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

Community Update

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FCCCF expands its reach to support the medical and educational needs of children living in China's orphanages

Since its founding in 1999, FCCCF's goal has been to ensure that children still living in China's orphanages receive medical help so they can have happy, healthy futures. However, another important factor in these children's futures is education. This year, we are offering you the opportunity to support not only these children's medical needs, but their educational needs as well.

Over the past eight years, the FCCCF has funded the medical treatment of dozens of children, primarily through China's Amity Foundation, as well as Canada's Smile China missions, and we will continue to work closely with both organizations. We are currently supporting seven cleft lip or palate surgeries in the Wuxi orphanage in Jiangsu Province through our relationship with Amity, and are anticipating supporting Smile China's upcoming mission to Sichuan Province.

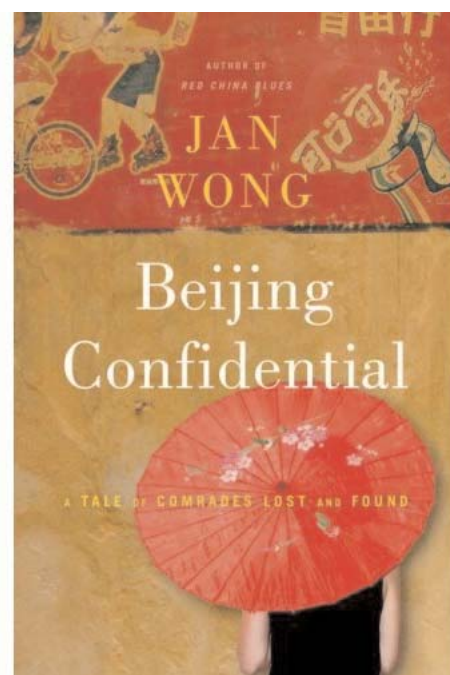
This year we have decided to expand this funding to include the educational needs of children in China's orphanages. Most orphanages are simply unable to afford the expenses associated with educating special needs children or to pay the tuitions for high schools, vocational schools, technical schools and colleges. We have therefore decided to support the educations of 27 students aged 13-22, many of whom have special medical needs such as blindness, deafness, or physical differences, and our plan (with your support) is to continue to fund these students until their educations are complete. We look forward to introducing these students to you in the next Community Update.

Jan Wong to headline at the FCCCF's Massey Dinner

Since 2003, the Charitable Fund's annual Massey Dinner has raised more money than any other single initiative, enabling us to extend our reach and fund treatment for many more children than we otherwise could. The highlight of these intimate evenings has been our amazing speakers, who have come from a variety of disciplines and perspectives to talk about China, and to engage in lively discussion with our supporters and guests.

This year we will be holding the Massey dinner on Wednesday, March 5, and we're very excited to be bringing you a dynamic speaker who's sure to draw a crowd and create a lively buzz.... Toronto's very own Jan Wong.

An award-winning journalist, Jan Wong was the Beijing correspondent for *The Globe and Mail* from 1988 to 1994. Wong has written for *The New York Times* and *The Wall Street Journal*, among others in the United States and abroad. She is the author of four books: **Lunch with Jan Wong**, **Red China Blues**, **Jan Wong's China**, and the recently-published **Beijing Confidential: A Tale of Comrades Lost and Found**. She is currently a reporter and columnist for *The Globe and Mail*. Copies of her newest book will be available at the dinner.



Meet the Board

Over the past year, the faces around the table (and on the phone) at the FCCCF's Board Meetings have changed, with several terms ending and new Directors coming on board from across Canada. Here's a quick profile of the core group that's currently working to keep the Charitable Fund vital and active:

Chair Penny Rintoul lives in Woodbridge with her husband Kirk and her two daughters, both of whom were born in China. She is a lawyer, one of three partners in a small law firm in Mississauga that focuses on providing legal services to credit unions across Ontario. She has been a member of the Board since 2003.

Past Chair Catherine Bickley retired as Chair in June 2007, but remains on the Board for another year. Catherine and her spouse Jim Gardner, are busy parenting Sarah and Elizabeth who joined their family from China in 1999 and 2001. In her spare time, Catherine works as a mediator (Human Rights Tribunal of Ontario) and adjudicator (Pay Equity Hearings Tribunal).

Vice Chair Devorah Miller lives in Toronto with her husband Ken and three daughters, aged 8, 4, and 2. She designs and produces a small children's clothing label, Red Thread Design. Devorah has extensive fundraising experience in the arts and culture sector. She has been a member of the Board since 2003.

Treasurer Marilyn Hall is the mother of two daughters, ages 11 & 8, both adopted from China. She has previously acted as Treasurer for two other non-profit Boards. For the past 20 years, she has owned and operated Cygnet Information Systems, Inc., which provides software consulting services for both private and public companies.

Secretary Dawne Way lives in Scarborough with her two daughters (both born in China) and her husband, Phil Downes. She is a litigator advocating for children and youth in the areas of youth criminal justice, child protection and adoption litigation. Dawne has done volunteer work with a variety of organizations, including FCCCF. She joined the FCCCF Board in 2007

Steve Whan lives in North Vancouver with his wife Danielle and two daughters (both born in China). He is currently "Leader, Web Services" for one of the world's leading semiconductor companies. His 20+ years in the Information Technology field include previous senior technical positions with both Telus and BC Hydro. Steve is the author and publisher of the Autumn Jade Mystery Series. Steve has been a Board member since 2004.

Diana Mager now lives in Edmonton, having spent the past 11 years as a clinical dietitian in the Division of Gastroenterology at The Hospital for Sick Children in Toronto. She is currently an Assistant Professor in Nutrition at the University of Alberta. Diana has three children, two of whom were adopted from China. She joined the FCCCF Board in 2007.

Shelley MacEachern of Stellarton, Nova Scotia, also joined the Board in 2007. She has a 4-year-old daughter adopted from China, and is currently waiting for her second. She works in the accounting field and is currently exploring her entrepreneurial side, importing clothing from China and working with Mary Kay.

Did you know...

- The annual Massey Dinner alone has raised more than \$35,000, which has funded much-needed surgeries for children. If you're interested in returning again or attending for the first time on March 5, please contact Penny Rintoul as soon as possible at rintoul@rogers.com. This is an intimate venue with limited seating and a fantastic speaker, and we anticipate this year being our most successful to date.
- FCCCF will once again be participating FCC Toronto's Chinese New Year Dinner on February 4, with its annual raffle expanding to include a silent auction! We are currently soliciting prizes - if you have something you'd like to contribute, please contact Catherine Bickley at cbickley@idirect.com. Gift certificates, event tickets and children's items are especially welcome.
- In addition to his regular surgical missions to China, Dr. Joseph Wong, founder of Smile China, is currently working with Transforming Faces Worldwide of HSC (Toronto's Hospital for Sick Children) to try to incorporate a more comprehensive educational program of training for Chinese surgeons in cleft lip and palate surgeries.

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 and education.

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