

# *Families with Children from China National Appeal*

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## *Keeping our promise. . . to the children who call the orphanage home*

Dear Friends,

The orphanages that dot the landscape of China are home to thousands of children. . . children that adoptive families know very well—we see their faces. . . we know their cries. . . the cries of children who long to be held.

Over the last decade, adoption has transformed so many lives in and out of China—yet the haunting reality remains that international adoption has barely made a dent in the population of the orphanages. For every child we bring home, hundreds more remain. . . suffering with serious (and treatable) medical conditions. . . never going to school. . . never learning what family means.

In the joy of our adoptions, we promised never to forget these children who share so much history with our own. Families with Children from China (FCC) is doing everything possible to keep that promise. Through the generous financial support of adoptive families around the world (as well as their relatives, friends and employers), FCC has built a unique set of pioneering programs that are making a difference—often a very big difference—in the lives of thousands of children who call the orphanages home:

- **Grandmas**—FCC supplements orphanage staff with women from nearby communities who spend thousands of hours in the orphanages holding the children, playing with them and providing physical therapy.
- **Foster Care**—Hundreds of children have moved out of the orphanages and now live with families through foster care programs funded by FCC.
- **Nursing Teams**—FCC funds nursing teams trained to work with the most vulnerable children and those with special needs.
- **Education**—Hundreds of children are able to attend community schools, their tuitions paid for by FCC.
- **Medical Care**—Children are alive and well because of critical, life-saving surgeries paid for by FCC.
- **Making Orphanages Better Places**—FCC has provided the funds to improve conditions inside countless orphanages—building libraries and playgrounds, installing washers and dryers, heaters, incubators, and air conditioners, providing developmental toys, and much more.



*Seven-year old Tong Ri in Tong Ling with his foster mother*



*Four-year old Tong Jiao lives in the Nantong orphanage*

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Your financial support makes all of this possible—FCC funds these programs year after year entirely through donations. We send every dollar we raise to China—no portion of any contribution goes to fundraising or other costs.

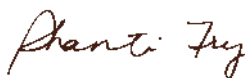
By working closely with institutions in China who care as deeply about orphanage children as we do, FCC is able to reach orphanages in some of the remotest areas—directly benefiting children, and providing an enormous emotional lift to hard-pressed administrators and caregivers. In letters and messages to FCC, they tell us how much it means to them that adoptive families—often years after their adoption—continue to provide the financial support that enables children in the orphanages to have a better life.

Because our programs are so well established, FCC now receives far more requests for assistance than we have the funds to accomplish. We need your help in order to meet these requests. Every contribution FCC receives means more children will receive surgeries. . . more children will attend school. . . more children will benefit from foster care. . . more orphanages will be improved.

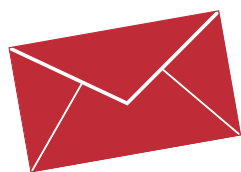
Please take a moment and use the enclosed red envelope. Take a moment to make a difference to children across China who still call the orphanage home.



David Youtz  
President,  
FCC-Greater New York



Shanti Fry  
President,  
FCC-New England



## About the Red Envelope

During this holiday season, FCCs representing thousands of adoptive families are distributing red envelopes in the Chinese tradition of *bong bao*, in which lucky money, signifying good fortune, is given to children in red envelopes. Please use your red envelope to share our good fortune as adoptive families with the children who still wait.

AND REMEMBER . . .

- 100% of your contribution goes to the projects FCC sponsors in China.
- No portion of your contribution is used for fundraising, travel or other costs of the FCC chapters.
- Check with your employer about a matching gift program.

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