

Yawen PANG

Yawen was diagnosed as Tuberous Sclerosis Complex (TSC) due to epileptic seizures 52 days after she was born. Since then, she has embarked on the road of seeking medical advice. Before she was 2 years old, she was treated by 3-4 kinds of anti-seizure medications (ASMs). At that time, she used all local ASMs, but there are still more than 30 epileptic seizures every day. Her language development is backward, and she cannot walk independently. She had two serious epileptic seizures and was on the verge of death. At the age of two-and-a-half, treated by a proper ASM, seizures were controlled stably, and her development was slowly improving.

After that, she organized and participated in public welfare activities with her mother, positively recognized and accepted her disease, and actively, strongly and optimistically got along with the disease. Yawen participated in the shooting of the first TSC public service promotional film, and won the shortlist award of China Public Service Image Festival, and the shortlist award of Anping China Communication Action. She participated in the publicity activities of the fifth China Charity Exhibition, and led the students, parents and teachers of the class to join in the public welfare activities of caring for rare diseases and epilepsy groups. Every year, she visits patients in the department of neurology, epilepsy surgery clinic and ward irregularly to encourage them. She participated in the 9th China TSC Patient Conference as a volunteer, serving patients from all over the country.

She participated in the public welfare activities in Shenzhen during the 8th International Epilepsy Caring Day, including public welfare short video shooting, visiting hospitalized patients and postoperative patients. Her personal image photos are the covers of several public welfare fund-raising projects. She once spoke on behalf of Chinese TSC patients in international TSC short films, which were broadcast in many countries around the world. She also participated in the recording of Shanghai Oriental Satellite TV's Oriental Live Studio, Shenzhen Legal Channel and other programs, and spoke for the patient group. Act as an actor, she encourages patients to face the disease positively, illuminates others through the sunshine of their own lives, and impacts people around to help patients in need.