



# FAMILIES WITH CHILDREN FROM CHINA CHARITABLE FUND

*Ensuring brighter futures for children in China's orphanages*

## Community Update

**Fall 2006**

### Meaningful gifts from the heart

From time to time we receive letters from children who have decided to make donations to the FCC Charitable Fund, usually through creative means that draw in their friends and family. Some host lemonade stands, save their allowance or ask guests to their birthday parties to bring a donation instead of a birthday gift. Needless to say, these letters are delightful to receive, and help remind us of why we work so hard to support the children left behind in China's orphanages. Those children could easily be our children, and they need our support in order to lead healthy, fulfilling lives.

We recently received one such letter. It reads: "Hello FCCCF, my name is Louise Qingxin Gagnon. I am nine years old. At my last birthday party, my friends that were invited gave some money for FCCCF instead of giving me gifts. I had a wonderful party and I am now sending you the money. Bye bye, Louise."

To all of you who have sent in gifts this year including Louise, thank you! We are working hard to ensure that your contributions make a real difference for as many children as possible.



*Thanks Louise - happy birthday!*

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Are you looking for an end-of-term teacher gift that will last longer than an apple and gather less dust than yet another coffee mug? Or a meaningful gift for the friend or relative who already has everything?


Consider a personalized mini-certificate acknowledging a donation (minimum \$20) in their honour to FCCCF.

Simply send the names of the giver and the recipient (both printed clearly), your address and a cheque payable to FCCCF, to: FCCCF Holiday Certificates c/o Dawne Way at 23 Gradwell Drive, Toronto, ON M1M 1N1

To ensure that the certificate will reach you in time, requests must be received by December 4th (the earlier the better!). We expect that certificates will be mailed out on or before December 11th.

Any questions? Contact Dawne at [dway@rogers.com](mailto:dway@rogers.com).

**Grandma G.**



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A donation in your honour  
has been made to

the Families with Children from China Charitable Fund

by

Mary and Emma xxxxxx

FCCCF (www.fcccf.ca) is a registered Canadian charity which funds medical treatment for children living in orphanages in China.

## Smile China update

by Penny Rintoul

As this update goes to print, Dr. Joseph Wong and 17 other health care professionals are in Yencheng, Jiangsu conducting another mission for Smile China. They anticipate performing 100 cleft lip and palate repairs on this trip.

I had the pleasure of attending the first annual "Spread-A-Smile" fundraising gala on September 29th, to present FCCCF's donation of \$12,000 for this mission to Jiangsu, and was once again amazed at the importance of the work Smile China does. While we were having dinner, a wonderful sequence of photos and videos from the 2005 mission to Jiangxi played on large screens, and what stuck in my mind was the video of an 8-year-old girl whose cleft lip and cleft palate had never been repaired, the first patient Dr. Wong operated on in the 2005 mission. For the benefit of the Chinese television cameras who were recording the video for a documentary they were making on that mission, Dr. Wong asked the girl's family why the repair had not been completed sooner. The girl's father freely admitted that the delay was only because the family lacked the financial resources to pay for the surgery. Her surgery was a success, and, when Dr. Wong visited her again in July 2006, she was back in school and getting excellent grades, with the self-confidence she had probably never possessed before the surgery. Your donations to FCCCF have once again made it possible for us to contribute to Smile China's life-changing work.

## Mother Daughter Tea returns

On May 7th, 2006, FCCCF hosted the first annual Mother-Daughter Tea at the Bright Pearl restaurant. Each family attending received gifts from the Chinese consulate (a set of Chinese folk music CDs, or a set of three books on Chinese culture, history and geography) and from FCC Toronto (the ever-popular zoo sticks and fish sticks!). The families attending viewed a short video on FCCCF's work, and heard brief presentations from officials attending the event from the Chinese consulate, as well as from Dr. Joseph Wong and Cecilia Cheng of Smile China. We all then enjoyed the Bright Pearl's wonderful food, and, after lunch, Tracy Hsu taught the children to sing "Mama Hao." The event was definitely a success, and enjoyed by everyone attending. Watch for information on the second Tea, which will be held in May 2007!

## FCCCF joins Canada Helps

Donating to FCCCF is now easier than ever with three different options available. To donate online simply click the "Donate Now" button on FCCCF's website ([www.fcccf.ca](http://www.fcccf.ca)) or go to Canada Helps ([www.canadahelps.org](http://www.canadahelps.org)) and put Children China in the search box. You can also make donations through your workplace United Way campaign. Finally, the traditional method of dropping a cheque in the mail still works well. However you choose to donate, FCCCF will put your donation to work helping the children left behind. Thank you!

## Raffle, raffle, raffle

FCCCF's annual raffle will again take place at FCC Toronto's 2007 Chinese New Year celebrations. If you would like to donate a prize, please contact Catherine Bickley at [cbickley@idirect.com](mailto:cbickley@idirect.com)

## Did you know...

- FCCCF is run by a volunteer Board of Directors with no paid employees. This keeps costs very low and ensures that funds raised are used to fund projects rather than administrative costs.
- The FCCCF Board continues to investigate ways to expand our charitable giving in China. Your input is always welcome - feel free to contact us with your input throughout the year (contact information below).

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**The Families with Children from China Charitable Fund (FCCCF) is a national volunteer organization founded and run by Canadian parents of children born in China. FCCCF is dedicated to improving the lives of children growing up in Chinese orphanages, primarily through supporting medical interventions.**

For more information or to make a donation please contact us at:  
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