchange views on current events and issues that affect China.

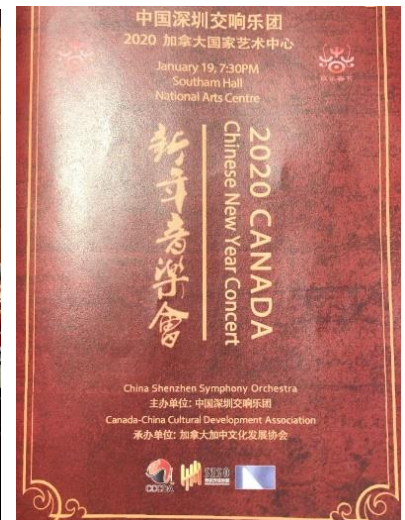
F. Other Friendship and Partnership Events

Many CCFS executives and members had the pleasure to attend a number of cultural events that were organized and/or supported by the Chinese Embassy and our partners, as follows:

- ***Cultural Salon on Winter Treats*** hosted by Mme. Zhang Tong. This special event featured an introduction and performance of Chinese traditional musical instruments, a performance on Chinese teenager martial art, and a Chinese traditional healthy refreshment show. All guests had fun learning and exploring the Chinese culture.



- ***2020 Canada Chinese New Year Concert*** hosted and organized by the China Shenzhen Symphony Orchestra and supported by the Canada-China Cultural Development Association at the National Art Center and the Centrepointhe Theatre. Over 60 CCFS members attended the various beautiful concerts.



- The *20th Hands Across the Pacific Art Exhibition* organized by the CPAFFC and a number of China’s provincial and municipal friendship associations, including the BPAFFC, was held online for the first time - with artists from not only the Pacific region as in the past but also from other countries around the world. The theme of this year’s exhibition, “**2020: Link**”, is inspired by the fact that we are all unprecedentedly “linked” to one another around the world this year. The organizers hope that this exhibition can bring love and hope especially during this very difficult period of time. It is with great honor that I share the wonderful news about the selection of Jin Zuo’s artwork for display at the exhibition. Jin Zuo is a member of our FCCFA Toronto chapter. His piece of art is displayed in Exhibition Hall #3 on this [online platform](#).

- The “**5 at 50**” project to which the FCCFA was invited to join as a partner of the Canada-China Business Council (CCBC) is to recognize and celebrate the invaluable contributions of individuals on the 50th anniversary of the Canada-China diplomatic relations. The following people, listed in alphabetical order based on their last names, were nominated internally within the FCCFA, of which only those whose names are highlighted in **bold** accepted their nominations:
 - Chan, Tung
 - **Charlebois, Carol**
 - Choi, Amelia
 - **Copeland, Michael**
 - **Farkas, Lorraine**
 - Foster, Sheila
 - Merklinger, Lolan
 - **Wicken, Joan**

However, due to time constraints, only **Michael Copeland** and **Lorraine Farkas** were able to submit their entries to CCBC for consideration.

Thank you once again to all of you for your tremendous contributions to Canada-China relations over the years.

- *42nd CCBC AGM & Business Forum* attended by Lorraine and I, upon the invitation of CCBC.

- Publication of our FCCFA history in the *US-China Review Summer 2020 issue*, which I submitted on behalf of FCCFA, upon the request of the US-China Peoples Friendship Association.
- An online event to commemorate the *130th anniversary of Dr. Norman Bethune's birth* to be hosted by the BPAFFC on December 3rd and to be participated by CCFS and a few other organizations.

G. Membership and Finance

The total number of active CCFS members to date is 107.

Despite waiving membership renewal fees and making all our programs complimentary to the general public, CCFS has continued to be financially sound through conscientious stewardship.

Special thanks to Fang Guo, our treasurer, for a job well done.

H. Concluding Words

My journey in serving both the Canada-China Friendship Society (CCFS) and the Federation of Canada-China Friendship Associations (FCCFA) has not been easy given the political tensions in recent years between the two countries, but definitely very fulfilling as I firmly believe in our organizations' mandates. I feel very blessed to have had the opportunity to execute on them with all of you in serving my roles as:

- CCFS Executive for over 4 years,
- CCFS President for over 3 years,
- FCCFA Board Member for over 3 years, and
- FCCFA President for a year.

My decision to step down from both organizations due to family-related matters, after my term ends at the CCFS AGM on November 5th, has likewise not been easy. I will very much miss working closely with all of you but am confident that the mission continues in the able hands of the new CCFS and FCCFA leaders.

As I reflect on the year 2020, my thoughts and feelings resonate with the message that was shared in a video recording that was played at the 42nd CCBC AGM & Business Forum which Lorraine and I attended in October, as noted in **Section F** above. A common theme was echoed by the leaders from both Canada and China in the banquet that CCBC organized in Beijing on October 13, 2020—about the importance of deepening understanding about China and strengthening people-to-people-ties, focusing not only on trade but also on cultural and other aspects. This theme perfectly aligns with the mandates of both CCFS and all our other FCCFA member chapters. In his opening remarks at that banquet, our Canadian Ambassador Barton encouraged all to reflect on our Canada-China historical relationships, our areas of common interests, and how we’ve worked through differences in the past. He expressed his desire to see relationships strengthened at all levels, including people-to-people ties. He also asserted that deepening our understanding of China to have the best China Desk in G7 is among his top priorities. H.E. Wang Shouwen, the Vice Minister of Commerce of the P.R.C. likewise said, “In the past 50 years, Canada and China have a very good friendly and cooperative relationship which has proven that a healthy bilateral relationship is in the common interest of both peoples”, while Hon. Long Yongtu, the Former Vice Minister of Commerce of the P.R.C. also said, “Strengthening people-to-people relationship is the foundation for building relations between countries.”

In a world wherein its constituents are increasingly more intertwined than ever before and intrinsically indispensable to harness the synergy that is needed to combat global issues such as the pandemic, climate change, economic turmoil, geopolitical tensions, humanitarian crisis, and the long list goes on..., never in history have the choices and decisions that we make today been more consequential to our future generations, never have peace and collaboration been more crucial than ever. And such peace and collaboration can only be achieved when we resolve to nurture friendship through respectful dialogue, to deepen our understanding of each other, to build trust, and to strengthen our people-to-people ties.

I have full confidence that FCCFA and all its member chapters, together with our new CCFS Executive Team, will continue to be steadfast in our commitment to continue to execute on our noble mandates of helping Canadians better understand China, of promoting exchanges and partnerships, and of deepening ties between the people of our two great countries. I’d like to enlist the full and continuous support of all our members to our new CCFS Executive Team as they carry on the torch of such a meaningful endeavor.

Amidst the noise around us, let us allow the quiet power of our shared ideals of a better and more peaceful tomorrow guide our thoughts, words, and actions today—as members of a global community who work in solidarity to tackle global challenges that threaten all of humanity. As the stakes have never been higher, it begs the question before we speak and/or act if what we’re engaged in are constructive dialogue, respecting differences, and promoting peace and collaboration for common interests. Let it be a resounding YES for all of us!

As a nation that prides itself of its multicultural, diverse, inclusive, and peace-loving people, I’d like to once again close off my final Annual President’s Report by invoking wisdom from our former Prime Minister Pierre Trudeau—the same quote that I noted in my 2019 President’s Report, because it serves as a timely and poignant reminder of who we are— “There is no such thing as a model or ideal Canadian... A society which emphasizes uniformity is one which creates intolerance and hate... What the world should be seeking, and what in Canada we must continue to cherish, are not concepts of uniformity but human values: compassion, love, and understanding.”

Once again, my deepest gratitude to all those whose full support enabled all that we’ve accomplished together the past few years. I wish you all the very best in 2021 and beyond!

Appendix A – CCSF COVID-19 Homepage – Working Together to Combat COVID-19



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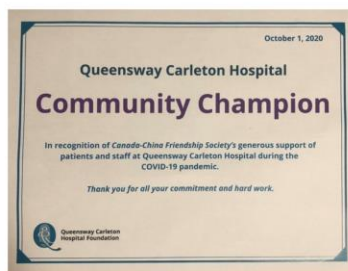
Working Together to Combat Covid-19

Personal protective equipment (such as masks, isolation suits, gloves, face shields, goggles, etc.), ventilators, medical supplies are in shortage. Our federal and provincial governments, the private sectors and organizations/individuals have been working together to help secure these much needed supplies to protect our healthcare workers and to ensure that our healthcare system is better prepared to handle the surges in the number of patients who will require medical care in the coming weeks and months during the COVID-19 outbreak.

Certificate Received from Queensway Carleton Hospital

The Canada-China Friendship Society is humbled to have received a Certificate from the Queensway-Carleton Hospital recognizing our commitment and hard work for providing generous support to their patients and staff during the COVID-19 pandemic.

We'd also like to extend our utmost respect and gratefulness to our frontline healthcare providers who work tirelessly to keep us safe. Many thanks to our essential workers and everyone who has extended a helping hand to our community and country. Special thanks to all our friends and friendship organizations in China, the municipal government of Anqing and Huawei Canada for their full support and generous donations in helping Canadians combat COVID-19. It is a blessing to have witnessed humanity coming together in times of need.



[PDF Certificate](#)

– Call for Donations to the Ottawa Hospital Foundation

(Fundraising Campaign Period: 3/31/2020 to 4/21/2020)

The Canada-China Friendship Society (CCFS) in Ottawa has joint force with several other local organizations in support of a fundraising campaign initiated by the Ottawa Association of Chinese-Canadian University Alumni (OACCUA) to help Ottawa healthcare workers. The fundraising campaign aims to raise 60,000 Canadian dollars to help purchase ventilators and personal protective equipment (PPE) for our healthcare workers. All proceeds will go towards the Ottawa Hospital Foundation (OHF), whose professional staff will handle the procurement. The OHF has been supporting the Ottawa Hospital, including the General, Civic, Riverside campuses, and the University of Ottawa Heart Institute. They have established the "In Support of Covid-19 Emergency Response Fund" to help combat the outbreak.

You are encouraged to visit and/or donate through the designated webpage for this fundraising initiative:
<https://my.crowdchange.co/9q7jre>

The OHF will provide tax receipts for donations of \$15 and over. The call for donation is planned for **March 31 to April 21, 2020**. The OACCUA will be providing timely updates. For more information, please visit [the OACCUA](#) and/or contact donate.ottawa.hospital@gmail.com

+ Update on COVID-19 Emergency Response Fundraising Campaign to The Ottawa Hospital Foundation (TOHF)

+ Businesses and Organizations who can Supply Emergency Products in Response to COVID-19

Support Received to Help Ottawa Combat COVID-19

In this challenging time, CCFS is very grateful to have received donations and encouraging words from our friends in China, to help Canada combat the COVID-19 outbreak. The mutual support that CCFS members and our friends in Canada and China have generously shared truly showcases the sincere friendship and genuine care that transcend borders. CCFS would like to extend our deepest appreciation to our friends in China for their care and support.

We'd also like to extend our utmost respect and gratefulness to our frontline healthcare providers who work tirelessly to keep us safe. Many thanks to our essential workers and everyone who has extended a helping hand to our community and country.

+ Surgical Masks Donated by the SPAFFC
+ Letter from the CPAFFC
+ Letter from the Anqing Municipal Government
+ Medical Masks Donated by the Anqing Municipal Government
+ Medical Masks Donated by the Family of James Lu
+ Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) Donated by the Bank of China
+ Letter from the BPAFFC
+ Letter from the Bethune International Peace Hospital
+ Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) Donated by Huawei Canada
+ Surgical Masks Donated by the CPAFFC
+ 32 Tons of Medical Supplies Donated by the Chinese Government to Canada
+ Canada and China Collaborating to Develop COVID-19 Vaccine
+ Letter from the China Bethune Spirit Research Association

Call for Donations

Help Chinese Hospitals in Combatting COVID-19

(This Fundraising Campaign Has Ended. Thank You for Your Support.)

[Update on Fundraising Campaign for Medical Supplies #1 \(February 15, 2020\)](#)

[Update on Fundraising Campaign for Medical Supplies #2 \(February 17, 2020\)](#)

[Update on Fundraising Campaign for Medical Supplies #3 \(March 8, 2020\)](#)

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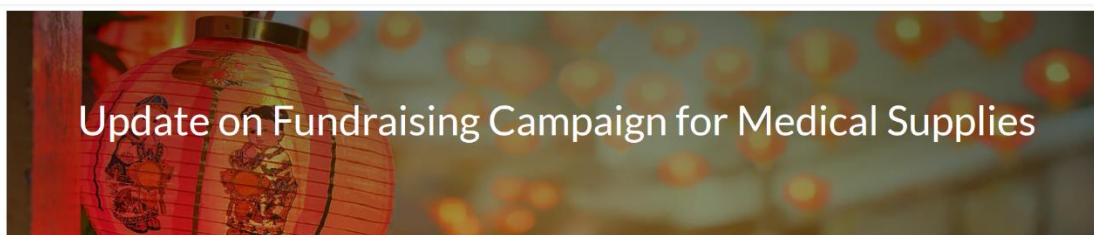
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Appendix B – Update on Fundraising Campaign for Medical Supplies – February 15, 2020



February 15, 2020

Update on Fundraising Campaign for Medical Supplies #1

Dear CCFS members and fundraising supporters,

On February 4, 2020 (Tuesday), the Canada-China Friendship Society (CCFS) initiated a fundraising campaign to help Chinese hospitals combat the novel coronavirus (COVID-19).

Thank you for your support. At the time of writing this update, \$8,385 has been raised.

The Bethune International Peace Hospital is at the forefront of the battle in Wuhan, the epicenter of the outbreak. They have specified an urgent need for a range of protective medical supplies including masks and goggles. In response to these urgent needs, the CCFS allocated all of the \$7,145 raised between February 4 and 7, 2020 to purchase 3 cases (6000 units) of masks, 215 pairs of protective goggles, and for shipping. These supplies constitute our first shipment, and will go to the Bethune International Peace Hospital.

Two main challenges have emerged during the campaign. Firstly, sourcing and purchasing the proper medical quality supplies at a reasonable price. The cost of relevant supplies such as masks has gone up significantly due to the high domestic and international demand. Secondly, as many airlines have cancelled flights to China, economical shipping options have become almost impossible.

The search for suitable medical supplies focused mainly on Ottawa and Toronto. We were very thankful when all medical supplies were secured. They all safely arrived in Toronto on February 11th.

The team explored various delivery methods and found that the shipping cost has significantly increased in less than a week. One courier service quoted us \$4700!! After much research and many dead ends, we are extremely grateful to have found AWOT Global Logistics Canada Corp. AWOT has helped many Toronto organizations ship donated medical supplies to China since the COVID-19 outbreak last month. They agreed to waive their service fees and will try their best to help us ship within our budget by charging us disbursements only (e.g. airline costs, etc.). We are very thankful to have found this good Samaritan!! If all goes well, the medical supplies will leave Toronto on February 18th to Seoul, and will then depart Seoul on February 22nd to Tianjin.

CCFS has received multiple requests for help. Therefore, the remaining funds, \$1,240, which were largely raised between February 8 and 16, 2020 will be used to cover any outstanding shipping cost for the first shipment, and to help the Anqing Municipal Government. The City of Anqing is close to the Hubei Province where COVID-19 hits hard. There are many migrant workers living in the seven counties of Anqing who work in Wuhan, Hubei Province. Anqing has little visibility in the donor community and they have requested our assistance to provide them with funds or medical protective supplies to support their efforts in epidemic prevention

and control. With the continuing support of individual Canadians, we hope the funds available to support Anqing will grow considerably. We encourage you to donate and to spread the word so that Anqing people can receive the assistance they urgently need. The CCFS will continue providing updates to ensure transparency of the fundraising campaign. We sincerely thank you for your consideration and support. If you have questions, please feel free to contact us at Contact.CCFSO@gmail.com. Best regards,
Executive team, Canada-China Friendship Society

Useful links:

- World Health Organization designated page on the novel coronavirus (COVID-19):
<https://www.who.int/emergencies/diseases/novel-coronavirus-2019>
- CCFS Call for Donations:
<https://ccfso.org/>
- CCFS GoFundMe page:
<https://www.gofundme.com/f/canadachina-friendship-society>
- Update on Fundraising Campaign for Medical Supplies #2 (February 17, 2020)

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Appendix C – Update on Fundraising Campaign for Medical Supplies – February 17, 2020



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February 17, 2020

Update on Fundraising Campaign for Medical Supplies #2

Dear CCFS members and fundraising supporters,

We would like to sincerely thank all of you for your contribution to the fundraising campaign. Further to our previous update dated February 15, 2020, we are happy to announce that we have arranged our first shipment of medical supplies to the Bethune International Peace Hospital. This would not be possible without your participation and the kind assistance of our campaign taskforce.

As a next step, we continue to raise funds for the City of Anqing in response to the multiple requests for help we have received. This stage of the fundraising campaign will continue until February 22, 2020. We rely on your continuing support to provide as much help as possible. We kindly encourage you to donate and help spread the word. Please feel free to visit our online donation platform <https://www.gofundme.com/f/canadachina-friendship-society>. The CCFS official website will continue to provide detail information and updates: <https://ccfso.org/>

On behalf of CCFS, our President Ms. Amelia Choi has penned letters to the Beijing People's Association for Friendship with Foreign Countries (BPAFFC) and other CCFS partner organizations in China. We extend our concern, support, encouragement, and warm wishes to all the people in China impacted by the outbreak of COVID-19. Several organizations have expressed their gratitude and utmost appreciation to the care, support, encouragement, and precious friendship extended by the CCFS members. In particular, we have heard from the Chinese People's Association for Friendship with Foreign Countries (CPAFFC), the BPAFFC, the Hebei Province People's Association for Friendship with Foreign Countries (HPPAFFC), the Bethune Spirit Research Association, and the Bethune International Peace Hospital. We have attached the **thank-you letter from the BPAFFC** for your information.

We sincerely thank you for your continuing support for this meaningful cause!

Best regards,
Executive team, Canada-China Friendship Society

Useful links:

- CCFS Update on Fundraising Campaign for Medical Supplies, February 15, 2020: <https://ccfso.org/update-on-fundraising-campaign-for-medical-supplies/>
- CCFS Online Fundraising Platform for Medical Supplies: <https://www.gofundme.com/f/canadachina-friendship-society>
- CCFS Official Webpage: <https://ccfso.org/>

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Appendix D – Update on Fundraising Campaign for Medical Supplies – March 8, 2020



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Honourable Sheila Copps
Ambassador Robert Wright

March 8, 2020

Update on Fundraising Campaign for Medical Supplies #3

Dear CCFS members and fundraising supporters,

On behalf of the CCFS Executive team and the Fundraising Task Force led by President Amelia Choi, we would like to sincerely thank you for your support for our fundraising campaign. Your meaningful contribution helps raise funds and purchase the urgently needed medical supplies that assist the frontline medical staff combating the COVID-19 outbreak in China. To maintain the transparency of our fundraising campaign, we are writing to provide the latest updates.

Fundraising Results

Our fundraising campaign lasted for three weeks. It was originally planned for February 3-16, 2020 and was later extended until February 23, 2020. During this period, we successfully raised **\$8,585.00 (gross)**. After deducting the fees charged by the GoFundMe platform, the **total funds (net)** available was **\$8,476.64**.

A. Summary of Funds Raised

	Amount (CAD)
Amount raised through GoFundMe	3,540.00
Fees charged by GoFundMe	108.36
Net from GoFundMe	3,431.64
Amount raised and received via cheques & e-transfers	5,045.00
Total Funds Raised (gross)	8,585.00
Total Funds Raised (net)	8,476.64

B. Summary of Expenditures

Description of expenditures	Amount Spent (CAD)
DispoMed isolation face masks with earloop (Product No. AM018238) , 3 Cases , 6,000 units total	4,746.00
3M Chemical Splash And Impact Safety Goggles (ANSI Z87.1 CSA Z94.3), 215 pairs total	1,698.21
Shipping Goggles to Toronto	116.37
Shipping from Toronto to the Hospital in China	497.00
Bank Charges	12.00
Total amount spent to purchase & ship medical supplies to the Bethune International Peace Hospital	7,069.58
Donation thru WUAAO to purchase & ship medical supplies to hospitals in Wuhan	1,407.06
Total Expenditure	8,476.64

C. Donors and Donation Details

Date	Donor	Amount Raised from GoFundme	Amount Received via Cheques or e-Transfers	Method of Donation
2020-02-03		50.00		GoFundme
2020-02-04		40.00		GoFundme
2020-02-04		1,000.00		GoFundme
2020-02-04			100.00	e-Transfer
2020-02-04			100.00	e-Transfer
2020-02-04		100.00		GoFundme
2020-02-04		200.00		GoFundme
2020-02-04		100.00		GoFundme
2020-02-04		100.00		GoFundme
2020-02-04			200.00	e-Transfer
2020-02-05		200.00		GoFundme
2020-02-05		110.00		GoFundme
2020-02-05		100.00		GoFundme
2020-02-05		100.00		GoFundme
2020-02-05		50.00		GoFundme
2020-02-05			100.00	e-Transfer
2020-02-05		50.00		GoFundme
2020-02-05		1,000.00		GoFundme
2020-02-05		50.00		GoFundme
2020-02-05			80.00	e-Transfer
2020-02-05			200.00	Cheque
2020-02-05			15.00	e-Transfer
2020-02-05			150.00	e-Transfer
2020-02-06			100.00	e-Transfer
2020-02-06			100.00	Cheque
2020-02-07			1,000.00	Cheque
2020-02-07			1,500.00	Cheque
2020-02-07			200.00	Cheque
2020-02-07		50.00		GoFundme
2020-02-07			100.00	e-Transfer
2020-02-09			300.00	e-Transfer
2020-02-09		20.00		GoFundme
2020-02-09			100.00	e-Transfer
2020-02-12		20.00		GoFundme
2020-02-11			300.00	e-Transfer
2020-02-14			100.00	Cheque
2020-02-14			100.00	e-Transfer
2020-02-15			200.00	Cheque
2020-02-17		200.00		GoFundme
	Total Amount Raised (Gross):			
	CAD	3,540.00	5,045.00	8,585.00

Using part of the funds available, we purchased and dispatched **6,000 units of medical masks** and **215 pairs of protective goggles**. Our contact, the **Bethune International Peace Hospital**, has received the shipment of our donated supplies on February 26, 2020 (local time of Shijiazhuang, Hebei Province).

The Bethune International Peace Hospital was founded by Dr. Norman Bethune, a Canadian physician and medical innovator, in 1937 during the Second Sino-Japanese War. The hospital gained its present-day name after Dr. Bethune's death, in memory and recognition of his contribution.

To this date, the hospital has continued to carry on and further Dr. Bethune's spirit of excellence, not only in their medical expertise and practices, but also in their professional ethics. The hospital has sent medical professionals to serve at Wuhan, Hubei Province, the epicentre of the COVID-19 outbreak. They have been working tirelessly to save lives day and night. They fully exemplify the spirit of selflessness that Dr. Bethune and the Bethune International Peace Hospital represent.

The Hospital's Response

We are touched and glad to share with you the response from the Bethune International Peace Hospital. Upon receipt of our donation, the hospital held a solemn ceremony on March 3, 2020 to commemorate the 130th anniversary of Dr. Bethune's birth and CCFS' donation. We hereby provide the links to the [reports](#) and [photos](#) of the ceremony, for your information. On March 3, 2020, President Amelia Choi replied on behalf of CCFS upon receipt of the reports and photos.

The hospital also penned a **letter** expressing their deepest appreciation to CCFS, all Canadian donors and friends. On behalf of the hospital, Mr. LU Jianhui thanks everyone who contributed to the endeavour for their "selfless help and full support" during the challenging time presented by the outbreak. The hospital and its entire staff appreciate every mask and goggle received, as they showcase the "profound friendship" between the Canadian and Chinese people, and the "sincere care" for the frontline medical staff.

Next Step

Further to our [update on February 17](#), CCFS initially planned to deploy the remaining raised funds of **\$1407.06** to help the City of Anqing. To our comfort, we have been informed that the situation in Anqing has stabilised. We have also been advised to allocate the donations to Wuhan, where the medical supplies are mostly needed. Given the infeasibility to both purchase significant amount of medical supplies and cover shipment cost, the CCFS Executive team has decided to donate the entire sum of **\$1407.06** through the **Wuhan University Alumni Association of Ottawa (WUAAO)**.

The WUAAO is also raising funds to help purchase and send medical supplies to the hospitals in Wuhan. Their direct contact with local hospitals and administration in Wuhan will help ensure the effective and responsible delivery of the donation. For information of the WUAAO, here are the links to their [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#) and [WUAAO GoFundMe](#) pages.

Thank You

We would like to once again thank you for your support to this meaningful fundraising campaign. Your contribution demonstrates the humanitarian values of compassion and genuine care to others, as well as the people-to-people ties among Canadians and Chinese.

Should you have any question, please feel free to contact us at Contact.CCFSO@gmail.com.

Best regards,
Executive team and Fundraising Task Force
Canada-China Friendship Society

Attached: Thank you Letter from the Bethune International Peace Hospital

