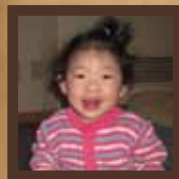




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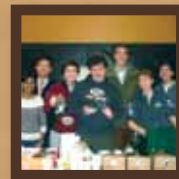
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Dear Friends,

As spring blossoms, I am once again reminded of how grateful I am for China Care's extraordinary community. You have brought spring into the lives of so many of China's overlooked orphaned children with special needs.



While snow was falling in Connecticut, our staff in China was finishing up an incredibly busy and rewarding year where nearly 300 children received the lifesaving surgeries they desperately needed. These children endured that grueling medical treatment with their loving nannies at their side, healed at our China Care Home under the watchful eye of our medical staff and the loving, playful eye of our nannies, and then moved on to find families of their own.

All this was accomplished thanks to our wonderful China Care community.

While snow was falling in Connecticut, you donated generously to our annual winter appeal. Your winter gifts have given a much-needed and much-appreciated boost to our efforts this year, a boost that makes this spring all the more sweet. Thank you for making such a difference in the lives of so many children — children who could so easily have been forgotten even as China booms.

And special thanks to our China Care Club members, who last year topped all previous records fundraising for our China Care Home, mentored children adopted from China, and volunteered at our China Care Home. Your numbers are growing! We now have 55 active China Care Clubs, including these newcomers I'd like to welcome: Stanford University, University of Southern California, Georgia Tech University and Glen A. Wilson and Gwinnett high schools in Los Angeles and Atlanta.

Happy Spring to everyone who has made and continues to make such a difference in the lives of the children!

My sincere thanks,



Matt Dalio  
President & Founder  
The China Care  
Foundation

## The Year of the Rabbit

The staff at The China Care Home celebrated Chinese Lunar New Year with holiday music and treats, and gifted each of the children a new outfit!

According to the ancient Chinese sages, the Year of the Rabbit should be most auspicious, as the rabbit brings peace, prosperity, kindness and comfort.



## Happiness at Last for SiYu

When SiYu first came to The China Care Home at the end of 2009, she was less than one month old and weighed only five and a half pounds (2.5 kg). Tiny SiYu was carefully nurtured at our Home until she was big enough to have surgery to repair her cleft lip last spring.

After recuperating for a month at The China Care Home, SiYu went back to her social welfare institution and was enrolled in Half the Sky's Infant Nurture Program, where she received the loving care of her Half the Sky nanny. This year, SiYu came back to The China Care Home in January because it was time for her second surgery to repair her cleft palate. Right after her arrival, she was sent to the hospital for surgery.



*SiYu at two months old.*



*SiYu awaiting surgery to repair her cleft lip.*

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## Three Little Heart Girls Update

Many of you have been following the story of the three special girls from The China Care Home who found their “forever families” last year. These remarkable families and the tiny little fighters they welcomed home have endured daunting medical challenges with so much grace and so much love. At the beginning of the new year, the families graciously agreed to provide updates about their extraordinary girls Teresa, Lily and Jennifer.

### Teresa Caroline Bartlinski (Liu Fang)



Teresa Liu Fang

Teresa has been home five months and has adjusted so well. We are so blessed to have her as our daughter. She is a very special little soul. Even though her health is very fragile, she has the best outlook on life. She loves to sing and dance and is quite the little performer. Her sister Gemma (who is also four) has quickly become her best friend. The two of them are inseparable.

Because of her fragile health, the winter months seem to be more difficult for Teresa. Her heart and lungs are so weak she must be kept away from anyone with a cold or virus. She continues to have good days and not so good days, but always has a beautiful smile on her face. The look of excitement on her face when she experiences something new is priceless.

Christmas morning through Teresa’s eyes was magical—the look on her face was pure joy. With every gift she opened she would put her hand across her heart and say, “AHHH, is this for me? Thank you!” Having Teresa with us for Christmas this year was the best Christmas present ever!

We are so glad we took the leap of faith and adopted Teresa. The past five months have been the best months of our lives. We pray God will share Teresa with us for a very long time. We are very grateful for everyone’s prayers for Teresa. Please pray for a miracle for her heart and lungs to be healed.

Love, The Bartlinski Bunch!

### Lily Cai Ping Lee

Lily (“Ping”) is doing really well - her first Christmas with us was a lot of fun. She loved decorating the Christmas tree and making a gingerbread house. She also wanted to make absolutely sure a stocking with her name on it would hang with those of her siblings. She loves drinking tea and playing with dolls and Legos.

During the holidays, we spent time with family and friends and got to know Ping better, as well as the new dynamic that comes with every child we welcome into our family. Lily has responded so well to her life here - she is very sweet and loving - she gives lots of hugs and kisses, but only to people in her family.

Of course, we still have concerns about Lily’s health, but we’re taking it one step at a time. She is still recovering from her incredibly grueling, 17-hour open heart surgery last summer. All the hospital stuff has been really hard on her ... six weeks will do that to anyone, but especially a child. To be honest, we’re still waiting for her to smile the way she used to. But her smiles are getting bigger and pretty frequent, so she’s on her way.

It is very obvious that the staff at The China Care Home worked hard to care for Ping before we brought her home and gave her a lot of attention and care. We’re very thankful for all their devotion and hard work. Please tell everyone at China Care how thankful and happy all of us are!

Mike, Tanya, Jake, Nick, Shelby, Anna and Lily Cai Ping Lee



Lily Cai Ping

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## 2010 Clubs Conference at NYU

The annual China Care Clubs Conference drew nearly seventy members from twenty clubs all over North America to New York University on October 1, 2010. Students traveled from as far away as Canada, California, Texas, Illinois and North Carolina to attend the always popular event.

The Conference gives high school and college club members the opportunity to meet one another and exchange ideas and strategies about fundraising, outreach, club structure and more. Various workshops allowed the students to share their experiences and collaborate in small groups.

“Listening to what other clubs do definitely gave me more ideas to improve our club” said one student. “It was great to be able to discuss and bounce ideas off each other.”

The kickoff for the conference was a Club Alumni Reception, a thank you meet-and-greet for recently graduated China Care Club members. More than thirty club alumni and current club members attended the event.

Both events were hosted by the NYU China Care Club at the NYU Kimmel Center overlooking Washington Square Park in downtown Manhattan. The NYU club members even opened their dorm rooms to accommodate traveling club members staying overnight.



*Club members collaborating during workshops.*

### In other club news...

**A warm welcome to our new China Care Clubs at Stanford University, USC, Georgia Tech, Brandeis University, Washington University, Lexington High School, Gwinnett School and Glen A. Wilson High School!**

## VOLUNTEER PROGRAM

### What are you doing this summer?

The 2011 China Care Volunteer Program gives high school and college students that are members of our China Care Clubs the opportunity to provide hands-on care to recuperating children at The China Care Home in Beijing. Participants spend ten days during the summer giving comfort to these children, ages birth to five years old, who have just undergone minor to life-threatening surgery or who are in the midst of medical treatment. The experience is typically just as rewarding for the volunteers as it is for the children who are eager for love and affection as they overcome their illnesses. As part of their experience, volunteers will also have a chance to explore the city of Beijing, visiting sites such as the Great Wall of China, Tiananmen Square, the 2008 Olympic Village and local markets.



This is an incredible, once in a lifetime opportunity for club members to witness the impact of their hard work, while discovering first-hand how China Care is truly saving these children's lives.

2011 Volunteer Sessions: **July 7-16 & July 17-26**

Visit **[www.chinacare.org](http://www.chinacare.org)** to download the Volunteer Application today!

# China Care Bruins Create a Dream Program for Adoptees

By Jeri Okamoto Floyd

As the adoptive mother of two daughters from China, I can attest to the amazing community service programs hosted by the China Care Bruins club at UCLA. Back in 2005, my dear friend Susan Robinson, a fellow adoptive mom, and I connected with Stephanie Lo who started the UCLA club, to discuss how the Southern California chapter of Families with Children from China could work together with the students to create a meaningful program. We agreed that a “Buddy Program” would empower the students and help the children develop a positive identity by spending time with their mentors.

Over the years, the program grew from eighteen children to now more than fifty children, along with dozens of China Care Bruins mentors. China Care Bruins offers both Little Buddy (ages 5 to 10) & Youth Buddy (ages 11 and older) Programs. It is such a pleasure to see the club members sharing their common experiences with the kids - handling teasing situations, celebrating different holidays, enjoying sports, music, favorite movies and books. The children benefit from their buddy relationship by being a part of the positive group dynamic of the China Care community. Our children see that there isn't just one version of an “American” or “Chinese” youth.

The China Care Bruins Youth Mentorship Program has far exceeded our hopes and has provided a wonderful enrichment and empowerment opportunity for dozens of FCC kids and their parents. This amazing program has continued to evolve and flourish under the direction of China Care Bruins' cohesive and dedicated students who seamlessly transition from year to year, graduation to graduation. Looking back, I can now fully appreciate the significance and value of the China Care Bruins club for my family and others. We fantasized about a “dream program” for our kids and China Care Bruins made it happen.



UCLA Bruins Buddies

## MIT China Scope Lecture Series

Nearly one hundred people attended the China Scope lectures series at MIT campus in Cambridge, Massachusetts, last fall. The lecture series, entitled *China Scope: Understanding China's Economy and Society*, was generously underwritten by IMS Health, the world's leading provider of business intelligence and strategic support for the pharmaceutical and healthcare industries. It was hosted by M-Stone Advisory and China Care Club members from MIT, Harvard, Boston University, Brandeis and Tufts.

The two-day event included six insight-rich sessions that focused on China's role in the global economy and its modern-day challenges. One of the attendees said the sessions were “stimulating and very in-depth” while another commented, “it was truly an unforgettable experience!” The primary speaker was Ms. Susan Mays,

Principal at M-Stone Advisory and Hofstadter Fellow at Columbia University. In addition to Ms. Mays, six guest speakers included China experts from academia, finance, law and consulting.



Lecture series attendees mingle.

## St. Luke's School Craft Fair for China Care



*St. Luke's China Care Club.*

To celebrate Valentine's Day and Chinese Lunar New Year, St. Luke's School in New Canaan, Connecticut, hosted a Craft Fair for China Care on Saturday, February 12 in the school gymnasium.

The St. Luke's China Care Club members came out in full force to make and sell dumplings, which were a huge success! The club's faculty advisor and school's Mandarin Chinese teacher, Mr. Feng, was very proud of the club's commitment. He has been overseeing the China Care Club for over three years and says he always enjoys getting the students involved in a local cause that helps children in need. Many other students from New Canaan, Greenwich, Westport and Darien volunteered to sell food and run a Kids Zone arts & crafts table that included face painting and art projects for children of all ages.

The Craft Fair boasted over fifty crafters and artisans selling their homemade items. Items for sale included sea glass jewelry, Ugandan paper beads, oil and water color paintings, framed photography, custom children's clothing, pet accessories, felt and crochet scarves and handbags, and decorative home décor products such as

window sculptures, hand-made birdhouses, pottery and soaps. One of the vendors, Rachel Doran, a thirteen year old girl from Westport, creates custom-made pajama bottoms and donates a percentage of all her sales to China Care.



*Rachel selling her pajamas for China Care.*

Her younger sister was adopted from China and she decided to turn her love for fashion into a creative way to raise money to support a charity that helps orphans.

Nearly a dozen newspapers and a local Greenwich radio station publicized the event. All proceeds were used to fund the medical care of orphaned children recovering at The China Care Home in Beijing.

## A Day in the Life at The China Care Home...



*A heartfelt send off for Yuan (pictured left) as she is preparing to leave The China Care Home to go back to the SWI where a family waits to adopt her.*

*Tian snuggles with her nanny after a cooling bath to lower her fever.*



*Fu gets two thumbs up from his nanny who is very happy that despite his difficult surgery, he is walking earlier than anyone expected.*



*Three China Care nurses coax and distract Zhuang as they give him the IV treatment for his dehydration.*

## Jennifer Mei Hamm (ZiJun aka DouDou)



Jennifer Mei

Mei Mei (our nickname for Jennifer) spent her first Christmas with us and loved her little Dora the Explorer lunchbox!

Jennifer has such a strong spirit and wants to do all the things her two older sisters do. Climbing, jumping and running around the house are part of a normal day for her. She is talking more and more each day and can't wait to go to school with her big sisters. She loves climbing the monkey bars and riding the swings at the park and is friendly to all the other children she meets.

Jennifer had her first heart surgery procedure called a bi-directional Glenn shunt, last July and all went well. We feel that she received the best care available at the Mattel Children's Hospital at UCLA. When she weighs around 45 lbs. (15-20 kilos) she will have another heart surgery called a Fontan procedure.

In the meantime, of course, Jennifer continues to have checkups. Her recent echo cardiogram went well, as we had hoped. She is taking a blood thinner and aspirin, but it is hard to believe she has a heart problem - she is an active, talkative little two year old girl.

We are blessed. With love, Greg, Josie, Jean, Julia and Jennifer Hamm

## A Book with a Purpose

T. A. DeBonis, author and father of five, has generously agreed to donate \$3 of his book series, *The Monkey King's Daughter*®, to China Care for every book purchased through our China Care store at [www.chinacare.org/help/shop/store](http://www.chinacare.org/help/shop/store).

The *Monkey King's Daughter*® books are praised by both parents and middle school librarians, and deliver exciting adventure for young readers. The series offers a positive role model for girls ages 8-12, a core of solid family values and are very empowering, especially for young Asian girls, offering a heroine they can call their own.

DeBonis has long history in the news and entertainment industry as a former field editor for ABC Network News, a writer for children's television, and as Senior Producer/Director for the television series *Words that Cook*, *Parenting with children's books!*

To learn more about *The Monkey King's Daughter*® visit <http://www.themonkeykingsdaughter.com>.



## Happiness For SiYu (continued)

SiYu is now back at The China Care Home and is recovering well from her recent surgery. She has grown up to be a beautiful girl. She can walk slowly by herself and speak some simple words. She has curly hair and looks like a doll. What she likes most is looking in the mirror. She shakes her head or makes faces in front of the mirror and observes her reflection carefully. When she hears music, she can't help doing some dancing movements like stretching her arms, waving her hands, or shaking her head. All the nannies in the room love to watch her dancing and listen to her happy laughter, but when she notices others paying attention she gets embarrassed and covers her face with her hands. Thanks to the love and medical care she received, SiYu is now a healthy and happy girl!



SiYu today.

# The China Care Home Preschool Update

Over the last few months, the toddlers at The China Care Home who are recovering from their medical treatment have taken part in some very exciting preschool classes. Our talented and loving preschool teacher, He Jing, runs daily classes so the children do not miss out on the fun and educational activities that healthy preschool children enjoy.

He Jing tailors each activity to the children's cognitive and physical abilities. She also encourages them to work together to try new things and to help each other with projects and life skills such as getting dressed and washing their hands. Hands on arts and crafts are, of course, part of every class as well. The children learn to recognize different colors by using a variety of materials including markers, play dough, and finger paints. Older children also learn to count and practice writing numbers. Cognitive learning is enhanced with puzzles and story books, and the children also enjoy singing, dancing and playing musical instruments, which lifts their spirits.



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