

While Thousands Flee From China Our Organisation Commits To Stay and Care For Abandoned Children

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International volunteers and Chinese staff are in lockdown in Hunan Province while they care for over two hundred vulnerable children and young people with disabilities. International China Concern (ICC) staff sleep on makeshift beds, work twenty four hour shifts and leave their own families at home. Our international volunteers have made camp in the main office. They have stepped in to support both children and Chinese staff. They could have gone home, but they have chosen to stay put in an act of unprecedented sacrifice and love.

Kyla Alexander, an Australian Nurse and ICC's China National Director says

"Today eighty one of our local staff and three of our international volunteers came to work, to stay there, indefinitely. They will provide care for the children and young adults (all one hundred and fifty three of them) on two shifts. They will keep them cared for, fed and active, for as long as they need to.

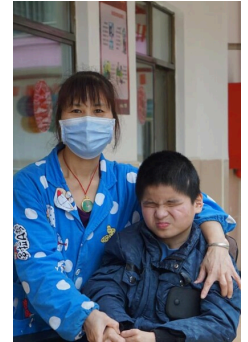
The sacrifice of staff and volunteers is inspirational and not without personal cost. Some of them have not seen their families in over a month. They love their charges and want to do whatever is necessary to prevent an outbreak of Coronavirus within the compound.

Kyla took the difficult decision to be locked out. From outside she can support the whole team, deliver essentials and update our donors, but that is a huge sacrifice. She'd rather be in lockdown with everyone else, caring for the children she loves.

It is taking a huge amount of energy and additional cost to keep the situation as normal as possible for the children. To find out how you can help, please contact judy.elliott@chinaconcern.org or go to www.chinaconcern.org to find out more. You can make a gift to support us in this unprecedented time at www.chinaconcern.org/coronavirus-response/

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