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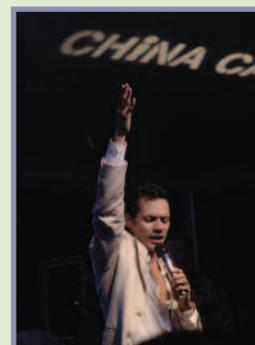


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Dear Friends,

The last quarter was exciting and challenging for both China and our foundation. The Beijing Olympics took the world by storm and put China on center stage. The country also faced the aftermath of the devastating May earthquake. Fortunately, the children and staff from our Baoji facility returned home after destruction and aftershocks forced them to relocate. We also moved the children and staff from our Beijing home into a brand new facility. In June, China Care held our sixth annual fundraiser, where our unbelievably generous donors contributed more than \$1.3 million! Over the last few months, we gave nearly 30 abandoned children a place to call home, provided more than a dozen life-saving surgeries, helped at least 13 orphans find permanent families, and continued to give young volunteers the chance to make a difference. We were able to manage all of this because of your unwavering support. Thank you for making this possible and for helping us continue our work improving the lives of Chinese orphans every day.

My sincere thanks and best wishes,
Matt Dalio
President and Founder

A Family for Lyra

In May, China Care awarded a grant to Harry and Robin Anderson to help them in their quest to adopt a little girl from China. They had been matched with a China Care baby but needed financial assistance to complete the adoption. Just one month later, the Andersons were able to take home two-year old Lyra and make her part of their family.

“Lyra is home now and adjusting well. She is a very smart little girl with a sweet and playful personality, who has stolen our hearts!” wrote the Andersons, in a letter to China Care. “Thank you for the care given to her in China. You saved her life.”

Lyra, who was born with a small hole in her heart, was abandoned in Taiyuan, a city in the northern Shanxi province. At four months old, she arrived at China Care fragile and sickly, weighing less than ten pounds. Doctors predicted Lyra’s hole would close on its own and expected her condition to improve. Instead, she grew weaker each day, eventually lacking any energy to sit, smile or move her arms



and legs. Lyra did not even have the strength to eat and she struggled to breathe. A return visit to the doctor revealed that the hole in her heart was larger than previously thought. Lyra immediately underwent open heart surgery and, after a week in the hospital, spent several months recuperating. She battled numerous bouts of pneumonia before and after surgery, but fought to survive.

Upon her adoption and arrival in the United States, Lyra went through numerous additional tests. Her pediatric cardiologist recently proclaimed her heart in “wonderful” shape and declared that he had no concerns for her future. Though, he did advise that she avoid contact sports such as hockey and football. That news didn’t seem to upset her parents. “I think we can handle those restrictions!” Robin Anderson happily confessed.



Lyra in the summer.

Photo courtesy Harry and Robin Anderson

Clubs Corner

NYU Club President Selected for Competitive Internship

During the summer, NYU China Care Club President Erica Swallow worked at her dream job as an intern for the leading New York advertising agency Saatchi & Saatchi. Swallow landed the job by applying to Cosmo Girl Magazine to be part of its Project 2024 program.

“Erica completely stood out,” said Cosmo Girl’s Tara Roberts. “We were like ‘Wow!’ because her [application] went above and beyond.” Cosmo Girl started Project 2024 six years ago in an attempt to promote leadership among young women. The goal of the project is to put one of these hard-working young women in the White House by 2024.

During her internship, Swallow was given the task of combating a social issue through advertising. She decided to produce an ad for China Care. “I chose China Care because I wanted to build on something I was doing in my own life,” explained Swallow.

Growing up in Arkansas, Swallow had little contact with cultures outside of her own. When she arrived at New York University, however, she was quickly introduced to another culture

by her Asian-American roommate, who had lived in both New Jersey and China. Swallow’s roommate convinced her to study abroad in China. After spending eight months there and seeing the orphan situation first-hand, Swallow felt compelled to help out. With her roommate, she started the NYU China Care Club.



Erica Swallow

At Saatchi, Swallow worked with a creative team to come up with her ad. On August 4, she presented the final product to a boardroom filled with onlookers, including fellow Project 2024 interns, Saatchi staff, NYU professors,

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China Care Launches Summer Internship Program

China Care expanded its volunteer program this year by creating an internship for college-aged students willing to commit their entire summer to work in our Children's Homes in China. In its first year, the program was a tremendous success. We selected seven outstanding students from across North America to participate. They came from McGill University, Gettysburg College, University of Wisconsin, Tufts University, Brown University, Whitman College and the University of Texas-Austin. All seven played an integral part in China Care's busy daily routine. They held the infants, helped transport them between our homes and the hospital, taught English to the older children and showered all of our orphans with the tender love and care they crave. Read excerpts from some of their experiences below.



Summer interns with China Care Children in Beijing

In Their Own Words



Joan Lin

University of Wisconsin junior Joan Lin has always spent her free time caring for people, from babysitting to volunteering at a home for the elderly. As a nursing major and a Chinese-American, she thought an internship with China Care would be the perfect fit. She entered the program hoping to learn "how to better advocate for children with no one to help them." As she describes below, Lin witnessed first-hand the challenges of the people who do help when she traveled

with an ayi, or caretaker, and two China Care infants between Baoji and Beijing on a train. The children, who live in our Baoji Children's Home, needed medical treatment in Beijing.

Transporting Children on the Train

The ayi and I squeezed onto the train with the two young children, an older woman, a large suitcase and other baby supplies. I carried Shuang, who suffered from an eye tumor, and the ayi took care of Wen, whose hands and legs were malformed. The train was a soft sleeper, with four beds in each compartment, two on top and two on bottom. We had purchased tickets for the upper level because the lower level bunks were sold out, but hoped that some compassionate passengers would switch with us for the sake of the infants. We even offered to pay the difference in price since the bottom beds cost more.

We explained the difficulty of changing diapers, feeding the children, and soothing them throughout the night, but no one offered. Even when told these were children who had been abandoned and suffered from illnesses, not one person in that car offered to exchange beds with us. Fortunately, the conductor allowed us to move to another car so that we could have two lower beds in the same compartment.

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Shuang, who suffers from an eye tumor.

Photo courtesy Joan Lin



Ysabelle Sosing

Ysabelle Sosing has always enjoyed volunteering. When she arrived at the University of Texas-Austin, she sought ways to continue giving back and discovered China Care. Sosing immersed herself in her local China Care Club by holding playgroups for adopted Chinese children and relished the idea of doing more. As an intern she was able to do just that. In the story that follows, she shares her bond with one special orphan.

The Happiest Baby

Lan was one of the most beautiful babies I had ever seen. Her smile filled up the entire room. The first time that I ever visited the toddlers, I remember being drawn in by her charming laughter. I recall feeling just as happy as she was; it was contagious! Her joy was not the only noticeable thing about her. Built into this tiny bundle was a gigantic amount of determination, too.

Little Orchid, which is what her name fittingly translates to, was born with spina bifida, a neural tube defect caused by the failure of the spine to close completely during the mother's pregnancy. She had surgery to have a sac removed and to close an open lesion, both located on her lower back. The lesion caused nerve damage which resulted in clubbed feet. After the neurosurgery, Lan saw a bone doctor about her feet. The doctor suggested waiting until Lan could stand to see what needed to be done to move her feet to the normal position.

When I first saw Lan, she was standing up with her ankles turned inward. She was holding onto the leg of a booster chair in order to stand. The remarkable thing about this beautiful baby was the fact she didn't allow her disability to stop her from trying to stand up. From the start, I knew she was a fighter.

China Care started to do sessions of casting to correct Lan's feet shortly after I arrived. When I went to visit her in the beginning of the sessions, I noticed that Lan was not as happy as usual. She must have been in a lot of pain! Nevertheless, Little Orchid was a fighter and her happiness eventually came through.

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China Care Founder Matt Dalio Honored with Fulbright Award

China Care President and Founder Matt Dalio was honored by One To World at its Fulbright Awards dinner in June. Dalio, one of just four people to receive this noteworthy honor, was selected for being an outstanding international leader in humanitarian action.

“Matt Dalio is the youngest person ever to receive this award,” said Tracy Snyder, One To World’s Executive Director. “We were so moved by his inspiring vision and service on behalf of Chinese orphans, and his ability to engage other young people in making a difference globally.”

The Fulbright Award recognizes individuals whose work fosters international cooperation, bridging countries and cultures. In its seventeenth year, the dinner was held in New York City to raise the visibility of the late Senator J. William Fulbright’s vision. Fulbright sponsored legislation in 1945 that established an international exchange program to further world peace.

Dalio’s interest in helping special needs orphans in China and success in providing that help by creating the China Care Foundation made him a prime candidate for the award. His additional focus on providing opportunities for hundreds of college students to travel to China as China Care volunteers also exemplifies the Fulbright vision.

Dalio shared the spotlight with three other distinguished award winners: Emily Altman, Managing Director and Head of International Government Relations at JPMorgan Chase; Barbara Crossette, former New York Times Bureau Chief for both Asia and the United Nations; and, Kevin E. Parker, Global Head of Deutsche Asset Management at Deutsche Bank.



Photo courtesy One to World

Matt Dalio receives his award from Idrissa Mamane Rabiou, a Fulbright Grantee from Niger

Transporting Children on the Train (cont. from p.2)

Settling down for the night, the ayi and I put the babies to sleep and arranged the blankets around them as a barrier. We ourselves formed a second barrier using our bodies to keep the rolling babies on the narrow beds. We slept when they slept, woke when they stirred and quieted them if they woke.

We arrived at ten in the morning and were met by China Care staff who took us to the Children’s Home where we handed the children over to the team who would take care of their medical needs and shower them with love and affection.

“Experiencing it myself made me appreciate the ayi’s work even more.”

I learned a lot from this experience. I learned that it is a tremendous responsibility to take care of a child while traveling on a train, especially a child who in addition to regular cleaning, feeding and looking after, needs to be given medications or have surgical wounds cleaned. I learned that if the child does not fuss or keep you up all night, it is easy to love that child, but if the child keeps you and other passengers up all night, it could be harder to summon up the same fond feelings for that child.

On both trips on the train, to Baoji and back, I witnessed the attentive care that the ayis gave these children. Experiencing it myself made me appreciate the ayi’s work even more. The ayis care deeply for these children and are an amazing part of China Care.

The Happiest Baby (cont. from p.2)

After completing three sessions of casting, Lan’s smile and joy returned stronger than ever. It was as if her casts did not even exist to her anymore! She would get around without allowing the casts to be a barrier to her movement. And, the casting was working! Her right foot moved to the normal upright position when I was still in China. While her left foot still turned inward by the time I left, the China Care staff were optimistic that it would only take time before that foot moved, too.

I was completely astounded by this baby girl every time I saw her. I loved being around her and playing with her. I truly admire Lan for keeping her joy in the toughest times. It is unbelievable knowing what she has gone through in only one year of life. I feel that she already understands the concept of living life to the fullest. I hope to see Lan again one day with a family of her own to love and care for her.



Lan with her casts on.

Photo courtesy Ysabelle Sosing

Marc Anthony, Carlos Santana & the Gipsy Kings Perform at Benefit

On the evening of Saturday, June 14, 2008, the skies opened up, the rain poured down, the thunder clapped and the lightning flashed, but that did not stop the friends of China Care Foundation from having the experience of a lifetime! Marc Anthony, Carlos Santana and the Gipsy Kings joined forces for a private live performance on a stage overlooking Long Island Sound at the organization's sixth annual fundraiser.

The event, which was held at a private club in Greenwich, CT, raised more than \$1.3 million. All proceeds will benefit the hundreds of orphans in China Care's programs, since 100% of the event was underwritten by the organization's board of directors.

After a delay from the severe weather, the legendary Carlos Santana and the musical family the Gipsy Kings revved up the crowd with their rhythmic sounds. Santana was making a repeat performance, as he also played for China Care's fundraiser three years ago. The more than 300 invited guests were then treated to an up close and personal performance with salsa king Marc Anthony, who called Santana back onstage so the two could jam together for the intimate audience. Attendees were close enough to shake hands with the artists and even got to see Anthony's wife, famed singer, actress and fashion entrepreneur Jennifer Lopez, when she made a surprise appearance onstage during his performance.

"Once you become part of the China Care family and become invested in their mission you just keep coming back



Marc Anthony jams with Carlos Santana at the June fundraiser

Photo by Tracy Kroll

year after year," said ESPN's Hannah Storm, who was a guest. "The party is great, but the work they do is even more inspiring."

Throughout the night, guests also had the opportunity to bid on a number of impressive auction packages, from an exotic African safari, to field passes for the New York Giants, to tickets and a backstage tour at the Metropolitan Opera – all to benefit China Care.

"We are grateful for all the support we get at this event," said China Care founder Matt Dalio. "Our donors are literally saving these children's lives."

Cara's Story

At our annual fundraiser this past June, China Care called a couple onstage to thank them for their particularly exceptional support. The couple, Debi and Jay Shaw, made an extremely generous donation two years earlier at our 2006 benefit specifically to pay for one little girl's costly life-saving surgery. As the Shaws humbly accepted founder Matt Dalio's gratitude, they did not realize that China Care had arranged for them to meet the girl whose life they had saved. The Shaws erupted into tears of joy as Cara and her adoptive family from Ohio appeared onstage to greet them.

Cara, who suffered from severe scoliosis, was abandoned in Taiyuan city when she was roughly eight years old. She was taken to an orphanage where she stayed until she was placed in a foster home funded by China Care. "Her diagnosis



Cara before surgery.

in China was that there is not much we can do about it," explained China Care Foundation's Executive Director Brent Johnson. "She was going to die because of

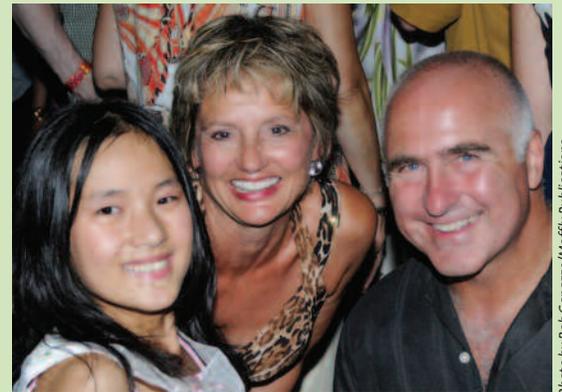
pressures on internal organs from her upper body."

The Shaws had wanted to meet Cara ever since making their contribution. "It was the

opportunity to help somebody who we thought was quite possibly not going to get the help that she needed," explained Jay of their reason for donating.

While awaiting funding for her life-saving surgery, Cara lived in China with her foster family which included a foster brother named Johnny. When a family from Ohio came to China to adopt Johnny, they also met Cara, who by this time was 13 years old. The joy of taking Johnny home was coupled with the realization that Cara was not only going to die from her disease, but she was once again being left by a "family" member. When they got home, they shared Cara's story with their friends and neighbors in Ohio,

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Cara with Debi and Jay Shaw at our June fundraiser.

Photo by Bob Capazzo/Meffly Publications

China Care Children Attend Paralympics

In early September, 23 China Care children ventured to see the Paralympics, which were held in Beijing just weeks after the 2008 Summer Olympics ended. The children, all from our Group Educational Foster Homes, which provide a home, family and schooling for our older disabled orphans, had a memorable experience. They watched soccer and wheelchair basketball, table tennis and volleyball, swimming and wheelchair tennis.

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"I think the athletes are very brave and determined," remarked Max, a 13-year old boy with malformed hands and feet, after the wheelchair basketball game. "When they fell down, they picked themselves up without any help. The wheelchair is like part of their body now."

This unique and amazing experience was made possible for our children thanks to the hard work and compassion of Wendy Lee, a pediatric therapist from San Francisco. Lee, who specializes in working with children with disabilities, loves what she does and wanted to bring that passion and expertise to children internationally. The Paralympics provided the perfect atmosphere, she thought, for disabled children in China, since it offered the world in their backyard.

"I believe that to be able to share and give the children in

the orphanages and foster homes the opportunity to see and be involved with the Paralympics would give them such inspiration," she wrote to China Care in early 2008. "It gives them the opportunity to see their world

peers, people with disabilities who can inspire them with their achievements and successes," she explained. Lee organized the transportation, the tickets and brought nearly two dozen volunteers with her to make the trip a success.

What started as just an idea eventually turned into a project that Lee described as a summer camp, calling it, "Inspire to Do." After pouring her love and passion into China Care's orphans this year, Lee hopes to continue "Inspire to Do" each year. "Even without a grand event such as the Paralympic Games, there are many opportunities to share with children with disabilities, such as music, arts and other sports that they typically do not have access to," she explained. "I hope to give them opportunities to interact with their greater communities and to give them ideas for what they are able to do in spite of disabilities."



Duo enjoys a soccer game



China Care orphans at the Paralympics

Photo courtesy Inspire To Do

NYU Club President (cont. from p.1)

Cosmo Girl representatives and China Care staff.

"Erica dove in head-first to really understand how we could make a difference to China Care through advertising," said Amy Steptoe, Erica's supervisor at Saatchi. As a result of her enthusiasm for China Care and her hard work during the internship, Erica helped spread the word that China Care can make a tremendous impact. "We were all really struck by the difference China Care can make," said Steptoe. "The fact that \$500 could really make a difference was very eye opening!"

Cara's Story (cont. from p.4)

which included Diane and Joe Korpics.

"They told us that if she wasn't adopted by the time she was 14 she'd be forced to go into an adult institution for the rest of her life," remembers Diane. A few weeks later, Diane and Joe, who had two biological daughters of their own, started the adoption process to make Cara part of their family.

Meanwhile, in a fortuitous chain of events, a volunteer who met Cara in China sent additional funds for her surgery, Cara's foster sponsor paid for her travel to the United States, where the surgery took place, and many of the doctors performed Cara's operation pro bono. With most of Cara's medical bill covered, China Care had money left over from the Shaws' donation. The Shaws generously gave permission to use the excess for other children in need. So far, their

kindness has benefitted at least five more China Care children.

After months of rehabilitation, Cara, who now uses a wheelchair to get around, moved to Ohio as an official member of the Korpics family. The prospect of meeting the Shaws in June triggered a great deal of emotion from Diane Korpics. "She wasn't our daughter at the time," Korpics managed to get out through a flood of tears, "and they saved her life!"

Today, Cara flashes an infectious smile and playful attitude. According to her parents, she is constantly on the move, shooting hoops with Johnny (who now lives around the corner) hitting tennis balls in the driveway or toiling over jigsaw puzzles. "She bonds easily and she loves easily, which is amazing considering the history," Diane Korpics described affectionately. "And, she's very easy to love."