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## VOLUNTEERING AT THE CHINA CARE HOME-- DAY 11, SUMMER 2010

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Today is my last day working in The China Care Home and I will miss the kids I have grown close to over these past few weeks. On my first day, I was more than a little nervous walking into a room full of toddlers. I really didn't know what to expect.

From the moment I walked into the Home I was greeted by so many warm smiles. The staff was sweet and helpful and the kids were so happy and friendly. That's one of the things I'll remember most is how happy the kids are. None of these kids have any parents and they all have disabilities, but in spite of all that they continue to smile.

From the moment you walk into a room you will be greeted by many "ni hao's" from both the kids and the nannies. I really enjoyed spending time with one toddler named LiQun. He was one of the first toddlers I played with. He is one of the most friendly and genuinely happy kids I have ever met. He is almost always smiling. Whenever I walk into his room he is always the first to run up to me and give me a hug. He loves to laugh. He loves being picked up and thrown up in the air. From the first day when I picked him up and he laughed, I knew we were going to be very close. I will miss him greatly when I leave but know he is in good hands at the China Care Home.

I hope all of the children here are adopted and get to share this happiness with a family of their own. This whole experience at China Care has made me much more grateful about my life and how lucky I am. This was an amazing trip and I am so lucky to have experienced it.

