

SUMMER VOLUNTEERING AT THE CHINA CARE HOME - FINAL DAY



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The China Care volunteer program is different than I expected it to be. When I arrived here, I found out that we would get to visit the Great Wall. This news surprised me in a good way—I realized the program is a good balance of sightseeing and working with the kids.



Working with the kids has been more fun than I imagined. They are all so cute and they love to play. Working with them in the morning and afternoon is a blast, but they can really tire me out, so it's nice to be able to take a break and sightsee in Beijing on some afternoons. One day we went to the Olympic Village. Getting to see the Water Cube and the Bird's Nest up close was a lot of fun. We also went to Tiananmen Square, which was very crowded but very cool to visit. Being here is a good contrast from being back home, even if the time

difference has been hard to adjust to--I wake up extremely early every morning.

Another great thing here is the food. Every night we have been going to restaurants and eating food you don't often see in America. One night we had Peking Duck, which was amazing. We also had a hot pot meal where we got to cook a lot of interesting things. Every day for lunch we get something new, which is fantastic. We've had dumplings, beef, and many soups, all of which have been delicious.

The group of volunteers here is really great. We have all had fun going to dinner together and, more importantly, taking care of the children together. Seeing the children every day is so much fun and I never want to leave them. Being with this great group of people and helping out these children have made this trip unforgettable and a once-in-a-lifetime experience.

Sean's two older brothers took part in China Care's volunteer program and he was excited to see for himself what our work is all about.

