



China Foster Care Programs

Families Thru International Adoption

Summer 2007

Rain, Rain Go Away

By Natascha Moore

China has definitely seen it's share of severe weather conditions this summer. In early June, hundreds of thousands of citizens were forced from their homes due to torrential rains and floodings. Every year, China is hit by heavy storms and substantial damage is done when these seasonal rains occur, causing devastation to homes, as well as, to the economy. The orphanages were not affected by the recent flooding. As of August, more then 588,000 people have been evacuated in Hunan, as rivers continue to rise.

Countdown to Beijing Olympics

One World, One Dream

The "Dancing Beijing" emblem, depicting a Chinese seal inscribed with the character "Jing" (from the name of the host city) in the form of a dancing figure.

Host city: Beijing, China

Athletes: participating 10,500

Events: 302 in 28 sports

Opening Ceremony: August 8

Closing Ceremony: August 24

Games Officially Opened By: President Hu Jintao

Stadium: Beijing National Stadium



The 2008 Summer Olympics, officially known as the Games of the XXIX Olympiad, were awarded to Beijing, China after an exhaustive ballot of the International Olympic Committee on July 13, 2001. The games will be held from August 8, 2008 to August 24, 2008, with the opening ceremony commencing at 08:08:08 pm at the Beijing National Stadium. Some events, including football (soccer), sailing, and new 10 km marathon swimming events will be held in other cities of China. With the equestrian events being held in Hong Kong, this marks the second time the same edition of the Olympic Games has been hosted by two National Olympic Committees.



湖南 *From Hunan*



Helping Mom

The orphanage in Changsha reports of one little girl who is very active. She is always on the move, running from one room to another. She is very close to her foster parents and likes to imitate what they do.

She notices that as soon as her parents come home, they will change into their slippers and robe and give her a big hug and kiss. Once, when her foster mother came home from the store, the little girl handed over a pair of slippers for her mother to wear. Her mom was so proud of her and said, "You have become a big girl!"

If her parents ever forget something she is there to remind them. She loves helping and is always there to assist. She is definitely mother's little helper!





湛江

From Zhanjiang

Words a mother longs to hear



Zhan Wei Lei is a happy little girl. She is close to her foster sister and loves playing with her. She gets so excited every time she sees her sister and instantly wants to play with her. While Zhan Wei Le is very fond of her sister and often calls her “Jie Jie” (big sister) she had never called her foster mother “mom”. One day when Zhan Wei Lee’s mother was cooking, she suddenly said “mom” twice! Her mom was very surprised and cried with joy upon hearing her say “mom,” as this was the first time Zhan Wei Le had spoken this word!





From Hengshan



*Miss
Congeniality*

Fan Xiao Zhi's foster home is located on a busy downtown street. One of her favorite pastimes is standing by her window and watching the people pass by on the busy street. When a neighbor waves to her, she gleefully waves back with a happy smile on her face. Sometimes, she makes noises to attract attention. Once she has your attention, she will dance with joy as well as blow little kisses your way!

She is a great kid with a big heart. Once, while she was having a routine checkup at the institute a child was crying. She instantly went to the child and touched her gently as though to comfort her. Fan Xiao Zhi is a very social little girl!

Continuing Needs

Hunan

The total donations received in 2007 total \$11,444, thus far. We are significantly below our needed donation goal. In 2006, the total expenses were \$37,661. As you can see, many more donations are needed to care for our children in foster care.

Zhanjiang

Total monies donated for 2007 are \$200. The total costs for this program are significantly lower, but still over \$5,000. We are still expanding this program, and are still hoping to have all costs for caring covered by donations.

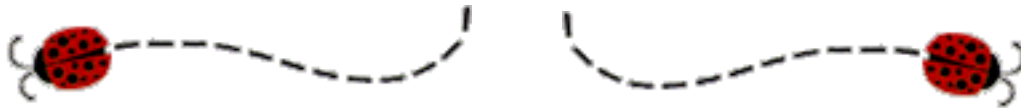
Hengshan

As this program develops, we look forward to bringing you more information on the children fostered through this program, as well as, donations and costs of the program. Like our other two foster care programs, FTIA will cover all administrative costs of the Hengshan Program.

Please remember that monies donated to the China Foster Care Programs are completely separate from other adoption related expenses. Please also note that 100% of all monies donated to foster care go directly to the care of the children as FTIA covers all administrative costs for the program.



In each issue of the China Foster Care Programs newsletter, we would like to share stories and pictures of children who have been adopted and were in our programs. If you have adopted a child who was fostered in either of our programs, please feel free to send us stories about your adoption experience or about how your child is doing now that they are home. We will try to feature 2-3 stories and pictures in each newsletter. The *From Hunan to Home* section is really a sharing place for families! In future issues, we hope to also have stories about children from Zhanjiang.



Contact Information

FTIA has been keeping track of the contact information for all families who adopted a child through our Foster Care Program. If you have moved since you requested the photos of your child, or if you've added an email address or changed your email, please let me know and I will update your file. Once in awhile I will get in contact with families to ask for stories or photos, or just to let you know the new newsletter is up. I would like to keep in contact with as many of you as possible. Please send me an email to let me know of changes, or if you just want to check that the information we have is current, you can email me too. My email address is mhaywood@ftia.org. Thank you!



Donate Online!

FTIA can now accept online donations thru Pay Pal for our China Foster Care Programs! Please go to <http://www.ftia.org/FosterCareDonationButton.asp> and click on the “Donate” button. You will be paying by credit card through PayPal. You do not have to have a PayPal account to use this option. After clicking the Donate button, click the ‘continue’ option next to the credit card icons. Do not worry about logging in unless you already have a PayPal account. On the next screen you will see FTIA’s Logo at the top and China Foster Care as the program you are donating to. Enter the amount you wish to donate and then click to continue. Complete the requested information on your name and credit card. If you are designating a specific program or giving your donation in memory of someone, you may enter that information by clicking on ‘In Memory of’ on the final payment page.

Fun Funding

A Quilt of Wishes - Teresa Werner, an adoptive parent, has written a beautiful tale about adoption. Her book is called *A Quilt of Wishes*. A portion of the proceeds from her book sales will benefit the FTIA Hunan Foster Program. You can learn more about the book and order it from the website www.aquiltofwishes.com. I want to thank Teresa for such a wonderful story and helping out the foster program!



Archer’s Archives turns your adoption photos into beautiful DVD movies with music. 20% of profits from the DVD projects will be donated to the FTIA China Foster Care Programs. Please visit the *Archer’s Archives* website www.archersarchives.com for more information.



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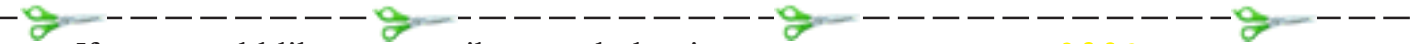
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If you would like more information on the FTIA China Foster Care Programs, or would like to check to see if your child was fostered through one of the programs, please contact Melissa Haywood by calling 888-797-9900 or emailing mhaywood@ftia.org



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If you would like to contribute to help give a child a better start in life, you may do so by completing the form below and mailing in a check or money order to the address above. It does not take much to help out. A donation of \$50 will provide food, clothing, and other necessities for a child for one month. A donation of \$350 can provide food for a child for an entire year! We appreciate your support!



FTIA China Foster Care Programs

Name _____

Address _____

Telephone # _____

Email _____

Amount of Donation \$ _____

One Time Gift

Monthly Gift

(Please check one)

Please let us know which program you would like to give to:

Hunan Foster Care

Zhanjiang Foster Care