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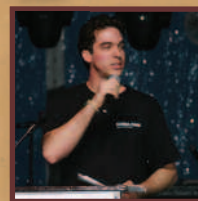
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Courtesy: Nicole Stolk

Dear Friends,

In August I visited the new China Care Home in Beijing. After our launch in May, I got to see for myself how our children are adjusting to their new environment and meet the newest members of our family. I could not have been more thrilled.



The home is beautiful. It is clean, bright and cheery. Dr. Tang, our new in-house doctor from one of China's top hospitals, is a highly competent and caring person. The nannies are all smiling at the children and the children are all smiling back. It even made me happy to see an 18 month old cry at seeing me - a sign that a child has a healthy sense of attachment. Best of all was the opportunity to sit on the floor and play with the toddlers and cradle the infants, knowing that they now have a better life because of us.

Each time I see one of the children we have saved - each time I hold one in my arms - I am reminded of the incredible impact that we have on each tiny person's little life. With every child that comes through our doors and receives expert medical care and loving nurture at the China Care Home, I am grateful for the continued support that we get from donors like you. The children amaze me with their will to live; the nannies with their endless ability to love; and, you, with your loyalty and willingness to give.

My sincere thanks,

Matt

Matt Dalio

President & Founder
China Care Foundation

Update on the China Care Home

By Lynn Wang - Program Coordinator in Beijing

As soon as the children settled into their new surroundings last spring, we contacted more than 50 orphanages across China and began cooperating with them in medical assistance. So much has happened since then! By mid-September, we had welcomed 44 new children into our home, provided 29 surgeries, made more than 100 visits to doctors for various check-ups and had 19 of our children adopted! In addition, we recruited and trained two dozen new nannies to dote on our tiny babies and have formed partnerships with sophisticated hospitals in Beijing that give our children top priority for medical treatment. While we forge ahead on providing even better medical care for even more children, we always remain intensely focused on the children currently in our care. We fall in love with each and every one of them as they start to display their own personalities and as they struggle to overcome their challenges. Through this newsletter, we hope to give you the opportunity to get to know some of them too.



Dr. Tang giving check-ups

LiJi

LiJi was born in Inner Mongolia in the spring of 2007 and abandoned shortly after. The local orphanage sent him to China Care when he was three months old, hoping we could help correct his birth defects - one of his eyes was smaller than normal and he had a deformed thumb. When he arrived, however, his condition was much more grave.

A hospital check-up showed he also had a heart defect. We provided the heart surgery when he was six months old and stayed with him and comforted him throughout the entire process. LiJi had an incredibly tough time before and after the surgery. He was admitted to the hospital several times for pneumonia and heart treatment. He is currently on heart medication and living at the China Care Home at Half the Sky in Beijing. LiJi needs round-the-clock care as well as rehabilitation exercises to keep him fit. Now two years-old, he is just starting to sit and hold himself up with support. When asked to give a smile, LiJi waves his hands and flashes a big grin. He has remained in stable health in the last few months and we have high hopes that his development will continue to progress as he gets even stronger.



LiJi in 2007



LiJi today

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A Forever Family for Yan

We recently received an email from Nicole Stolk a few weeks after bringing her son Yan home to the Netherlands, to join their family. "We noticed that thanks to your organization he had good care and medical help," writes Nicole. "We are grateful and would like to thank you for giving him in the first 2 ½ years of his life such a great foster home where he was given hope, love and attention."

Yan was born with a hole in his heart and was abandoned in Shanxi province when he was just a month old. China Care took him into our home and provided the critical surgery to repair his heart. Less than a year later, he needed an



Yan when he first arrived at China Care

operation to correct another condition, diaphragmatic eventration, which meant that part of his diaphragm was pressing up against his lung, causing him to have difficulty breathing. He recovered from both his surgeries and spent the next year and a half at China Care until his adoption in June 2009.

Nicole reports that Yan is adjusting well to his new home and family. "He calls us 'Mama' and 'Papa' and he is fond of giving kisses and hugs." He loves playing with his big sister, Fien, and repeats everything she says, which means he's learning Dutch little by little. He's also been learning to sing, because Fien just adores singing and has taken to teaching her little brother. She told her parents, "It is really great that I can play with him." Yan is a smart little guy who likes to do everything himself. He loves to laugh and play outside and gravitates toward anything that makes a sound – from music to cars to books that talk.

Nicole says, "We can say (that) after two weeks we love him very much. We are grateful and thankful that he is our son."



Yan and his family

Courtesy: Nicole Stolk



Yan and his big sister

Courtesy: Nicole Stolk

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Ru

Ru was the first new baby we welcomed into the China Care Home after the big move to Beijing. She was born in Inner Mongolia on May 29, 2009, just a few weeks after we opened the new home and suffered from intestinal atresia, a congenital birth defect where the intestines do not form completely. This tiny little girl was abandoned when she was just a few days old and arrived looking yellow and weighing less than 4 ½ pounds. Ru was immediately sent to the hospital and put in ICU, where she had surgery right away. She stayed in the hospital for three weeks where she gradually recovered until returning to the China Care Home. Once back at our home, she quickly put on weight and is now more than 10 pounds! She is alert and responsive and adores her nannies, smiling whenever they stroke her chubby cheeks!



Ru in May



Ru today

First Group of Volunteers Help in New Home

By Katerina Kruzykowski – Youth Program Coordinator

I traveled to Beijing this summer to host our annual volunteer program at the China Care Home with an amazing group of college students who came from clubs in Canada, California and Texas. Immediately after a quick orientation, they were changing diapers, feeding the little ones, getting them dressed and assisting the nurses in giving the children medicine.

Many of the children at the China Care Home were shy when they first met the volunteers, but that quickly changed and by the second day they were lifting their arms and calling us all “ayi” (nanny), in the hopes of being picked up. One boy even started to call me “Ma” – a loving name they call all of their caregivers – which made me feel quite honored! We spent long days working closely with the staff and I was really struck by how affectionately they

interacted with the children.

During our time at the home, the volunteers made a brightly colored Good Wishes banner, similar to the northern Chinese tradition of the 100 Good Wishes Quilt or “Bai Jia Bei,” which is now hanging in the entrance of the home. Each volunteer contributed a wish for the children. One volunteer wrote: “For every child that passes through here, I wish a life of love and joy, never to be alone in the face of despair and to succeed in their heart’s deepest desires.” His words are a constant reminder that these children need all of the support they can get.

Watching the volunteers bond with the children, from playtime until they tucked the babies into bed each night reinforced for me that we are a very important part of that support, because we are their family.



Volunteers show off their banner

My Volunteer Experience in Beijing

Fiona Poon is currently a junior at UCLA where she is the Fundraising Co-Director of the China Care Bruins. She volunteered this summer at the China Care Home in Beijing and personally got to know the children in our care. Read more from her report below.

My experience in Beijing was so amazing that it far exceeded any preconceived notion I ever had. I was so happy to be able to finally see where the money goes and see what a difference it makes in the kids’ lives. To me, China Care is no longer just a club. China Care saves lives and gives a family to kids who no longer have families. The money we raise could be the difference between life and death for these kids. They need us and they are some of the strongest and happiest kids I have ever met.



Fiona Poon and two of our toddlers

YanCun

YanCun is the most adorable boy ever, often making faces and hamming it up for the camera. He loves to make others laugh. He gives great kisses and on my last night he was awake long after the others went to bed, running around and trying to do somersaults. I also remember him saying “bie jou,” meaning “don’t go,” and telling me to sit

down when I was trying to say goodbye. It was enough to make me tear up. I am so happy to see his bright personality despite everyone saying how he will live forever with that bag attached to his back. (YanCun has urethrostenosis, a narrow urethra, and urine reflux. His condition currently requires a catheter.)

TianQi

I remember the first night we met all the kids, TianQi stood shyly behind the nanny but he immediately stood out to me. He is one of the biggest, strongest and most mischievous kids I’ve met here.

One day when I went outside with four of the children including TianQi, I saw how quiet he got when people on the street noticed his discolored face and pointed. (TianQi has a deformity on the left side of his face where the skin is black with hair growing out of it and he also has a lymphatic malformation on the right side of his face which affects his immune system.) Everyone at the China Care Home treats him like a normal boy but he is old enough to understand that he looks different physically. He is such a wonderful boy and I hope people will be able to see past the exterior!



Smiles from YanCun



Fiona and TianQi

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Fairfield Warde Club President Lends A Hand

Erin Clark, a junior at Fairfield Warde High School, started a China Care club at her school last year and received our Outstanding Leadership Award for her hard work and commitment to China Care. During the summer, she spent one day a week assisting us at the China Care office in Connecticut. Learn more from Erin in the interview that follows.



Erin Clark displays her award

Q: Why did you want to volunteer for CCF this summer?

Erin: As a career I am interested in doing something to help the world and this is the perfect experience to see how you guys work in the real world to do that. I also want to help in any way that I can.

Q: Did you learn anything new about CCF from your summer experience?

Erin: I learned that everything is done right here in the Connecticut office...everything from the finances to communications, that's all done here. It's cool to be where it is all happening!

Q: Your club raised nearly \$6,000 last year – how did you do that?

Erin: We did a lot of food sales! We did a bake sale during the SATs, which wasn't that successful because not many people brought money to the SATs. Then we did a bake sale at a church, which was great! Everyone was in the spiritual mood and then the priest said he would match what we raised so we ended up with \$500! Later in the year we started selling pizza to students on the way out of school. I got the idea from another club, but we did better than most of the other clubs because we got permission to do pizza sales every week when others just did it once in a while. I think it also helped that I showed the school club advisor a story and photo of the

child we were trying to help. This year we want to do a dance where the attendees come with their own ipod and dance to their own beat and we also want to do something for the Chinese New Year.

Q: What are the challenges of starting a club and fundraising?

Erin: The biggest challenge is appealing to teenagers. The club members are dedicated to the cause but others aren't, so we have to first find an activity that teenagers would like but then also draw them in to the cause.

Q: How did you feel when you got the award for Outstanding Leadership from CCF?

Erin: Oh, I was so happy! I had actually made awards for everyone in our club and my sister was making fun of me for not getting an award myself and then I did!

Q: What do you want to be when you grow up?

Erin: I really want to save the world somehow. I want to go to the Peace Corps, maybe major in psychology or the human mind. I just want to do something to show that humans are all connected.

In Other Club News...

Greenwich Academy China Care Club President Kate McCarty joined China Care's communications director on "Darby and Friends," a local radio program on AM1490 WGCH to raise awareness about China Care Foundation.



China Care Communications Director Lisa Slow, Darby Cartun and Kate McCarty

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Lily

Lily is the Associate Director at the China Care Home. She has been with China Care since 2006 and knows all the children really well – not just their personalities but all their medical conditions and histories too. She learned a lot by working closely with one of the volunteer nurse practitioners in the early years. She told me, "I don't care about how long I have to stay at work or even waking up in the middle of the night to see to a sick child. The babies are special to me." Lily works closely with Dr. Tang arranging all the surgeries and medical checkups and following up on the medical treatments they need before and after surgery. She watches each child closely to make sure they are stable and immediately consults Dr. Tang

when they need to go to the hospital. Lily told me she loves what she does because, "All the babies are so cute! I am so moved by how hard they fight with death."



China Care Associate Director Lily Lu

Annual Celebration A Success

China Care Foundation held its annual benefit celebration in Greenwich, CT, on Saturday, June 20, 2009, and raised more than \$950,000 to help provide medical care to orphaned children in China.

Despite rainy weather and an economic recession 350 special guests came out to support us in our efforts to provide critical medical care to children in China who have lost their families and who suffer from a range of health problems, from minor to life-threatening.

"I know this is a tough year for everybody," remarked China Care President and Founder Matt Dalio as he addressed the crowd, "but, despite the challenges, we are all lucky to have the things that matter: a roof above our heads, a meal on our table and, most importantly, loved ones surrounding us." Dalio reminded his guests that not everyone is that lucky. "These children need our help,



Matt Dalio addresses the crowd

no matter how big or small, even if all you can give is the \$5 in your pocket."

The audience responded by donating cash and bidding on items at the evening's silent auction. Winning bidders walked away with adventure trips to Africa and Islamorada

in the Florida Keys, tickets and field passes to see the New York Giants and cultural experiences to Broadway and Sotheby's – just to

name a few. One lucky bidder even walked away with a Gibson guitar signed by the two remaining Beatles – Paul McCartney and Ringo Starr!

Since China Care's Board of Directors underwrites all the event costs, all proceeds from the evening's festivities will go to help the children cared for by China Care.

Dalio also invited China Care's Brent Johnson on stage as well as Half the Sky's Jenny Bowen to commemorate how well the organizations are working together in our new partnership.



Lisa Vallely (center) and friends having fun



Guests check out the auction

Electronic Newsletters

In an effort to cut costs and save energy, we are aiming to produce our newsletters electronically. We'll start by offering both paper and electronic newsletters, so for those who treasure the paper newsletters, we'll keep that option as long as we can. However, we are trimming our costs in every way these days and would love to be able to communicate with you via email. **If you would like to receive our newsletter electronically, please send your email address to us at: info@chinacare.org.**

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