



Children play ring toss game in the hospital. — Qin Jian

Generosity galore at makeshift COVID hospital

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The virus can be isolated, but people's generosity will never be. The struggle against COVID-19 is taking a turn for the better, and some mobile cabin hospitals are closing. Over the past two months, heart-warming stories have emerged in an endless stream online or via letters.

Hospital zones for children

There are a number of teenagers and children among the patients under quarantine in the mobile cabin hospital at Jiading Gymnasium. From diagnosis to treatment, these special days undoubtedly have an impact on the youngsters, which was worried by the medical staff and management team of the hospital.

"We will carry out various cultural and recreational activities to get rid of their anxiety, making sure they rest regularly, eat healthily, recover and go home as soon as possible," said Chen Yongbo, a squad leader with the hospital management.

They have created two zones in the hospital to provide learning and entertainment services for young patients and recovering children.

They also collected hundreds of toys and books and received milk powder and rice paste donated by warm-hearted residents. After being disinfected, the materials were sent to the children in the hospital.

Yiyi, 6, smiled and said that she and many of her friends in hospital hadn't brought their toys. Life in the hospital was inevitably boring and uncomfortable.

"At that time, I felt very lonely, but I didn't feel it anymore after receiving gifts from these brothers and sisters," she said. "In addition, I also received my favorite Peppa Pig and colored plasticine. I can create again."

Medical staff also gathered the children together and organized a sachet making activity, hoping to help everyone forget their unhappiness.

When the course was over, the children expressed their willingness to participate in more activities. Hence, courses and games were regularly held in the hospital.

Snacks and toys were prepared also for the best performers.

"As parents, we are very grateful," a parent said. "The games perfectly satisfy us."

Children who recovered gave small gifts created by themselves to the medical staff before leaving.

"Thank you for taking care of me," a card said. "We are very happy every day here. We will always miss you and hope you can go home as soon as possible."

Cao Li'ou, head of the mobile cabin hospital, said that they had always focused on the physical and mental health of young patients.

"Although the children here show mild and asymptomatic symptoms, their hearts are very sensitive, so we should not only pay attention to their



A child shows his painting in the hospital in Jiading Gymnasium. — Xi Lingyan

condition but also cure their hearts," Cao said.

Salute to the mothers

As the closing of Huating mobile cabin hospital nears, sincere gratitude letters drew out the two-way love between the medical team and patients.

May 8 was Mother's Day, and a special Mother's Day activity began. Children lined up to send pink holiday cards and red flowers with blessings to more than 300 mothers in the hospital.

The card was a letter from the Hainan Province medical team to mothers: "For mothers who stay in the hospital to accompany their children, you are the greatest guardians..."

"Mother is the eternal guardian of children. I have been in here for 37 days, and every day I deepen my understanding of this sense," said Bai Fang, vice president of the temporary hospital who initiated the activity. "I saw too many brave mothers who guarded their children without complaint or regret."



A child is given a red flower for her mom from a volunteer on Mother's Day on May 8. — Xi Lingyan

Bai thought that such a Mother's Day activity could not only make mothers feel love and care, but also gave children in the hospital an education, so carnations should be indispensable for the Mother's Day activity.

However, there was no way to buy carnations since Puxi area went into lockdown from April 1.