

## Way In Network Inc - Annual General Meeting

### President's Report for 2018 – 2019

Dear Members

As we enter to the final year of our 2017-2019 committee term, I am proud of the progress and it is an absolute pleasure to work with such a dynamic, enthusiastic, dedicated and hardworking committee.

I want to dedicate my president report to sharing some of the exciting activities and success of this year.

#### Way In Network 27th Anniversary Charity Gala Ball "Paths of Enlightenment" in Celebration of 2019 International Women Day

As with the theme "Paths of Enlightenment" depicts, we have contributed to 2 worthy causes namely "Royal Institute for Deaf and Blind Children (RIDBC)" as well as W2IRED an initiative to fund the medical practitioners to undertake voluntary working experience for "World Health Organisation (WHO)" in Geneva.

Way In Network shares the common goal with RIDBC of helping disadvantaged children and encouraging a love of learning. WIN's \$30,000 donation directly funded for special literacy resources to assist blind or low vision children of RIDBC by lifting their access to literacy and enhancing their passion to study.

On the other hand, WIN was delighted to announce to be the first Australian Chinese Association to fund the W2IRED Bursary programme of total AUD\$30,000 for 3 years. This enables Australian young medical practitioners' exposure to high standard of medical research with global perspective for future medical career prospects. The whole initiative would not succeed without the initiation of Australian Chinese Medical Association (ACMA) and the facilitation of W2RIED of Westmead Hospital especially on the professional screening of candidates.

We were pleased to have secured remarkable sponsorships & donations at pre event stage. With the deduction of the total donation of \$60,000 to the two organisations, the surplus of this event has been allocated to our WIN emergency & administration fund.

Thanked for all Committee members, former Presidents, members and volunteers for over few months' preparation of this event.

#### 2018 Way In Network Elderly Luncheon

The event was held at the Zilver Restaurant Haymarket on 31 Oct 2018 as Golden Century Restaurant was under renovation. There was a total of 330 senior guests over the age of 70 to join with this signature luncheon. Special thanks to the event chair – Florence Chau & all members to their dedication and contribution to the success of this annual signature event. Way In sisters continued every year to promote Chinese culture to respect virtue, to share with our next younger generation the spirit of care & respect to our elderly. Therefore, all the participated young volunteers of this event were the next young generation of our committee and members.

## **2018 Christmas Party**

Way In Network 2018 Christmas party was taken place at Milton Park Country House Hotel & Spa on 9th December 2018. Way In member & owner of Milton Park Coco Zhou and vice president Daisy Lam jointly organised this successful memorable event in the lovely, grandiose place in the southern highlands.

## **Fire Appeal Donation to China Longsheng Mountain Village & Primary School**

On 1st Oct 2018, we heard about the serious damage by fire to the Longsheng mountain village and the hilltop primary which some of the WIN ladies have visited in 2017. Within an appeal through our Way In chat group, we have raised \$22,500 by our members plus \$5,000 from WIN emergency fund to a total of \$27,500. Of which \$8,000 has been used to purchase emergency supplies for bedding and daily living equipment. The balance of the fund will be used for future reconstruction project work.

## **Sponsorship & Support**

Throughout the year, members of the Way In Network have made donation and sponsoring the following charity organisations: -

- SCSC & TVBA charity dinner
- CPA
- ACCF Dilly Drought Drive Appeal
- The Westmead Institute by ACJC charity event
- SSMRF
- Women & Girl Emergency Fund by Lion Club of Sydney Pacific anniversary ball

## **WIN Website**

Since the launch of the website in March 2018, our secretary Faith He and member Angela Yang have kept on updated our precious visual records & recollections of the Association's achievements in the last 27 years. It also set a platform for WIN to further enhance & connect Way In Network with the other local or overseas communities. Again, special thanks to Faith & Angela for their hard work.

## **Newsletter & Communication**

Three newsletters have been issued in Nov 2018, April and August 2019 respectively. Every issue was a testimony of the great collaboration among the entire editorial team. In each issue of the newsletter, we have covered our committee message, recent events, upcoming events and members' news. These productions serve as good records of mission of Way In Network. I would like to record our sincere appreciation to Vice President Felicia Hon for graphic and mail out of newsletters; the editorial team Faith He & Angela Yang.

### **Accounting Support**

On behalf of Way In Network, our greatest appreciation to Philemon Lam FCA for providing independent audit report to our annual financial report. Thanks to Brenda Xiao to coordinate with the accounting information.

I would also acknowledge the unfailing support behind the scene; our dedicated secretariat & treasury team; the significant governance support from the Vice Presidents Jessie Xiao, Felicia Hon, Daisy Lam and Public Officer Monica Chu.

Thank you all once again and may we continue to embrace our charity mission together.

**Annie Tang JP - President (2017-2019)**