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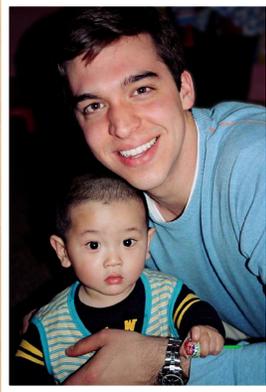
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Dear Friends,

As you know, I have always been excited about China Care's proven track record of saving and transforming the lives of orphaned children with special needs. But I have never been as excited as I am now about our potential to reach children all over China who desperately need the state-of-the-art medical procedures and loving caregivers our program provides.



Last month our China Care Home staff introduced our program to administrators from orphanages all over China at an extraordinary symposium in Nanjing that was dedicated to figuring out ways to implement the best models of care for orphaned children. You'll read more about this ground-breaking gathering in this newsletter, but suffice it to say our program is so highly regarded in China that it is receiving national recognition, which I know will lead to better care for more children.

I am also excited that our youth empowerment movement is continuing to grow. More China Care Clubs are being established and more of those clubs are using social networking to share ideas and spread the message that individuals can make a difference.

Thank you for helping us reach this exciting juncture. Because you have supported us so loyally, more orphaned children are receiving the love and medical care they need and more young people are acting on their dream of making the world a better place.

My sincere thanks,

Matt Dalio
President & Founder
The China Care Foundation

Irresistibly Cute NiNi

JiaNi ("NiNi") is much loved by our staff – no one can resist her chubby and rosy cheeks. We especially treasure her every smile because we all know how much she has had to struggle in her short life.

When NiNi arrived at The China Care Home from Xinjiang Province five months ago, she was a tiny, two-month-old, very sick baby who barely responded to external stimulation. Right from the start we showered her with love, but when her nannies held her in their arms they had to do so gingerly because she was born with spina bifida and had a fluid-filled sac on her spine. NiNi's nannies took care to avoid pressing or even touching the sac, which was so transparent that it looked as if it were about to leak.

NiNi's doctors soon discovered that she also had hydrocephalus (excess cerebrospinal fluid accumulating in the head) and Chiari malformation (abnormal formation of the brain where the brain and spine meet). In addition to all of these life-threatening medical conditions, we also discovered when bathing her that she had club feet.



Almost immediately, NiNi had surgery to correct her spina bifida and Chiari malformation, and was discharged from the hospital ten days later. With the help of intensive nurture and care from her nannies, NiNi's surgical wounds healed quickly, in only 17 days.

Then NiNi went back to the hospital again, this time for surgery for hydrocephalus. That surgery was also successful and NiNi returned again to the Home.

Meanwhile, despite all the medical treatment, NiNi was becoming the happy baby she is today. By the time she was four months old, she had started babbling and communicating with her special nanny. She could play happily by herself as long as her nanny was in her sight. Otherwise, she would cry loudly, with tears streaming down her face. Her nanny would reassure her: "Mama is coming, NiNi. Wait a moment." Hearing her nanny's voice and seeing her bottle of milk, NiNi would smile through her tears.



When NiNi came back, her nannies carefully observed her head to watch out for any intracranial infection, especially where her shunt was placed by her

surgeon. Again NiNi proved to be a tough, resilient little baby – she recovered well.

Now NiNi is our staff's alarm clock. She wakes up exactly at 5:30 AM and loudly shouts "mama," breaking the silence of the dawn. When she is happy or needs something, she will also call "mama." Then her nanny holds her in her arms and gives her a kiss.

Whenever NiNi hears music, she stretches out her arms and waves them like the wings of a bird, giggling all the while. NiNi loves to play on the gym mat and especially loves the toy tiger and playing peek-a-boo. She covers her nanny's face with a handkerchief and then pulls it off. When she sees her nanny's face, she giggles and then repeats the game over and over. When she feels hungry, she throws away the toys she's playing with, becomes anxious, and lies down, crying loudly or even kicking hard. She always has a



good appetite and sleeps well at night. She has gained some weight.

After NiNi went through her operations, we arranged an examination for her club feet. The doctor recommended that NiNi have tenotomy surgery, a relatively minor procedure given all that she had already endured, and then wear braces for three to six years.

NiNi had the surgery at the end of last year and is now wearing braces. She will have a followup checkup in a few months so doctors can evaluate how she has recovered from the spina bifida, Chiari malformation and hydrocephalus surgeries. Based on her current development and health condition, we believe that our loving and beloved NiNi will recover fully.

*By Zhang Xiuhui
China Care Supervisor*

National Symposium at Nanjing



In March, 135 orphanage administrators and government officials gathered in Nanjing for a national symposium dedicated to improving the lives of orphaned children through the programs developed and operated by our partner, Half the Sky Foundation. The China Care Home's medical director Dr. Roger Tang and program director Helena Lv delivered a well-received presentation to introduce our new home in Beijing; a number of orphanage directors submitted applications to admit their children on the spot.

It is clear that after a decade of hard work, China Care's message – that orphaned children with special needs can become healthy and go on to live normal lives when they receive the care they deserve -- has taken root nationally.

Excerpts from Dr. Roger Tang's presentation:

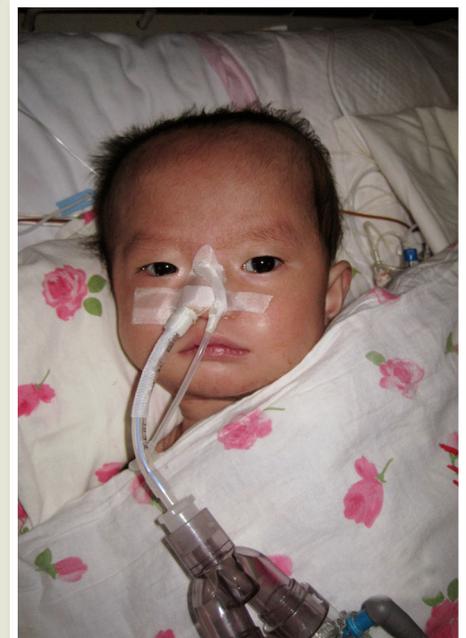
"I worked as a pediatrician in one of the biggest hospitals in China for more than 20 years, and I was also a medical research scholar in the United States for a few years. Because of that experience I can attest to the fact that The China Care Program provides international standards of medical and nursery care and that there is nothing else like it in China. Let me tell you a story that illustrates the high quality of care our children receive.

Last summer, I received an emergency application from an orphanage in Inner Mongolia for a five-month-old baby. JingJing's condition was severe—she had very complex congenital heart disease. I

consulted with Dr Yan, Chair of Pediatric Cardiology Surgery at Fuwai Hospital, the most renowned Cardiology Surgical Hospital in China, who agreed with me that JingJing's condition could be corrected by surgery, so we happily agreed to accept her at The China Care Home.

When JingJing arrived, we sent her with her new China Care nanny to the Intensive Care Unit of Fu Wai hospital. JingJing was

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Students Collaborate at Clubs Conference

More than 60 students from 18 China Care Clubs all over the country traveled to New York City last fall to attend our annual conference, where adoptive mom Leilani Smith was the featured speaker.

Smith delivered a moving speech that brought home in a very personal way the profound impact China Care has on children's lives. Smith's daughter, who is now four, was born with club feet, which were corrected with the help of China Care: "My baby, my daughter, you would barely know she ever had a disability and that's because of your help," Smith told club members.

On a return trip to China, Smith realized just how crucial that help had been when she met another child who, like her daughter, was born with club feet. But that child was not able to live a normal life because she hadn't received medical treatment: "She couldn't go to school and she needed a walker to get around."

Smith told China Care Club members that they are giving children like her daughter a priceless gift that makes a huge and long-lasting impact on their lives: "Because of your involvement children are living happier and healthier lives."

Later, in break-away workshops, the students learned more about China Care from staff and volunteers who also shared their experiences. In addition, the students learned from each other by exchanging ideas about fundraising, community outreach, and more.

One of the reasons the student networking sessions were so effective is that the students were candid about their failures as well as their successes: "It was wonderful to hear everyone else's experiences and to get an idea of what worked and what didn't" said one participant after the event.

By all accounts, this lively conference motivated students to work hard for the children and to work more closely with each other. Wrote another club member: "I loved networking with other members and I loved having the ability to truly feel involved in something so powerful."



Conference attendees from UCLA and NYU



Guest speaker, Leilani Smith

In Other Club News...

New Club Hub Forum Launches

Ning.com is now home to the new China Care Club Hub, an exclusive forum for China Care Club members to share advice, ideas and best practices with fellow club members from around the country: www.chinacareclubs.ning.com

Harvard China Care Sponsors a Nursery Room

Harvard China Care Club along with The Jenzabar Foundation has graciously sponsored a nursery room at The China Care Home!

Sorority Hosts Fourth Annual China Care Event

Every spring the Alpha Sigma Rho sorority at the University of Georgia hosts Cultural Fusion, a performance event that showcases campus-wide talent. Alpha Sigma Rho sorority adopted China Care as its national philanthropy, which means that every Alpha Sigma Rho chapter in the country is providing support for China Care.

A New Kind of Fundraiser

Fairfield Warde High School China Care Club members in Connecticut came up with a creative idea to host a "silent rave" dance fundraiser for China Care. iPods and MP3 players replaced a DJ at this dance where everyone heard music through their own personal headphones.

A Warm Welcome...

to our newest clubs at Dartmouth College, University of Pennsylvania, Iona College, University of Toledo, The Bolles School and Quakertown High School.

NYU Dumplings "Travel" to China

Last fall the NYU China Care Club, which had already run several successful fundraisers for the children at The China Care Home, started a Dumplings playgroup program for adoptive children and their families living in New York City. Club president Simon Li has played a key role in developing the playgroup based on his experience running a similar program at his high school's China Care Club.



NYU Dumplings Playgroup

The new Dumplings program is thriving, as is clear from the children's recent "trip" to China. NYU Dumplings Coordinator, Stephanie Lee, provided the story about this amazing trip.

Our Dumplings event, "My Trip to China" was a great success! All the children, parents and NYU volunteers had a wonderful time.

When the families arrived we greeted them in Chinese and handed the children passports, tickets and luggage to decorate with crayons. The club members helped the children pack clothes for their trip and count to ten in Mandarin, to aid the children in practicing basic language skills.

Then we split up into groups and each "flew" to a different city. Some children went to Shanghai, some to Beijing and others to Xi'an. As the children entered a new city, we would place a sticker with the city's name in the child's passport. The children painted calligraphy, took fan dance lessons, and learned about the sites and sounds of the city they had chosen to visit. One playgroup parent commented that her child enjoyed the fan dancing so much she continued to dance on the subway all the way home.

We then celebrated with Chinese snacks and gave the children panda mask souvenirs before their "flight" back to New York.



J.P. Morgan Golf Outing

At its third annual golf outing to benefit the children of China Care, the J.P. Morgan Technology Group raised more than \$100,000 for China Care. More than 130 golfers came out to Jumping Brook Country Club in Neptune, New Jersey to enjoy a day on the links. "By far this was the most well received outing to date!" said one of the event organizers, Ken Iacurto of J.P. Morgan. "We had greater prizes, greater participation and were able to raise a record amount of money."

Event organizer, Ludwig D'Angelo of J.P. Morgan, explained why he thinks this year's golf tournament broke all records: "We are fortunate to work with people who understand and appreciate how lucky they are regardless of the current economic situation." In addition, "This event is all about the children - we never lose sight of that fact - their situation does not change with the condition of the global economy so why should we?"



Ken Iacurto, 2nd from left, Ludwig D'Angelo, far right, and friends

During her presentation at the event, China Care Director of Development, Grace Muoio, made it clear what a dramatic difference the J.P. Morgan Technology Group's donations, which total more than \$450,000 over three years, have made, including for a little boy with spina bifida whose surgery was the first the tech group at J.P. Morgan funded. "Without the surgery," said Muoio, "The boy would not have survived."



Laura Hamilton, one of the event organizers

Megan Gao*Megan and Kai Na*

I have been working with kids my whole life and I was excited when I first got a glimpse of the children at The China Care Home. Each room is filled with interesting babies, but I was particularly drawn to Kai Na.

On the first day, I remember playing peek-a-boo with her. Now she covers her eyes every time I am around and we play a game and mimic one another in this way. NaNa is a feisty one -- when I first heard her crying I scooped her up in my arms. She

has now grown accustomed to my cradling her until she readopts her usual smile. Due to her cleft palate, she is fed with a special bottle with a spoon attached to the end. NaNa fidgets and cries throughout the feeding session, which made me realize how simple things like eating can be difficult for her.

To be honest, I did cry during my time volunteering at The China Care Home, and it's all because of the children's music. I was in the babies' room playing with NaNa when a song came on, one about how mothers are the greatest in the world. I kept thinking to myself, where are these children's mothers? I can

*Megan at The China Care Home*

only imagine what it would be like if they weren't at The China Care Home. They would not get the attention, love and care that all children need and deserve. When I look around I see how protective the caregivers are of the children and how attached the children are to them – the children know that somebody is there for them. I know what China Care means to me - a family.

I'm going to miss rocking NaNa to sleep and placing her in her crib, I'm going to miss her making a fuss, and I'm going to miss playing peek-a-boo with her. It was so difficult to say good bye. In Chinese good bye is "Zai jian", which means "See you again." I hope to return to The China Care Home to see these children again. It was a perfect trip and I couldn't ask for anything more.

William Chen

BingBing is like Benjamin Button. He looks like an old man, save for the wrinkles. BingBing has had extensive heart surgery, but he is just as normal as any other child. He has a big round face and a big round tummy to go with his big round eyes. The cutest thing he does is walk down the hall with his arms behind his back; he looks like an elderly man taking a stroll in the park. When he does this, he looks as if he has something serious on his mind.

*William and Bing Bing*

The other toddlers get jealous when I let BingBing sit on my lap and they all scramble to sit on top of me too. BingBing always wants me to carry him places. When I was feeding him lunch one afternoon, he was so tired that he kept on nodding off as I tried to feed him. It was pretty adorable.

BingBing's favorite game to play with me is "trade items". I would offer him a toy, he would take it and walk away. Moments later he would walk back, give it back and run away. He would repeat the whole process until eventually he would get bored and resume his normal activity of exploring.

The other child who made an impression on me was a little girl named Fang. She is extremely sweet and friendly, but keeps to herself a lot. I read a book about fruits to her and she repeated every fruit as I read. She also has a heart condition and is very frail, but has an amazing smile. Fang seems extremely happy living at The China Care Home. She gleefully follows her caregivers to the kitchen to fetch her meals and tries to carry as many toys as she can in her arms.

The volunteer experience was much more than I had expected. I really don't know what I expected, but what I got out of the experience was definitely life changing. At the beginning, I wasn't sure how fragile the kids were both physically and emotionally. Once I started to get to know them and to play with them, it was pretty evident that they were all normal regular kids who loved to have fun.

*William and Fang*

A Perfect Heart



Avery having a breathing treatment

We love receiving letters from families whose children received care at our China Care Home and this letter from the McMurphy family is one of our favorites.

We are the McMurphys and are the VERY proud parents of five children! Our youngest daughter is from the Baotou SWI in Inner Mongolia. Through the China Care program, she got her heart repaired!!!

Her Chinese name is Pan Lan, she is now known as Avery Lan McMurphy. We visited our pediatric cardiologist last Friday to see how her heart was. The doctor said, "She has a perfect heart!"

God is good! Thank you from the bottom of our hearts for helping our daughter. She is truly a wonderful addition to our family and we cannot imagine life without her.

Lori, Lyndal, Conner, Nicole, Ethan, Carlie & Avery McMurphy



From left to right: Conner, Jasmine the dog, Ethan, Carlie, Nicole, and Avery.



Avery and Nicole getting to know each other

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in fragile condition; her blood oxygen concentration, which should have been over 95%, was only 40%, and her body weight was 5 kg (11 lbs.) less than it should be. For one month JingJing stayed in the ICU where she received oxygen, antibiotics, nutritional support, a highly detailed CT scan, etc. to prepare her for surgery. JingJing's grueling surgery lasted six hours. To our delight, it was also extremely successful.

When JingJing went back to The China Care Home after two months recuperating in the hospital with her nanny at her side, our professional nurses monitored her condition 24 hours a day and I checked her daily and was on call 24 hours a day. Our dietician gave her special food. Jing had another two bouts with pneumonia that required hospitalization, which is not uncommon for fragile infants post heart surgery.

Thankfully, our home is only 20 minutes from the finest hospitals in Beijing and after receiving necessary medical intervention, she returned to our home.

After six months in our program, JingJing gained 5 kg (11 lbs.); her body oxygen concentration had increased to 80%; and her face

had lost the bluish tinge that is a sign of low oxygen saturation, and become pink. When she left us, JingJing was a chubby, smiling, happy and healthy baby."

Excerpts from Helena Lv's presentation:



Jing after treatment, post-surgery



Jing today, fully recovered

"The China Care Home, which can accommodate 80 little patients at a time, is a unique and sophisticated medical care center for fragile orphaned infants and toddlers under three years old. But it is more than a medical facility--it is a true home that provides family-like comfort and loving care. It is located on one floor of a four-star apartment-hotel, which we have converted to create a warm and comforting environment. Each child is assigned a special nanny, one caring person who will be just like her mama, staying with her in the hospital and watching

over her after she returns to our home to heal and grow strong; some children who need longer-term care are assigned to a foster mom. Our entire staff works together to ensure that the children's medical needs and their equally pressing need to be cherished and valued are met during this crucial time of healing."

Facebook Matching Campaign & Chase Community Giving Contest



China Care had an extraordinary opportunity during the holiday season when a generous donor came forward and offered to match all donations raised on our China Care Foundation Facebook Cause page. Many of you took us up on our Facebook Challenge and ventured into the world of giving through social media. We could not be more grateful!

The final tally from our Facebook Challenge, which lasted from Thanksgiving through the last day of 2009, shows that you contributed \$16,145. With the generous match, that means you helped us raise more than \$32,000! That translates to \$32,000 to fund more surgeries for more children orphaned in China who are desperate for medical care.

And in January our loyal supporters heard from us again on Facebook, when we asked you to vote for China Care in the Chase Community Giving contest. We are thrilled to announce that The China Care Foundation was awarded a \$25,000 grant from JPMorgan Chase and Facebook because we were one of 100 charities that received the most votes. Thank you for your votes and your support during both of these Facebook campaigns.



Become our fan on Facebook and help us spread awareness...
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Mama Is the Best Person in the World



ZhuangWei is a boy from Jiangsu Province who had retinoblastoma, a type of eye cancer that takes a long time to cure and needs several rounds of chemotherapy. Chemotherapy is grueling for adults never mind little ZhuangWei, who started treatment when he was only 16 months old.

After one round of chemotherapy in the hospital, ZhuangWei returned for surgery to remove his right eyeball. The first moment I saw him crying with his right eye wrapped in a gauze patch, I just couldn't control my emotions -- my tears kept falling and I held him in my arms tightly. When ZhuangWei saw me crying, he wiped his tears away and told

me with his expression, "I am brave. I won't cry."

After the anesthesia wore off, ZhuangWei was in a lot of pain. I held him in my arms, cuddled him, and tried every means to ease his pain and stop his crying. I started thinking how much bad luck he had had and how fortunate it would be if he had a mom to call his own. So I sang his favorite nursery rhyme, "Mama is the best person in the world." When he heard me singing, he stopped crying and stared at my face. I kept singing it again and again and felt I was truly his mom. ZhuangWei listened carefully and soon he hummed along with me.



ZhuangWei finished his sixth round of chemotherapy in January and an examination showed that he is cancer-free! Now 2 years old, ZhuangWei will need regular examinations, but he is expected to make a full recovery. As I got to know ZhuangWei better I was able to support him better during his treatments, including making sure he had lots of bananas, his favorite food -- after eating them, he kisses me on my cheek. For me there is no job more gratifying than providing some comfort for brave, little ZhuangWei.

By Wang ShuFang
China Care Nanny

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The mission of The China Care Foundation is to give special needs Chinese orphans the opportunity for a better life and to empower youth through direct humanitarian service. By providing extensive medical, social and educational programs devoted to children, China Care makes a lasting contribution to our shared future.