A ROARING YEAR OF THE TIGER

by Maxwell Meyer

A s yet another year comes and goes, we at Harvard China Care are extremely proud of the many milestones achieved during the past twelve months and are positioned better than ever to grow our organization in new and exciting ways.

A LANDMARK YEAR

Since this time last year, our executive board—with the help of our many generous volunteers and supporters—has worked tirelessly to maximize our impact both stateside and abroad. This year, we broadened our scope in exciting ways including record participation in our summer internship program, an unprecedented spring speaker lineup featuring renowned mental health experts, the launch of several new fundraising initiatives, as well as the creation of an alumni advisory and fundraising board. More families than ever are involved with our dumplings and mentoring programs, and we are always deepening our ties to other China Care clubs across the nation. Even in the midst of an extremely challenging economic climate, our contributors have supported our mission with unprecedented generosity and vigor, allowing us to continue our support of the TCCP Special Care Unit in Beijing, as well as grow the scope and impact of every one of our programs here in Cambridge.

LITTLE BROTHERS AND SISTERS

Started in 2003, our HCC Dumpling’s Playgroup has grown from a handful of participants and volunteers to become one of HCC’s flagship programs. Continued on Page 2

HCC SPONSORS GUANG

by Nan Du

T he continued sponsorship of individual children in need of crucial and special medical procedures is one of Harvard China Care’s greatest joys. The money raised funds their medical care not only during the surgery, but also after the surgery, as they are nursed back to health. HCC is delighted to announce that the proceeds from this winter’s campus-wide fundraising projects were used to fund the surgery for a boy named Guang.

Guang is a seven-year old boy

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The Dumplings program was created as a venue for adopted children and their families to play, socialize, and learn about Chinese culture. Since its inception, we’ve hosted nearly sixty playgroups with around thirty children and volunteers per session. For the older children, we have the HCC Xiongdì Jiemei Mentoring program, which pairs participants with an older brother or sister figure from the Harvard undergraduate community. The mentors establish deep and lasting relationships with their mentees, and mentors often cite this program as one of their most cherished aspects at Harvard. Indeed, we’ve worked hard to make mentor/mentee relationships as enriching as possible for everyone involved. This year’s themes for the Dumplings and Mentoring events ranged from traditional Chinese Yo-Yo and opera to C-Pop and modern Chinese cultural trends.

We look forward to adding even more mentor/mentee pairs in the fall, and expanding the number of volunteers and participants in both programs.

A SUMMER OF SERVICE

Last summer, HCC dispatched eleven interns to volunteer at four institutions throughout China. Interns spent five to eight weeks at the Luoyang Social Welfare Institute, Bethel Orphanage, Jiaozuo Social Welfare Institute or the physical therapy-focused program at the BoAi Children’s Rehabilitation Centre. Though each institution offers a vastly different volunteer experience, the interns all returned united by a shared sense of purpose and accomplishment, most of them choosing to become involved in our domestic programs. This year, we received a record number of thirty applicants, of whom we look forward to sending around thirteen abroad.

SPREADING AWARENESS

Begun in 2006, our Medical Committee has a twofold mission: one, to obtain donations of medical supplies to send to orphanages, and two, to raise awareness here on campus about orphan related health issues. In late October, the Medical Committee hosted the American Academy of Pediatrics’ Section on Adoption and Foster Care Chairperson Dr. Lisa Albers Prock who discussed the effects of abuse, neglect, and adoption on children’s learning and behaviors. Most recently, we hosted our first ever speaker panel entitled “Is Love Enough,” featuring an expert panel of renowned neuroscientists, educators, and child advocacy leaders. The panel discussed how advances in neuroscience are paired with dynamic educational applications to help heal the hearts and minds of thousands of orphaned and adopted children.

HCC is grateful to the parents, donors and volunteers without whom the success of the 2010 year would not have been possible!
DUMPLINGS’ BUSY WINTER
by Annie Qin and Dora Tao

This past Spring semester has been a busy but eventful one for Dumplings participants, volunteers, and families! We can’t believe the semester is almost over, but looking back at all we’ve done, it has definitely been a pleasure to watch the children make new friends and learn about Chinese culture.

To kick-off the first playgroup of the semester, we had a Chinese New Year celebration to welcome the Year of the Rabbit. Not only did we learn about the holiday through beautifully illustrated picture book stories, but we also made “Fu” decorations and bunny ears. Watching the children proudly wear their bunny ears as they engaged in various activities definitely put a smile on the faces of us Dumpling volunteers.

In honor of the Shanghai Expo in China this past summer, the theme of the next playgroup was by Annie Qin and Dora Tao (Top to Bottom) Eden and Natalie celebrate the Year of the Rabbit; Dimitri ’14 puts on a special Chinese Yo-Yo performance for the Dumplings playgroup. Our next Dumplings playgroup was just as engaging and action-packed. We were fortunate enough to have a special guest performance by Dmitri Ilushin ’14, who impressed us all with his Chinese yo-yo skills. Dmitri even brought some extra yo-yo’s so that the children could also play with the yo-yo’s if interested. During this playgroup, we also played the Chinese handkerchief game and

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FROM THE TRADITIONAL TO THE MODERN
by Karen Xiao

The mentoring program kicked off another great semester in February with a celebration of Chinese New Year. New coordinators Caleb Yeung and Karen Xiao led mentors and mentees in a hilarious animal game, where mentees learned about the Chinese zodiac and met other people who had the same zodiac animal. Following Chinese traditions, we also made red envelopes, but instead of putting money in them, we wrote notes to our mentors or mentees, wishing them a good New Year.

The theme of our second event was Chinese Pop Music. We jammed out to the music videos of Jay Chou, Jolin Tsai, S.H.E., Fahrheit and other Chinese pop stars. Joining contemporary Chinese pop music and traditional Chinese music, we had a special performance by the Chinese Music Ensemble. They played an arrangement of a Jay Chou song using traditional instruments, Er-hu and Dizi. Everyone also got to go home with a CD of Chinese pop songs to listen to whenever they wanted!

We’re excited to have more fun times with our mentors and mentees planned. Stay tuned for more information about our family Dim Sum outing to Chinatown in May! We hope everyone will be able to join us!
**Fundraiser Success**
*by Kai Fei*

Due to the hard work and dedication of the HCC board and all of our wonderful volunteers, the Harvard China Care Calendar fundraiser was once again able to raise enough money to fund another surgery for a deserving orphan in China.

The calendars were designed with the intent of celebrating the Chinese New Year and helping a great cause at the same time. Each page of the 2011 calendar featured an animal of the Chinese Zodiac, with 12 zodiacs for the 12 months of the year. Every picture was hand-drawn by the wonderful mentees of our HCC’s Mentoring program and compiled by the HCC Board. Below each picture is the calendar itself, written in Chinese and English and featuring important American and Chinese holidays.

After the design process, several board members got together and worked late into the night printing and assembling the calendar. All this work culminated at CSA’s annual Chinese New Year’s Dinner, where volunteers and board members came together to celebrate the Chinese New Year and kick off the fundraiser.

After all that effort, we were able to raise enough money to fund a cleft lip surgery and spread the word about China Care’s mission throughout the Harvard community. Thank you all for your continued support.

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**HCC Sponsors Guang**

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who is afflicted with club feet and spina bifida. Both of his feet are turned inward and downward and needed to be corrected in order for him to walk properly. His feet will first be gently adjusted to the correct position by casting before he undergoes a tenotomy surgery to repair the tendons in his legs. Following this procedure, he will utilize a brace for support. Harvard China Care has raised over $1200 thus far to fully fund the costs needed for the given surgery.

HCC is happy to contribute to such a worth-while cause. With your support, we will truly make a difference by providing Guang with the opportunity to live a strong and healthy life.

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**Year in Numbers**

**Revenue**
- 2010 Benefit Dinner: 17,760
- 2010 Silent Auction: 3000
- 2010 Family Carnival: 998
- Calendar Fundraiser: 531
- Other Fundraisers: 580
- Grants: 1248

**Expenditures**
- TCCP: 21,000
- Surgery Sponsorship: 2000
- Domestic Programs: 1206
- Mentoring, Dumplings, Medical, Internship: 6782
- Fundraising: 6782

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**Dumplings’ busy Winter**

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made paper Chinese yo-yo’s. Last but not least, at our most recent playgroup, we learned about Chinese Opera by watching relevant Youtube videos and playing freeze dance and musical chairs with Opera music. It was so great to see the kids wear the opera masks they made during the opening craft as they participated in these activities.

In order to make it easier for parents to get in contact with each other for purposes such as setting up and requesting information about Chinese classes, we started a new Dumplings Directory. We’re also happy to announce that we’ve noticed a significant increase in the number of participants we have at each event, with the average being about twenty children at each playgroup now! Overall, it’s been a great semester and we can’t wait for the remaining Dumpling playgroups this spring!
Dear Friends of Harvard China Care,

Harvard China Care is once again in the midst of a new year, with a new executive board, innovative ideas, and incredible potential. Beginning a new year is like turning over to a fresh blank page—exciting, limitless, and full of possibilities—and I can’t wait to see what the future has in store for Harvard China Care. The history of HCC (which, technically, I suppose I am a part of now!) contains already many chapters filled with fond memories, dedication, and heartwarming stories, and as an organization HCC is all the richer for these.

Over the years, Harvard China Care has fundraised over $230,000, sent over fifty interns abroad, coordinated numerous medical committee speaker series, and overseen countless Dumplings and Mentoring events. In 2010, we began new initiatives such as increasing our online presence with a new website, teaming up with Dumplings and Mentoring children in a calendar fundraiser, expanding the scope of our internship program to include Jiaozuo Children’s Welfare Institute, building relations with a record number of businesses and restaurants for our annual Benefit Dinner, and finally, taking initial steps towards establishing an HCC alumni board.

All of this could not have been done without HCC’s executive board. Every year, I am inspired by all the talented, hard-working, and compassionate people who are a part of Harvard China Care. I have learned so much from every single person. Working together with you all has been one of the most rewarding parts of my college career.

Several weeks ago at Dumplings playgroup, I suddenly realized how much time has passed—it has been now four years since I first entered the basement of 11 Garden Street, and over a year since I was last co-coordinator of the playgroup. There, I saw an overwhelming number of new faces, and many of the familiar faces I did see had gotten so much older, or were no longer there, having graduated on to the Mentoring program. These children that I have taught, played, and laughed with, and who have become very dear to me, are growing up so fast, just as HCC itself is growing and changing. Since 2003, HCC has made an incredible impact, both at home and abroad, and the organization will no doubt continue to grow and expand under its new executive board. After all, there is so much that HCC has still to do! As time rushes forward, Harvard China Care’s mission—a mission that connects and affects so many people—will certainly stay with all of us, regardless of where we go and what we become.

I want to sincerely thank HCC executive board, members, and supporters. Without you, truly, none of this would be possible.

All the best,

Dianne Xiao
2010 President