



Formula Project

Malnourishment is ugly. Its face is seen in an infant whose skin hangs off her spindly frame and whose eyes seem abnormally large in relation to her sunken cheeks. When one sees a malnourished child for the first time, priorities change as a new reality comes crashing down and one's definition of "need" changes. For most of us, we'll never know the desperation of true need - the need for a roof over our head or a meal in our stomach. But around the world, millions of people know what it means to live cold and hungry, and thousands of Chinese children end up in orphanages too under-resourced to buy the nutritious formula they need. Instead, they are fed sugar water or cow's milk. Malnutrition is the inevitable consequence.

With your help, we believe they will hunger no more.

Strong Foundation

Jacob came to us for heart surgery. He arrived clinically malnourished, making him frighteningly susceptible to sickness, and he caught an infection which spread to his already-weakened heart, causing it to enlarge and beat irregularly. We immediately admitted him into ICU at a Beijing hospital, where he stayed until the infection cleared and his heart returned to its normal size. The story ends happily, but we know that good nutrition from the beginning would have saved Jacob a fight for his life. Jacob's situation started our formula project.

Structured for Hope

Good Health

By providing nutritious formula to all of the infants who are younger than one year of age in our partner orphanages, we supply the needed resources to ensure each child receives the healthy start needed to thrive. Since many children have complex special needs, good nutrition is critical in their uphill battle for survival.





Careful Monitoring

On monthly trips, we gather measurements and health data for each child. By using World Health Organization growth charts and keeping a close eye on their monthly progress, we determine which children are most at-risk for nutritional deficiencies. Flagging these children equips us to carefully track and monitor their development.

Second Steps

Some children need more than formula. For children who fail to grow and thrive, we provide additional nutritional supplements like rice cereal and vitamins. Some children require medical care, and we intervene in whatever way we can, either by checking them into a local hospital or bringing them to New Day Foster Home for further treatment.

Enlightened Minds

Since many caregivers are poor and uneducated, we recognize the need for training in nutrition, basic medical care, and childhood development. By taking medical professionals, counselors, and therapists to visit the orphanages and provide training, we equip the orphanage staff and foster parents to help each child achieve full potential.

Opening Doors

Building relationships with the orphanage staff through the Formula Project opens doors for us to form partnerships and meet other needs. From assisting with staff training to providing much needed supplies, we are able to come alongside the orphanage to help them meet their children's needs.

Transformed Lives

Felicity ♥ Age at Arrival: 3 Months

When we brought her to New Day Foster Home at 3 months old, Felicity was as tiny as a 1-month-old baby. She was in our formula project, but we recognized that she needed more care. On the overnight train home to Beijing, we woke up throughout the night to ensure she was still breathing. She was in such poor health, we were concerned she wouldn't make it through the night. Felicity was diagnosed with heart disease and an umbilical hernia. When she arrived at the foster home, she weighed only 6.34 pounds. We needed to wait until she was healthier to treat her medical needs. Several months later, when she had gained enough weight to have her heart surgery, the doctor found that the 6.5 mm hole in her heart was completely healed, and we were sent home! Furthermore, her umbilical hernia was improving and no longer required surgery. Seeing Felicity transform from a malnourished and tiny baby with a small chance at life, to an adorable, chubby little girl with a bright future was watching a miracle unfold before our eyes.