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This OCEF philosophy has attracted generations of donors, volunteers, and friends who share the same love and vision. Together, in a short span of 32 years, we have worked together to bring OCEF from its humble beginning to a well-recognized, well-trusted, and well-respected organization both in China and in America.

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We have grown OCEF's annual fund-raising revenue from thousands to well over one million dollars. We have operated at an extremely low cost ratio with utmost accounting transparency -- we understood their importance for the long-term health and very survival of a Chinese-run nonprofit. We were able to deliver only because countless people sacrificed their time with neither complaints nor cries for spotlights. Those are the OCEF heros, including you and us.

China has made unprecedented strides in developing its economy for the last four decades. Today it has resources to educate its children, even those in the most remote, least developed areas. As such, now it is time for OCEF -- not without bittersweet pride and jubilation -- to bow out of its mission. We chose this job 32 years ago, and the job is complete.

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