Another year has come and gone, and at the start of a new decade, Harvard China Care is poised to build upon its successes from the past year.

**Little Brothers and Sisters**

HCC’s Dumplings Playgroup program, begun in 2003, was created as a way for adopted children and their families to play, socialize, and learn about Chinese culture in a safe and friendly environment. Since then, HCC has had over 50 playgroups. HCC’s Xiongdi Jiemei mentoring program, begun two years later, was an extension of the playgroups for older children, with a focus on individualized attention. Both programs are still going strong! This past year, Dumplings themes ranged from Inner Mongolian culture to Sichuan opera and mask-changing. Mentoring, with a record number of mentor-mentee pairs, has had an exciting year with creative activities ranging from silk-screening to Chinese chess and board games.

**A Summer of Service**

Last year, HCC sent eight interns to three orphanages in China: Luoyang Children’s Home, Bethel Foster Home, and Changsha Orphanage (in a joint program with the Hong Kong Polytechnic University). Some interns worked administratively, others learned occupational therapy, and still others played, mentored, and taught. Interns came back with loving memories of the children they had met, and wrote about a summer filled with personal growth. Most of all, they returned with a sense of accomplishment and purpose, and a belief in their own abilities to make a difference.

**Spreading Awareness**

In April, our medical committee, along with several other Harvard student organizations, invited Dr. Howard Koh, associate dean of the Harvard School of Public Health, to give a talk about American public health policy. The event was attended by over seventy students, and advanced our goal of spreading campus awareness concerning health disparities as well as Asian American health issues. Medical committee also created a health poster at the 2009 Fall Benefit.

_HCC Sponsors Ziming_

One of the greatest joys in Harvard China Care’s work comes in the form of sponsoring individual children in need of specific and crucial medical procedures. By providing them with the necessary funds for this medical care, Harvard China Care plays a key role in nurturing these children back to health. HCC is proud to announce that the proceeds from the 2009 campus-wide fundraising projects were donated to a little boy named Ziming.

As a prematurely born baby, Ziming has suffered from several birth defects that required him to undergo extreme, lifesaving medical treatments to ensure his health thus far. To date, he has received surgery for his heart complications as well as a disorder known as anal atresia. Most

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and Silent Auction. They also gathered, from previous summer interns, information on common medical conditions in orphanages. The information was compiled into a single handbook, which will be used in future years to educate interns prior to their trips.

FUNDRAISING

The 2009 fundraising year kicked off with our 2nd Annual Children’s Day Carnival, held in the Penthouse floor of the Student Organization Center at Hilles (SOCH). Children and parents were greeted by the sight of smiling faces, red crepe paper, decorated booths, and a large “Pin-the-Tail on the Oxen” poster. In no time at all, faces were painted, arms tattooed, nails done, origami flowers and Chinese shuttlecocks made, and beautiful Chinese brush paintings created. In between running from booth to booth, families ate and watched a variety of performances, ranging from the Din and Tonics (a famous Harvard a capella group) and the Asian American Dance Troupe, to the MIT Yo-yo team and storyteller Li Min Mo. The fun-filled afternoon provided the entire HCC community a chance to get together not only to play, but also to serve—the event raised over $1500 to support HCC’s programs.

In addition to Carnival and Benefit, our fundraising team also organized our annual Halloween Trick-or-Treat fundraiser and spearheaded fundraisers at Barefoot Books (a children’s book store) and Boston’s Prudential Center during the holiday season. These two fundraisers closed off another successful year of fundraising. Combined with the benefit dinner, HCC raised a total of over $33,000 this year. Since its founding in 2003, HCC has raised a total of over $240,000!

The money raised this year will help fund the hernia surgery of Ziming, an orphaned baby boy, as well as the start up and one year operational costs of the Special Care Unit in The China Care Program (TCCP) in Beijing. TCCP will provide professional, round-the-clock care for sick infants before and after their surgeries. In the summer of 2009, current HCC president Dianne Xiao visited TCCP and was impressed by the individualized attention each child received as well as the warm and nurturing environment. We are very excited about this new project, and anticipate many heartwarming success stories about the infants who pass through the unit!

Finally, thank you to all our volunteers, parents, families, and donors for all you have done this past year. Without everyone’s hard work and participation, HCC would not have accomplished all it has in the past year. We look forward to the impact we can make in the Year of the Tiger!
Dumplings Roars in the New Year

by Eden Liu

It is hard to believe that it has already been a year since celebrating the Year of the Ox at Dumplings! From making paper mooncakes (and then eating some delicious ones later) to learning wushu, 2009 was an educational, fun-filled, and overall a successful year for the Dumplings playgroup. Not only did these enthusiastic children learn a lot about various aspects of Chinese culture, but they were also able to make a lot of friends with fellow Dumplings participants.

The year of the Tiger started with a bang! Many of the children were dressed in red or in traditional Chinese clothes just for the holiday. For the opening activity, the children colored tigers and dragons to get themselves in the New Year mood. Then, a volunteer, Janet Su Gao, taught the audience how to sing and dance to two popular children’s songs: “Two Tigers,” a song about two peculiar tigers who have no eyes nor tails, and “Looking for a Friend,” a song about friendship and teamwork. The adoptees had a lot of fun pretending to have no tail and saluting partners.

Afterwards, the volunteers put on a presentation about Chinese New Year. The skit was about the legend of the Chinese monster, Nian, who visits at the beginning of every new year. The only things Nian is afraid of are the color red and loud noise. The children effectively “defeated” Nian (played by Dumplings Co-coordinator Chris Sun ’12) with bright red clothes and loud clapping and stomping. Not only did they have a lot of fun chasing Chris around the basement, but the children also learned the story behind firecrackers and the color red on the Lunar New Year.

To end the day, the children made their own monster-frightening firecrackers and paraded around the room to Chinese New Year music. It was the perfect start to what will be another wonderful year of Dumplings.

Mentees Learn about the Zodiac

by Robyn Thom

Winter has been a season of celebration for the Mentoring program. The Mentoring program wrapped up the year of 2009 with a session devoted to the celebration of the Winter Solstice (Dongzhi) Festival. The children learned about this traditional Chinese festival and then made sesame brittle, a tasty snack that is commonly eaten during the Dongzhi Festival. Many of the children proved to be better cooks than their mentors, and all succeeded in making themselves a sweet afternoon snack. Both their hands and mouths emerged rather sticky, but the treat was well worth the mess.

At the most recent Mentoring event, we celebrated Chinese New Year together. The session started with one of the Mentoring group’s classic games: the human knot. Mentors and mentees alike formed two big circles, grabbed hands with people from across the circle, and then worked cooperatively to untie the human knot of hands. After this, we all introduced ourselves and told each other our Chinese zodiac animal. We then learned about Chinese New Year traditions and performed several folktales that are typically told around the new year. The first story selection, in honor of the Year of the Tiger, was entitled “The Nodding Tiger,” and the second selection was a Chinese rendition of the Brothers Grimm “Snow White.” Mentors and mentees enjoyed taking turns reading from different character parts of the script.

Finally, we handed out white paper and brightly colored crayons, and the children set to work drawing their favorite zodiac animals. We were impressed by how the children proved to be very talented artists. Collectively, the children created a beautiful set of all twelve zodiac animals, ranging from elegant pencil sketches to hysterical polka-dotted animals to cute cartoon renditions. These drawings were compiled to create a Harvard China Care Lunar New Year calendar. We are currently selling the calendar as one of our China Care fundraising efforts for the year 2010.

We’ve had a great winter season of learning, friendship, and fun at Mentoring. We look forward to more fun events in the spring!
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recently, Ziming is in need of an operation to correct an inguinal hernia. This painful disorder results when tissue from his intestine extends outward and pushes upon his abdomen. In order to fund his surgery and post-surgery care, HCC contributed $750.

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

WINTER FUNDRAISERS

This past year, Harvard China Care has been very fortunate to have the support of several businesses in the greater Boston area. Two highlights of this past winter’s fundraising efforts involved partnering with the Prudential Shopping Center in Boston as well as Barefoot Books in Porter Square in order to raise funds for Ziming’s hernia surgery.

The Prudential Shopping Center in Boston provided Harvard China Care with $5 coupons to sell that would allow coupon-holders to receive discounts of up to 20% at almost all the restaurants and shops at the shopping center. The $5 profits made on each coupon went directly to Harvard China Care. Lauren Dai, who walked around her dorm promoting HCC’s mission and selling the coupons, said, “Selling the Prudential coupons was a great experience! I learned just how generous people can be.” Thanks to the generosity of the members of the Harvard and Boston community, HCC was able to sell nearly all the coupons the Prudential Center provided.

Barefoot Books, a bookstore located in Porter Square that publishes and sells its own children’s books, also reached out to Harvard China Care about a fundraising opportunity. They agreed to donate 25% of their total sales on the afternoon of December 12th to HCC. The week leading up to the event, HCC members publicized the fundraiser to Dumplings and Mentoring families, as well as to the Harvard community. Bright-eyed and cheerful HCC board members then spent the afternoon of December 12th in the cozy bookstore, handing out pamphlets to customers and describing the club’s various projects and goals. Luckily, that afternoon was extremely chilly, and the inviting interior of the warm bookstore lured many customers in from the cold outdoors!

By working with local businesses such as Barefoot Books and larger shopping centers such as the Prudential Center, Harvard China Care was able to work towards its goal of improving the lives of orphans in China. In total, these two fundraisers raised over $100. With this money, combined with the Halloween fundraiser and other fundraising projects from the past year, Harvard China Care was able to fund Ziming’s hernia surgery.

2009 END-OF-THE-YEAR NUMBERS

Revenue
Benefit Dinner and Silent Auction $29,777
Family Carnival $1,626
Other Fundraisers $856
Grants $935

Expenditure
Baoji Children’s Home $40,000
Surgery Sponsorship $750
Domestic Programs $6401
Dumplings $453
Mentoring $398
Medical $30

BUY A CALENDAR FOR A CAUSE!

Purchase a HCC Lunar New Year calendar for only five dollars! Pictures were handrawn by our mentees and the money raised will go towards the cleft lip and palate surgery of a six-month-old boy, Li.

Contact us at care@hcs.harvard.edu or order online at http://www.hcs.harvard.edu/~care/content/hcc-calendars
Dear Friends of HCC,

It seems like only last week that HCC was about to embark on its journey through 2009. This organization has come so far since its founding seven years ago, and every individual contributing to our mission is continually inspired to touch lives of orphans in need. This past year was filled with many new opportunities, continued programs and projects, and an incredible team of volunteers and members who have made each step of the way collaborative, worthwhile, and fruitful.

The HCC programs that have become the foundation of our efforts, both domestic and abroad, have been fundamental in creating tangible impacts both on children in China as well as children in the New England area. Those that we work with hands on—Dumplings Playgroup and Mentoring Program participants, fundraising volunteers, interns and the orphans they support in their unique summer experiences, members of the Harvard community interested in medical issues, HCC family supporters and donors—form the network at the core of HCC’s mission. In all of our efforts, we are trying to touch lives, one child at a time.

One of the highlights of this year was the newly established partnership between China Care Foundation and Half the Sky, which opened doors of new sponsorship opportunities in The China Care Program at Half the Sky in Beijing. After witnessing the milestones of the Baoji Children’s Home which opened in November of 2007, HCC channeled efforts this year to prepare for the sponsorship of a new special care nursery unit at The China Care Program at Half the Sky. In this facility, we will be able to ensure the intensive medical care of orphans in need of specialized medical care. We look forward to seeing the developments and positive outcomes of this exciting endeavor in this coming year!

The funds raised in 2009—over $33,000—only reveal the surface of the passionate work put into making an impact on the lives of China’s special needs orphans. For this success, I have to thank the 2009 Executive Board that has never failed to impress and motivate me to help HCC go above and beyond to make an impact. None of what we accomplished this year could have been done without their strength and hard work each and every step of the way.

Thank you for your continued support throughout the years. It makes our work in HCC most worthwhile, and we hope to continue to share with you news of our success over the years. 2010 surely has a lot in store!

With love and gratitude,

Jessica Wen

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