

# Introduction to Tzu Chi Foundation



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Tzu Chi Foundation is an international humanitarian organization, “Tzu” means compassion, and “Chi” means relief.

As the world's largest Buddhist charity, Tzu Chi has offices in 51 countries with five million supporters. Tzu Chi's missions have reached 95 countries, and is awarded with UN Special Consultative Status.



Tzu Chi was established in 1966 by Master Cheng Yen with “bamboo coin banks” from 30 housewives who saved 50 cents from their grocery money each day. Master Cheng Yen encourages “everyone to continuously do good deeds and purify their hearts.”

Our founder Dharma Master Cheng Yen was awarded TIME 100 Most Influential People in 2011.

In the US, Tzu Chi has provided disaster relief after Hurricane Katrina, Hurricane Sandy, and the California Camp Fire.

## The 2011 TIME 100

*Meet the most influential people in the world. The researchers, heads of state and captains of industry sometimes even revolution. Welcome to this year's list.*

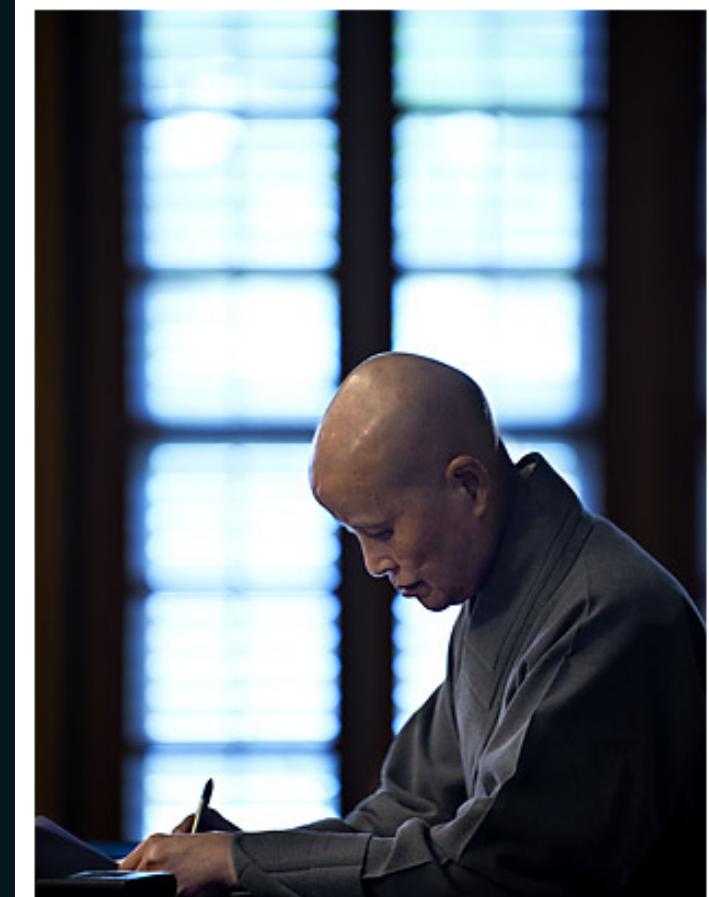
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### Dharma Master Cheng Yen

Spiritual Leader

By ZOHER ABDOOLCARIM Thursday, Apr. 21, 2011



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# Tzu Chi's Eight Missions



Charity



Medicine



Education



Humanistic Culture



International Relief



Bone Marrow Donor Registry



Environmental Protection



Volunteers

# Mission of Charity

- Breakfast service to the homeless
- Winter package distributions
- Nursing home visits
- College scholarship
- Happy senior program



# Disaster Relief



# Mission of Medicine

*“People became poor due to illness. One person’s illness can impoverish the whole family.”*

- Master Cheng Yen, 1966



# Medical Programs

- TIMA (Tzu Chi International Medical Association)
- Medical outreach
- Free dental clinic
- Bone Marrows and Stem Cells Registry



# Mission of Education

- Tzu Chi University in Taiwan
- Tzu Chi Schools (K-12) around the world
- Tzu Chi Academy in the US
- Happy Campus program for underprivileged school in 10 States in the US



# Environmental Protection Program



# Mission of Humanistic Culture

- Da-Ai TV
- Da-Ai Radio
- Tzu Chi Magazines
- Jing-si Bookstore and Publishing



# Vegetarianism

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*Ethical  
eating  
Day*



Become a Tzu Chi Volunteer Today!  
Thank You  
“gan-en” 感恩 (*with gratitude*)





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