



SUMMER CAMP

July 2018

OUR MISSION AND PASSION

Is to inspire and mentor American high school students to extend their global social impact to serve abandoned children with unconditional love, fun and education. May these students grow to become a leading force in bettering the lives of the burdened and the disadvantaged.

Bring Me Sunshine

Background:

It is estimated that **140 million** children worldwide are orphans (UNICEF), and of which 85% are without education. With the great advancement in economics and technology, this number has not changed for 30 years.

Every child was born for a reason. The heart-breaking fact that many of these children would never be adopted and so spend their entire childhood—and for many, adulthood—in an institution, causes us to want to make a change. Started in December 2016, Bring Me Sunshine set forth a plan to build the first team of ten California volunteers, mostly high schoolers, to provide free, fun and educational camps for orphans in two Chinese orphanages. That summer, the children in the orphanages had the most fun in their lives. Our volunteers came back with a heart and spirit filled with love and compassion to go back and to do more. Bring Me Sunshine continues to build relationships with local charities who have official access to orphans in need. Our goal is to reach out to children in Romania and Uganda in the future as well. Bring Me Sunshine is a self-supporting, U.S.-based global 501(c)(3) philanthropic Foundation (in process).

The Founders:

In the winter of 2002, **Lance Yang Bauer** was abandoned in a Shanghai apartment complex stairway at about three months old. He was adopted by his American-Chinese parents at age one. Today, he is a happy sophomore at Carmel High School with a special focus on studying violin and piano.

The day of her birth, **Helen Yang** was left on the sidewalk in front of the Bao'an People's Hospital (Shenzhen, Guangdong, China). When her soon to be adoptive mom was volunteering at the Shenzhen Orphanage, Helen's smile made a big impression. She was brought out to the hospital to be treated for her lung and liver conditions, and then came home with her new mom, and never returned to the orphanage. Later on, her adoptive parents started the first charity school "Sunshine Academy" in Helen's orphanage. Helen today is a sophomore at Carmel High School, California and a passionate soccer player.

Bring Me Sunshine's primary mission is to engage the high school community, establish and train leadership teams, and grow volunteers' capacities in serving disabled, abandoned children. By placing a seed in US high schoolers' hearts to serve early, with impact, we trust that the new generation will be inspired to not only continue our tradition of reaching out to others in needed, but to expand further with new innovation and ideas. We are dedicated to select and train US high schoolers to provide English immersion, loving and fun summer camps for orphaned children. We spend four weeks of July bringing joy, education, and love to abandoned children in China, Romania, and Uganda. For the summers of 2017 and upcoming 2018, our partnership with Sunshine Academy (www.casunshine.org)

makes it possible to touch the lives of Chinese orphans in Bao'an, Zhuzhou, or Chengdu. By being a part of a summer camp team, you will participate in teaching English, cooking, music, sports, arts and weekly large group events. Your volunteer time should qualify for community service hours, as well as hours towards the Presidents Volunteer Service Award.

What are we looking for in a Bring Me Sunshine Volunteer Counselor?

1. A heart of love and compassion able to manage working with children having mild to severe disabilities.
2. A teachable spirit that is ready to learn, cooperate, and be flexible in a variety of situations and environments.
3. A devoted teammate who encourages, supports, believes in, and stands beside fellow team members.
4. A mature young adult who is ready to manage the challenges of being overseas, being away from family, and able to surrender to a variety of management styles.
5. An innovator who is eager to share ideas and contribute creatively to the summer camp curriculum and events.

Minimum Qualifications and Requirements

1. Fluent in English.
2. Prior experience working with children.
3. Experience with children or adults with disabilities or special needs or a willingness to learn.
4. Willing to commit to a minimum of 2 weeks.
5. Must abide by the Bring Me Sunshine Code of Conduct.
6. Must be at least 16 years old (younger volunteers may be accepted with special exceptions).
7. Up to 30 Hours of training .

Application and Trip Timeline

September-October: Review and decide.

November-December: Apply with reference letters. Internship Application to lanceyangbauer@gmail.com. Deadline: December 25.

January: Interviews and Commitment Letters.

February-May: Purchase tickets, apply for visa, monthly training (3+ hours per month).

June 30 report on location.

Summer Camp 2018 Dates: June 30-July 28

