



Love Represented with Clusters of Grapes

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On the 27th of June 2015, flammable starch-based powder exploded at the Formosa Fun Coast, a recreational water park in Bali, New Taipei, Taiwan. Twenty-five years old Liu Kou-Sheng was trying to save his girlfriend and suffered a 70 percent burn over his body. He was sent to Mackay Memorial Hospital for emergency treatment.

“The accident was so sudden, our lives were wrecked. We couldn’t take care of our vineyard. With heavy rain, we lost over 60 percent of our crops.” Liu’s father was sad because he needed to go to Taipei to take care of his son and also the vineyard business.

Liu Kou-Sheng’s father has a vineyard in Nantou county, Shin-Yi town. In order to take care of his wounded son, he had to travel frequently between the two places. The month of July is

harvest time, but it is also a typhoon season. There was already a warning for a major typhoon, he must harvest his grapes or his effort for the year would go down the drain.

Tzu Chi volunteers answered Liu’s call by mobilizing available personnel to pick and box the grapes before the typhoon arrived. Thus, the Liu’s family could take care of their son in the hospital. From July 7th to July 8th, and from July 20th to 21st, two tiers of volunteers totaled more than 200 people, harvested more than seven thousand pounds of grapes.

These grapes were purchased by volunteers from Tzu Chi as well as many kind-hearted people, and then delivered to 57 hospitals as an appreciation for their dedication to save lives.

“I really appreciate the help from Tzu Chi volunteers; otherwise, I wouldn’t

be able to harvest grapes. Thank you for your help to reduce our stress, I really appreciate. I wish our son will recover soon; so we can accompany him to encourage others,” said the parents of Liu Kou-Sheng with sincere appreciation.

On the morning of July 8th, when those grapes filled with love were delivered to Hualien Tzu Chi hospitals which received 3 burn

patients. Kao Ruey-Ho, former hospital Superintendent and Director of Nursing Chang Shu-Chuan delivered these 30 boxes of grapes to the emergency room staff, surgical ICU units, burn care center, plastic surgery unit, and the physical therapy unit to show their appreciation. The staff expressed that it was their responsibility to help the victims, and hoped everyone would stay strong and return home safe.



Other medical units all sent the messages through the LINE app to express their appreciation to Tzu Chi after they received the grapes.

The following are LINE messages from the hospitals that received the grapes.

Yilan Lotung
Poh-Ai Hospital

Thank you Tzu Chi for delivering these special grapes filled with love, we have already disseminated them to our staff.

Shin Kong Wu
Ho-Su Memorial
Hospital

Thank you for Tzu Chi's participation and caring for the families. We always appreciate Tzu Chi's help and invite them to take pictures with us as a memoir whenever our senior officers are here.

En Chu Kong
Hospital

We appreciate the love Tzu Chi expressed to the society. We received the precious grapes and shared them with our staff.

Chung Shan
Medical University
Hospital in Taichung

Our colleagues are very touched and appreciative.

Tung's Taichung
Metro Harbor
Hospital

We have received your warm appreciation; the nursing staff really feels the warmth in their heart. Thank you.

Taipei Cathay
General Hospital

We have already shared with the nursing units, we are touched with appreciation.

Cathay General
Hospital Sijhih
Branch

Thank you for your concerns with everything and your words of encouragement. We shared your warm gift with our nursing staff, and also other supporting staff. Because of the devotion of our supporting staff, the nursing staff could focus taking care of the patients. Thank you again!

Kaohsiung E-Da
Hospital

We appreciate Tzu Chi's generosity. Although we only received one patient we still received so many delicious grapes. We have shared with all of those who had helped during this event.

Tainan Chimei
Hospital

Thank you Tzu Chi, we also received grapes with love. We have already shared with all our team members; who are very appreciative of your kindness!

Taipei Wan Fang
Hospital

Wan Fang also received the delicious fruit and shared with all our nursing stations, thank you for t caring.

Miaoli Toufen Wei-
Liong Memorial
Hospital

It is heart-felt warmth!

Changhua Christian
Hospital Lukang
Branch

Thank you! We also received your delicious grapes; we had shared with all the medical teams, the outpatient services, the burn center as well as ICU units. We all felt your loving care. Thank you again!

Taipei's China
Medical University
Hospital

We received your loving care, thank you for your concerns and support, it means a lot to us.