



# CCPF

CHILDREN OF CHINA PEDIATRICS FOUNDATION

*Transforming Lives through Medical Missions*



## GALA TO HONOR John Schullinger, MD

Help honor CCPF's first medical director, Dr. John Schullinger. Join a lively evening of performances, dinner and stories of extraordinary care. Thursday, March 9 at the Low Library on Columbia University's campus in New York City. For details, visit "Upcoming Events" at [www.china-pediatrics.org](http://www.china-pediatrics.org).



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Each medical mission sends a team of fifteen medical professionals to China. Joining forces with surgeons and nurses from China's orphanages, our medical missions transform the lives of these children with disabling conditions.

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\$2500 allows one child to receive complex surgery in the U.S.

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## DREAMS Come True



*Zhou Duo Duo is scheduled for surgery in the U.S. and to start her new life with her adopted family*



*David P. Roye, Jr., MD examining Duo Duo in 2003*

We met Zhou Duo Duo when she was three years old during our 2003 mission to the Zhejiang province. Duo Duo touched the heart of every team member who met her; we each fell in love with her the minute we saw her. This winter a dream will come true for Duo Duo. She will be coming

to the U.S. to be adopted by Dorothy and Mark Conguista and their family. She will be operated on at the Morgan Stanley Children's Hospital of New York - Presbyterian shortly after her arrival. Her condition, a cervicothoracic myelomeningocele, is a congenital condition that results in the formation of a mass on the child's back containing part of the spinal chord and nerves. Children with this

condition often have other disabling complications and many die from infection. The condition is operable, but very complex, requiring a skilled neurosurgeon and a sophisticated pediatric ICU. CCPF and Dr. Neil Feldstein arranged for her transportation and care in the U.S. after determining that the procedure could not be performed during our mission. We expect Duo Duo to make a full recovery.

## SPRING 2005 MEDICAL MISSION To Jiangsu Province



*Over 50 children received CCPF medical care - our largest mission yet*

*Correcting club feet were among the many procedures performed*



Over 50 children received life-changing care during the 2005 ten-day medical mission to the city of Nanjing in Jiangsu province. Some of the children traveled three days from their orphanages in neighboring provinces of Anhui, Hubei, Jianxi and Shaanxi. Many arrived with no medical history - all came with hope. FCC of New England provided \$30,000 to help make this mission our largest yet.

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Yae Dan Dan, a 14-year-old girl, received orthopedic surgery to restore some motion to her left arm. Song Dian Yong, a three-year-old girl, received hand surgery to separate her fingers that were fused together. Wang Xu Wen, a four-year-old boy was one of four children to receive treatments for club feet.

The all-volunteer, 27-member team included four anesthesiologists, six surgeons representing the specialties of orthopedics, plastic surgery and urology, eight registered nurses, an intensivist, a pediatrician, a dentist and enough staff to run four operating rooms and a full recovery room for seven days. This was CCPF's second trip to Zhong Da hospital. Many of the Chinese surgeons, doctors and nurses anticipated our return. The team was inundated with requests for lectures, including at medical universities outside the hospital. Team members were also sought out for patient consults and hospital floor rounds.



Dr. Lena Sun listens to babies' hearts, making sure they are strong enough to undergo surgery



Children arrived from four different provinces

allow her to attend school. We knew that this gift didn't make up for the lack of surgical options, but it will significantly improve the quality of her life.

Information was provided on pain management, infection, sterilization. We even spent time on the maternity floor.

CCPF relies on the Chinese Ministry of Civil Affairs to identify children who could benefit from the types of surgeries available. Unfortunately there are children whose treatment may be too complicated to complete in the short visit, or whose condition is inoperable. In one such case, 12-year-old Shu Man Mong, was diagnosed with fibrous dysplasia, and told there was no effective surgery for this debilitating bone condition. It was clear from the child's English how intelligent she is and from her facial expression how disappointed she was when we told her that surgery wasn't an option for her condition. CCPF didn't want to leave her without something

made to get to the hospital. Noticing that her caretakers carried her everywhere, the team realized that she didn't have any other way to get around. CCPF purchased a wheelchair for her to make her life easier and more independent and



Drs. Rick Tsay and Jeff Ascherman and a Chinese medical colleague examine a child requiring plastic surgery



A young patient shows David Roye, Jr., MD and Josh Hyman, MD how he walks

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Art projects help children to pass the time while recovering from surgery



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iterinary includes the Li River famous for its unique landscape of karst mountain formations, the spectacular Feng Yu Cave and the seldom accessed Yao ethnic tribal region where colorful costumes and age-old customs still prevail today.

In 2004, twelve dedicated - and very adventure-some - cyclists rode over 350 miles through southwestern China - and raised over \$60,000 that helped fund our 2005 medical mission to Nanjing. **CCPF's next Ride to Change a Life is scheduled for October 19 to October 28, 2006.**

The bike ride is a 300-mile non-competitive cycling adventure to raise money for the Foundation's medical and surgical programs that benefit hundreds of disabled and disfigured children in China's orphanages.

Imagine riding through the Guangxi Province from HeZhou to Longsheng and Guilin - known to the Chinese as the "most beautiful place in the world." The scenic



### Letter from the President

CCPF touched the lives of more children in 2005 than during any of our six previous missions. Thanks go in large part to the growing number of voluntary medical personnel who have joined our group. We brought more specialists to China allowing for a broader range of procedures to be performed.

We also are grateful for the outpouring of donations from our fundraising efforts. Medical and surgical supplies continue to be donated from AMD Ritmed, Aspen Surgical, Medline and Sandel Medical Industries. FCC of New England once again provided much needed underwriting for the mission, Morgan Stanley Children's Hospital of New York-Presbyterian donated care for the children we transported, and the generosity of our individual supporters continues to amaze me.

I would like to make special mention of volunteer Pat Farrell who not only sponsored Zhang Ren Wei's surgery but is now providing funds for his education.

CCPF is run by volunteers, and relies on donations. Please join us on March 9, 2006 at our first benefit Gala as we honor our first medical director, Dr. John Schullinger.

On behalf of the hundreds of orphaned children whose lives are forever changed by CCPF, I thank you for your support.

Gena Palumbo  
President and Founder

### TRANSFORMING a Face

Last year, CCPF arranged for Zhang Ren Wei to travel to the Morgan Stanley Children's Hospital of New York-Presbyterian.



Zhang Ren Wei's follow-up exam by Dr. Jeffrey Ascherman brings smiles to everyone

His surgical needs were too complex to perform in China. Ren Wei had complicated facial deformities caused by hypertelorism and a mid-face cleft that had left him with no nostrils and eyes too far apart. Ren Wei received a series of three surgeries that reformed his cheeks, rearranged his eye sockets and basically rebuilt his face.

This past spring, CCPF arranged for his transportation from distant Harbin province to Nanjing so that the team could provide a follow-up examination. His big smile and sparkling eyes gave us the answers. The director of his orphanage told the team that Ren Wei's surgery had changed his life. "The other kids don't make fun of him, he has friends now," he said.