



# 2011 ANNUAL REPORT EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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## **OUR MISSION**



PathFinders mission is to ensure every migrant child born in Hong Kong has a fair start in life. We do this through empowering their mothers to make informed life decisions and find a dignified path towards a safe and legal future.

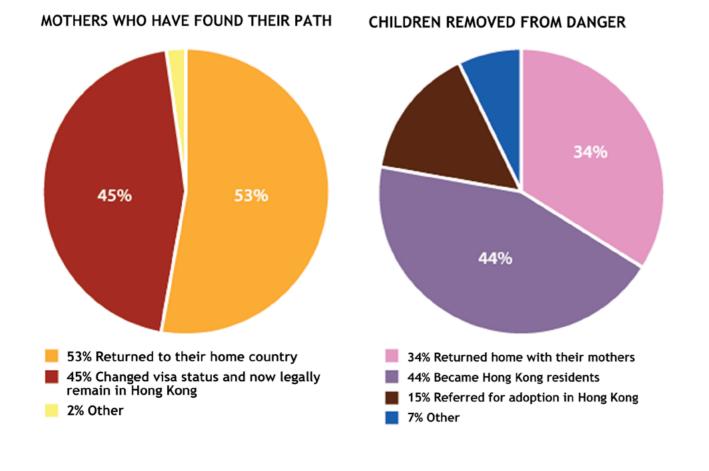
# **ACHIEVEMENTS IN 2011**

We have grown significantly in 2011, but more importantly we are making a greater impact in the lives of voiceless and unsupported migrant children in Hong Kong.

- Opened PathFinders House, Hong Kong's first shelter for migrant women and their newborn children
- Extended beneficiary outreach and core programs, including our 'Building Lives' Education program. Beneficiary demand increased by 44% year-on-year.
- Clarification of legal and government policies improved migrant children's rights and reduced barriers to adoption in Hong Kong
- Initiation of educational programs for children and vocational skills and small business training for mothers, building long term livelihood skills
- Effective engagement with corporate and community organisations, the media and decision makers including authorities and the Indonesian Consulate, assisted to raise awareness and extend our support network.



By the end of 2011
PathFinders helped over 800
migrant pregnant women,
mothers and children, 366
of them in 2011. Beneficiary
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year-on-year.



# THE CHALLENGE

Children born to migrant women are among the most deprived children in Hong Kong. They lack shelter, food, birth certificates and support. Our goal is to remove them from danger and ensure they are cared for by protective permanent parents.

Migrant women who come to work as Foreign Domestic Helpers form an integral part of Hong Kong's community; they help raise our children, look after our elderly, and enable us to have active work and social lives. Even so, once they become pregnant their work contracts are often unlawfully terminated by their employers. They become homeless, without income, nor social support.

There are over 6,000 such vulnerable migrant pregnant women, mothers and children in Hong Kong, and this number will continue to grow every year.

These children and women matter. They need our assistance.

# **CHANGING LIVES**

With the help of PathFinders, I know my baby will be safe.

I didn't know that my employwer should not fire me when I got pregnant...Without PathFinders I think I would overstay my visa and not get my labour rights.

I went to the hospital three times but they treated me as a trouble person.

But when I went with PathFinders staff they treated me like all the other patients.

PathFinders
and what
they do
has given
me more
confidence.



# A PATH FOUND - MIRA'S STORY

Mira was struggling to survive with her two children and living in a rundown room in a New Territories village house when she came across a copy of the Indonesian newspaper. She read an article about PathFinders and the services they provided to migrant women and children.

Mira was overwhelmed by her problems and did not know what to do - she had overstayed her visa for many years and was now the mother of two unregistered Hong Kong born-children. Abandoned by a partner who no longer supported her or their children, Mira and her children were faced with the threat of eviction and poverty. As a last resort, Mira called PathFinders and asked for help.



The next day, a PathFinders caseworker brough her food and provided much-needed emotional support. PathFinders also accompaned her to the Immigration Office to surrender and regularize her situation. 'I was too afraid to do it on my own.'

Mira moved into the PathFinders shelter and with PathFinders assistance her whole family received food and essential supplies. Through PathFinders, she has found her support network and began to feel that the life and future she wanted for herself and her children was within reach.

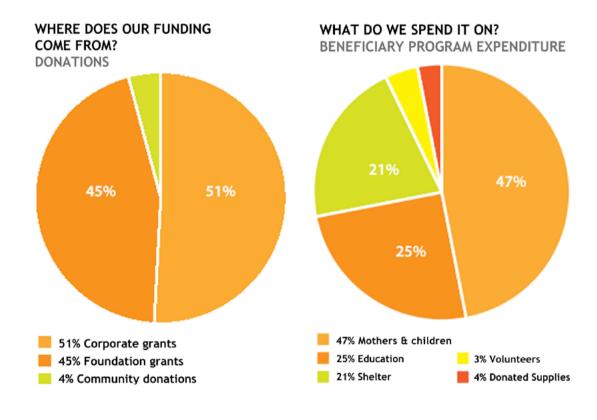
# **FINANCIALS**

PathFinders has a proven track record of using donations efficiently and effectively. From early on, we have ensured that every program dollar received is invested well, supporting our key beneficiary programs.

#### **OUR 100% PLEDGE**

100% of donor funding is utilised to drive PathFinders' beneficiary programs. This is possible thanks to the support of a small number of dedicated supporters who specifically fund our back-office operations expenditures.

PathFinders Limited Statement of Income and General Funds	Year ended 31 Dec 11 HK\$
Income	
Donations	1,718,936
Expenditure	
Client Programs	1,209,587
Operations	263,840
Total Expenses	1,473,427
SURPLUS for the year	245,509
General fund brought forward	433,090
General fund carried forward	678,599



Financial Statements audited by Messrs. William Po & Co., Certified Public Accountants, are available on our website.



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