

CRCF 儿童基金会

# CHILDREN OF RURAL CHINA FOUNDATION

Bringing Hope to China's Poorest Children

2005 Annual Report



為生活在中國最窮困地區的兒童燃點希望

# Bringing Hope to China's Poorest Children

## **Our Vision**

Many children in rural China, especially in Xinjiang Province, face abject poverty, lack of educational resources, and limited opportunities. Through our fundraising efforts, we hope to improve the lives of children in rural China — one child at a time.

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Dear Friends of CRCF,

Gratitude is a word we hold closely to our hearts.

This past summer, when several of us from CRCF traveled to Xinjiang, China, to visit our sponsored children, we saw gratitude spelled on children's faces. Their eyes gazed intently at us as they clutched onto the hope of future education. We also heard gratitude echoed in the voices of parents and grandparents, some of whom had walked long distances to enroll their child in the sponsorship program. We experienced gratitude as families offered us what little they had: fresh grapes from the vine, a warm handshake, and tear-stained smiles. Your generous support has made our dreams possible, and so we are extremely grateful.

During the 2005-06 year, our primary focus was on helping underprivileged children in the poorest region of China to receive a primary-level education. Due to economic conditions and family circumstances, the children we sponsor would most likely not be able to get an education without our support. All of the children are from the Uyghur minority group and live in families that fall below the poverty line surviving on less than US\$100 per year. Many of the children are orphans or live in single-parent homes due to divorce or death of one parent.

Through our work with partner organization, Esquel Y.L. Yang Education Foundation, we sponsored 160 children in the Hetian region of Xinjiang Province to complete their school year. The funds that we provide help these children afford education-related expenses such as school supplies, text books, food, clothing and medical needs. Without these funds, many children are likely to drop out of school and discontinue their learning.

Therefore, we are greatly indebted to our donors and supporters who have improved the lives of many children in China. We have faith that with your continued support, we can make a difference and continue to carry out our vision of bringing hope to China's poorest children.

Thank you once again and we look forward to another fruitful year!

Sincerely,

Jonathan Lin & Tina Lu  
Co-Chairs



## Our Beneficiaries

- All of our sponsored children are from the **Uyghur** ethnic minority.
- They live in the poorest regions of Xinjiang Province with average household incomes of well under \$100 per year.
- Around **two-thirds** of these children's parents are either seriously ill or deceased.
- Around **one-third** of the children are orphans or children of divorce.
- These children are highly likely to drop out of school in order to earn additional income for their families.

## Our Commitment

### 100 % for the Children

**Every dollar** that is donated to CRCF works for the children and their families. This value is of foremost priority in our organization because we strongly believe that the children deserve maximum access to better lives. All the board members in CRCF operate on a **volunteer** basis so that our sponsored children will receive **100%** of your donations.

### Transparency and Accountability

CRCF is committed to providing donors with transparency and accountability. Since its inception in 2005, CRCF has undertaken five separate trips to Xinjiang to personally visit the children, families, and the schools whom we sponsor. We work to ensure that all donations are allocated in an effective manner so that children will receive the most benefits.



# Summary of 2005-2006

## The Inception: April 2005

From humble beginnings in April of 2005, Children of Rural China Foundation, Inc., (CRCF) has grown into a dynamic organization in a short amount of time. Under the vision and leadership of Kenneth Pao (HBS '06), CRCF began as a group of nine graduate students spanning from the Harvard Business School (HBS), Harvard School of Education (HGSE), Harvard Law School (HLS), and the Kennedy School of Government (KSG), who were interested in helping children in the impoverished and often-neglected region of Xinjiang, China.

At the 2005 Harvard Business School Section Charity Auction Event in April, CRCF raised \$5,580.00 to sponsor 150 children in Xinjiang to have access to education.

## Xinjiang Visitation I: August 2005

In order to better understand the conditions and needs of our sponsored children, two CRCF founding members Kenneth Pao and Justin Fung visited several families and schools in Xinjiang during the summer of 2005. Through an HBS alumni contact, CRCF established a partnership with the Esquel Y.L. Yang Education, a non-profit organization serving children and communities in Xinjiang.

## The Founding: January 2006

Upon returning from Xinjiang, CRCF members realized the children's immediate needs and set out to establish ourselves as an official non-profit organization. Therefore, we set out to establish ourselves as an official non-profit organization. In January 2006, CRCF received its non-profit 501(C)(3) status.

Furthermore, the founding board members also sponsored 10 children in Xinjiang on behalf of CRCF.





### **The New Board: March 2006**

Due to a large number of interest in helping children in remote areas of China, CRCF expanded its executive board membership from nine to twenty-one members. The new board members hail from a wide range of disciplines and experiences. This dynamic team consists of young professionals and graduate students from HBS, HLS, KSG, Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy, and Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

### **Astounding Fundraising Efforts: April 2006**

Through the dedication and hard work of CRCF members, we raised an impressive \$17,500 at the 2006 Harvard Business School Section Charity Auction, as well as nearly \$14,000 in private donations. We believe that this effort could not have been won without the teamwork of passionate individuals, who all share the CRCF motto: "It doesn't matter who gets the credit as long as we help the children."

### **Xinjiang Visitation II: July-August 2006**

CRCF sent three teams of people to Xinjiang to conduct auditing procedures and to meet the children, their families, teachers, and their community members. Each person conducted these trips on a voluntary basis and paid for all expenses out of pocket. Through these trips, we were also able to understand more deeply the breadth and depth of need in rural areas of China, particularly in Xinjiang. Our personal experiences are important and influential to help us carry out better programs that fit the needs of the children.

### **Organizational Development: September 2006**

At the CRCF Executive Board Retreat in September, we elected the following people to serve as organizational directors: Co-Chairs, Tina Lu & Jonathan Lin; Fundraising Director, Eric Young; and Program Development Director, Song Wong.

Under their leadership, CRCF is moving towards 1.) Strengthening our partnership with the Y.L. Yang Educational Foundation; 2.) Expanding fundraising efforts to serve more rural children; 3.) Developing and diversifying our programs for children in Xinjiang; 4.) Providing more accountability and transparency to our dedicated donors.



### 1st Disbursement: October 2005

In October 2005, CRCF disbursed \$5580.00 to support 150 children for the 2005-06 school year (exchange rate taken into account). Our partner in Xinjiang, the Esquel Y.L. Yang Foundation (Esquel), dispersed ~\$40.00 or 300 RMB in two installments at the end of each semester to local Xinjiang school officials, who then transferred the money to children's families. Since this disbursement occurred before the official 2005-06 fiscal year, this figure is not reflected in the financial breakdown.

### 2nd Disbursement: May 2006

Each founding member sponsored an individual child and wrote a composite check to Esquel in the total amount of \$400.00. We sponsored ten (10) additional children, bringing our total to 160 children. This amount covered the children's school expenses for 2005-06.

### 3rd Disbursement: August 2006

In August 2006, CRCF disbursed \$375.00 to cover the cost of school expenses for the 10 sponsored children during the 2006-07 school year.

### Future Disbursements

CRCF is expanding the number of children we sponsor through Esquel to 200-250 children. All our private donations from 2005-06 have been earmarked to sponsor these children for the 2006-07 school year. CRCF is dedicated to continuing our child sponsorship program and providing funding for children through primary grade six (6).

In 2006-07, CRCF is working towards constructing, remodeling, and rebuilding a dilapidated school in Xinjiang through collaboration with an established non-profit organization in China. We have earmarked the funds raised from the HBS Section Auction (\$17,500.00) for this purpose.



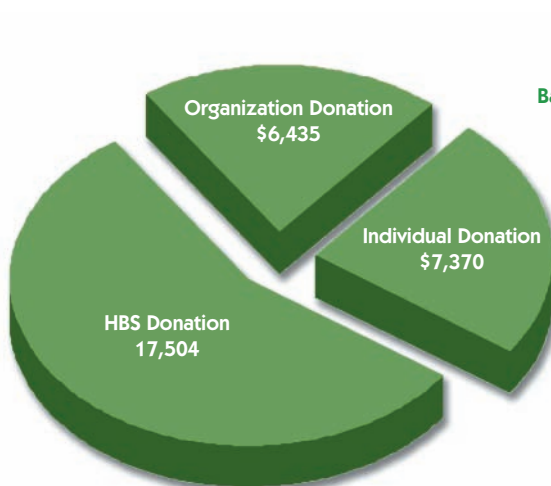
# Financial Report

Fiscal Year: November 01, 2005 ~ October 31, 2006

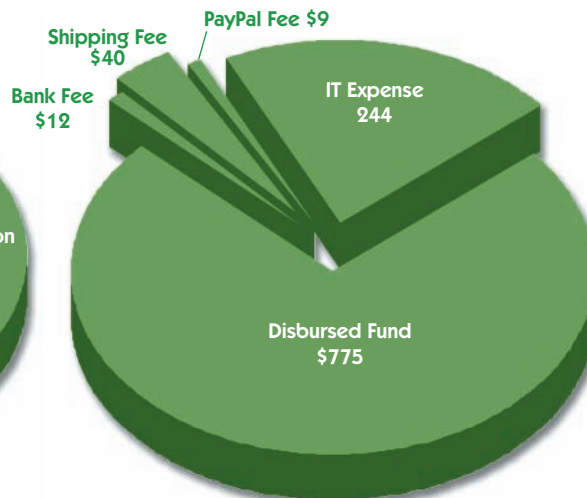
Currency: USD

<b>Starting Balance (11/01, 2005)</b>	<b>60.45</b>
<b>Donations</b>	
Individual Donations	7,370.50
Organization Donation (BCCC)	6,435.00
HBS Section Donations	17,504.31
Section A	949.41
Section B	111.43
Section C	5,606.88
Section D	3,037.90
Section E	6000.00
Section G	1,825.00
<b>Account Receivable</b>	
HBS Section Donations	(5,897.43)
<b>Total Inflow</b>	<b>25,438.69</b>
<b>Disbursement</b>	
Disbursed Fund	775.00
<b>Administration Expenses**</b>	
Bank and PayPal Fees	20.98
Shipping Fee	40.00
IT Expense	224.40
<b>Total Outflow</b>	<b>1,060.38</b>
<b>Ending Balance (Oct. 31, 2006)</b>	<b>24,438.76</b>

## Donation Sources



## Outflow Details



\*\* CRCF recognizes that certain administrative costs have been incurred due to start-up expenses. In keeping with the core value of our organization to give 100% to the children, CRCF is actively seeking corporate sponsors to cover our administrative costs.



# Looking Forward: 2006-2007

## Program Development Goals

In the upcoming year, we will dedicate our efforts to creating continued meaningful impact on the lives of underprivileged children through education.

- We will **expand our child sponsorship program** and continue our partnership with Esquel's Y.L. Yang Educational Foundation
- We are **exploring potential partnerships** with other non-profit organizations that share a similar focus and possess a proven track-record combined with on-the-ground capabilities.
- By establishing new partnerships, we hope to **expand the reach of our efforts** while developing our own **internal expertise** with regards to understanding of local needs and development of community and government relationships. We believe this path will lead us to our long-term goal of creating sustainable and thoughtfully-designed programs that impact the lives of the children and local communities on a deep and meaningful level.

## Fundraising Goals

In the coming year, we hope to **broaden our donor base** and significantly raise more funds than last year through a combination of partnering with other Harvard affiliated student organizations and expanding to inter-collegiate events.

- We hope to co-sponsor events this year with the Asia Business Conference, Harvard China Review, and the Asian American Business Association
- We have reached out to student organizations at Yale, MIT, and the University of Pennsylvania.
- We still anticipate the great majority of funds this year to be from the Harvard Business School Section Charity Auction.
- None of our efforts would be possible without the support of our generous donors. Therefore, we will continue to provide strict accountability and transparency to our donors.





## Donors, 2005 - 2006

### Above \$5,000

Boston Chinese Catholic  
Community  
HBS 2007 Section E  
HBS 2007 Section C

### \$1,000 - \$5,000

HBS 2007 Section D  
HBS 2007 Section G

### \$500 - \$999

Lily Wong  
Jonathan Liu  
HBS 2007 Section A

### \$250 - \$ 499

Linda Liang  
Kai-Yin Chung  
Stephen Chow  
Wen-Jie Wu

### \$120 - \$249

Ramson Gutierrez  
Linda Liang  
Min Tai Pao  
Anita Sung  
Johnny Ip  
Nelson Yang  
Jing Chu Liao  
Fiona Ip  
Pai-Ling Yin  
Changting Zou  
Eric Friedman

### \$80 - \$119

Myra Ng

Ada Lei  
Gary Lam  
Susan Liu  
Min Tai Pao  
Stephen Chow  
S. W. Chow  
Stan Chow  
Noah Friedman  
Betty Lu  
Li Gao  
Li-Feng Hwang  
Tin Sek Stephen Wu  
HBS 2007 Section B

### \$40 - \$79

Kenneth Lee  
Betty Lu  
Michelle Leung  
Ramson Gutierrez  
Jane Kang  
Wing Lun Ting  
Tony Tsang  
Tracey Kim  
Katlyn Gao  
Tina Lu  
Jill Kou  
Carol Chyau  
Jose Dias de Barros  
Erica Fung  
Justin Fung  
Kenneth Pao  
Stephen Chow  
David Oh  
Weijia Sun  
David Huang  
Nancy Ellen Kho  
Jane Song

Christina Li  
Wai Chee Lam  
Jone Chang  
Peggy Yen  
Hui Tzu Chuang  
Stephen Chow

### <\$40

Patrick (Junghwun) Kim  
Vicky Tsai  
Shanleen Birney  
Don Burke  
Chris Osgood  
Derek Tsang  
Karen Tsang  
Andrea Chung  
Jun Li  
Dahlinae Yu  
Jeremy Tan  
Jin (PJ) Kim  
Yanqing Friedman  
Matthew Adams  
Shanlenn Birney  
Hai Chi  
Jennie Dong  
Justin Fung  
Hessam Ghadaki  
Harald Hoegh  
Janet Knox  
Hugh Liang  
Peyton Wise  
Emily Zhao  
Ally Zhu  
Carol Chyau  
Xuan Wang  
Joe Kauffman  
Jennifer Rho





## Executive Board

Co-Chairs: Tina Lu, Jonathan Lin  
Fundraising Director: Eric Young  
Program Development Director: Song Wong

Treasurer: Vivvi Hu  
Secretary: Brooke Ballantine  
Public Relations: Kai-Yan Lee  
Website Management: Jonathan Lin  
Alumni Relations: Bruce Pao  
Legal Counsel: Alan Park

## Program Development Team

Agnes Chen  
Brian Connors  
Joey Coyle  
Jessica Pfeifer  
Jiao Zhang  
Alex Zhang

## Fundraising Team

Nancy Bong  
Katlyn Gao  
Lei Lei  
Sean Quek  
Magen Xia  
Bruce Pao

## Alumni Board

Kenneth Pao (HBS '06)  
Noah Friedman (HBS '06)  
Stephen Chow (HGSE '06)  
Justin Fung (HBS '06)  
Carol Chyau (KSG '06)  
Jill Kou (HLS '06)  
Jose Dias de Barros (HBS '06)  
Erica Fung (HLS '06)



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