



A Life Unbound with Love

Rare disease, complicate with and medical deprivation, can be physically and mentally devastating to a patient. The presence of a medical team could rewrite the life scripts of those who are trapped in predicaments. Just like Tuanzhi, a girl from Xiamen, Mainland China, who had her life turned around with the endeavor of interdisciplinary medical professionals at Hualien Tzu Chi Hospital.

When Tuanzhi visited to the Jing Si Abode in January 2015, she managed to walk slowly on her own without support. I was overjoyed to see her recovery. “Now all she need is intensive rehabilitation. When she visits next time, I hope she can grow few centimeters and look even taller,” said Supt. Chen Ing-Ho. The mindfulness of the doctors and cutting edge technology have changed the little girl’s life.



Tuanzhi was born different from children around her. Even so, she always smiles at the world with optimism. Fortunately, she had met with her benefactors in life. With meticulous care and love from the doctors, nurses, and volunteers, Tuanzhi's life had been turned around. It was a delightful sight to watch as she walked on her own two feet.

It is truly a shame to watch a life idle away. We are blessed to have the guidance of Buddhism for pointing out the ways to which we can benefit the world.

Nurses are the benefactors of patients. They are an indispensable profession to the society. Tzu Chi University and Tzu Chi University of Science and Technology both have a nursing department. Ever since the inauguration of Tzu Chi College of Nursing two decades ago, every year a grand capping ceremony is held, and every year young students vow to become nurses in white. I truly wish that they will never forget the aspiration that first guided them.

A life with love is a life illuminated. I thank the doctors and nurses who contributed selflessly to their patients, for they have illuminated the world with their love.