



Hunan Foster Care Program

Families Thru International Adoption

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Children's Day Celebration

June 1 was Children's Day in China. This is a holiday for all children under age 14. There are many celebrations and events on this day. Theaters will show a special movie. In the kindergarten school, the children will get together and put on a play. The amusement parks will also hold a special event. Bookstores and department stores have many sales. Parents will work only a half day to attend the events with their children.

All of the children love this holiday because they receive many gifts and are able to attend wonderful events in their honor.

The children in Families Thru International Adoption's Hunan Foster Care Program enjoyed celebrations on this day, as well. Below is a photo from this event. There are more photos on pages 4 and 5 of this newsletter.





From Hunan

The Future Actress

Cao Yue Xuan is a cute, little angel. She is full of facial expressions. She likes singing and dancing. Her dream is to be a famous actress.

Every morning, all the children in the foster care program who live in the same community will meet together to sing and dance. It gives Cao Yue Xuan a good opportunity to bring out the best in her. She is not shy in front of the audience. She always performs well. She has a lot of fans in the community. After the performance in the morning, she will rehearse at home to prepare for the next day's performance. She looks in the mirror to sing and create new dances. When guests visit, she is always very happy to perform to them.

Everyone loves her cute expressions. She brings a lot of joy to everyone.





From Hunan Continued

The Bike Ride



Cao Mi is a very handsome boy. He is outgoing and active and sometimes a little bit naughty. He likes playing with other children. One day when he saw his best friend Cao Hao riding a bike, he wanted them to play together. But his friend didn't want to share the bike with him. So Cao Mi convinced Cao Hao to allow him to ride on the back of the bike. He kept trying to squeeze forward while his friend tried to push back. At last, Cao Mi won. When he got the bike, he looked at his friend happily, and seemed to say "See, I did get the bike."





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Continuing Needs

Changsha Foster Care Program

Right now, there are 38 children in our Changsha Program. The number of children adopted from February to July 2009 is 9. Seven of them were adopted domestically. One child was adopted to the US and one to Canada. There will also be 3 children adopted within in the next week.

In 2009, we have received over \$3,000 in donations for our Hunan Foster Care Program. We want to remind you that 100% of these monies will go to China to provide direct aid to children in our China Foster Care Programs. Every donation helps to make a difference for these children! We work hard to ensure the children receive the benefit of your kindness. Every dollar of a contribution will be used to pay for foster care and nutritious formula for the children. FTIA continues to pay all administrative expenses associated with the maintenance of our Foster Care Programs.

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