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## Shaanxi



# **1990 Institute Spring Bud Program**

**The 1990 Institute initiated the Spring Bud project in 2001, providing funding and guidance to 1,000 impoverished girls in rural Shanxi Province.**

**The girls were selected from the poorest farming communities.**

**They all received an elementary education beyond the 4<sup>th</sup> grade with many continuing on to high school and college.**

**After 9<sup>th</sup> grade, 275 girls entered “key high schools” to pursue their studies; 200 enrolled in vocational schools and 525 joined the workforce.**

**From 2010 to 2015, 173 girls completed their university studies. A few have completed graduate programs and returned to their villages to share their knowledge.**



# Mrs. Roz Koo

**Mrs. Roz Koo is one of the founding directors of the 1990 Institute. Her vision, leadership, perseverance and passion for women’s education enabled this group of young girls to find their way in the world through a better education.**

**She traveled to the mountain region of Shanxi Province in search of these girls. She hoped that one day they would return home and become leaders in their community. Many have benefitted from her guidance. They all respectfully call her “Grandma Koo.”**

**1990 Institute also funded 20 fellowships for the girls to spend time in their Villages and pay it forward. Here are some of their stories.**

# Li Qinqin



**I am from a rural village in Langao County, Ankang City, Shanxi Province. I was selected to participate in the Spring Bud project when I was a primary school student. With the support of the institute, I graduated from College in 2014. Now I am a lawyer and the youngest partner in Shanxi Zhongzhi Law Firm in Xi'an.**

# Ma Danning



**My brother and me**



**My parents with my niece**



**My Husband**

# Li Juan



**I am one of the Spring Bud alums who were supported by Grandma Koo. After seeing how the villagers suffered from illnesses, I responded to Grandma Koo's appeal and chose to study medicine. I graduated from medical school in 2015, and I am now a cardiovascular physician in the Danfeng County Hospital.**

# Our Hometowns

**Qin Qin's hometowns is a nature's paradise.**



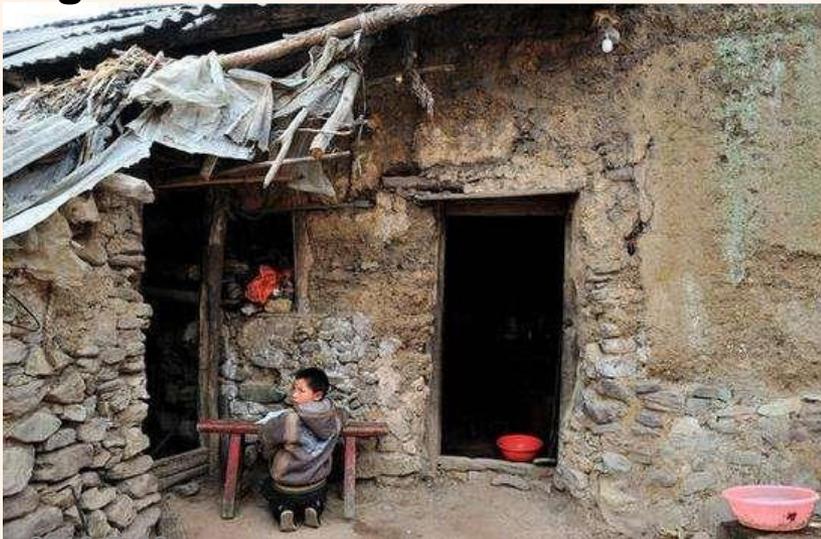
# My Hometown



**It is a poverty-stricken rural region.**



**Flood and mudslides plague the region.**



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# My school before Spring Bud



**Despite primitive and run-down schools with limited teacher resources for the students, this is a place that we all want to come to study.**



**I want to learn,  
I want to study**



# The Spring Bud Middle School Class

岚皋县城关中学二00七届九年级(1)班毕业合影



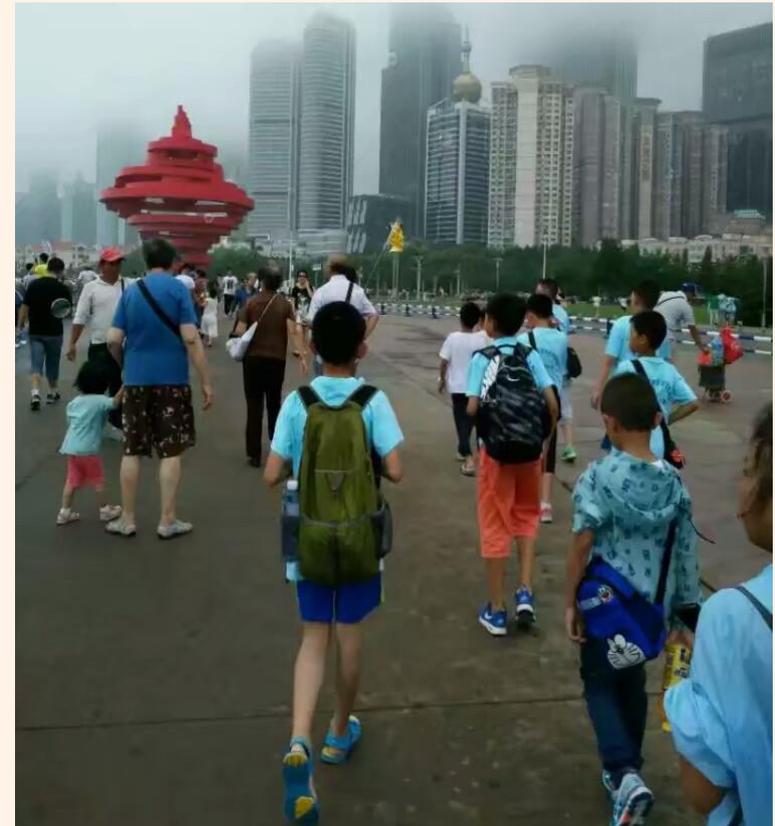


## Visits from delegations of the 1990 Institute.



# College Days

During college years, I participated in many summer programs organized by the Shanxi Province Women Federation's social programs and learned how to give back.



# My Legal Career



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# My Work, My Students



**In September, 2016, I became the principal of the kindergarten. It is through these opportunities that I was able to further improve my school. My goal is to upgrade our technology platform and to improve teacher development and learning standards**



# Li Juan's Medical Career



# Giving Back

**Volunteer teaching in Lantian County,  
Shaanxi Province, Summer 2011**



**Volunteer caring for  
stray dogs.**





**Li Juan teamed up with Ma Danning to provide free medical examinations to the kindergarten students and their family.**

**During medical school, not only did Li Juan worked hard in her studies, she also spent time taking care of sick senior patients at the senior care centers.**







**A clean kitchen now provides nutritious breakfasts for our students.**



**Now our students are served a healthy and nutritious breakfast and lunch every day. They now have a warm place to take naps. All these are beneficial to their health and well-being. The parents are happy to see that their children are cared for. This is very rewarding work for us.**



# Improved Learning Environment



# Family participation



# Paying it Forward

2018 “六一” 国际儿童节  
美国九零学社春蕾女童接力传递国际大爱  
携手大千教育捐助西安市盲哑学校活动

支持单位：陕西省妇女联合会  
主办单位：陕西巾帼家庭教育网络信息服务中心  
陕西大千教育管理股份有限公司  
美国九零学社春蕾女童联谊会  
协办单位：陕西省妇女儿童活动中心  
西安市盲哑学校



# Changes in Rural Education

- **Rural education is improving. Currently, all children have 9 years of free compulsory education, including free textbooks. All children have a chance to learn.**
- **The policy now is to fund and support education with emphasis on child development and teacher training. Training resources are also improved. The “Special Post Teacher Policy” has been implemented to elevate the overall quality of rural teachers and to ensure a higher quality of rural education. This is an attempt to reduce the gap between city and village education standards.**
- **Government and philanthropic organizations are joining forces to invest in the farming communities, increase farming income, improve the environment, and subsidize medical expenses and education. For the very poor living in rural areas, there can be 100% government support to ensure that they receive a solid and sound education.**

- The “Egg Milk Project” provides free nutritious food to students and enables them to stay healthy in school.
- With improvements in China’s living standards, many more families now have the means to help their children acquire an education and secure a better future for the next generation.



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