

A Life A Time Foundation Newsletter

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Foreword

Dear friends, the spring of The Year of the Dragon which reveals endless life and hope is fast approaching. A lucky dragon brings prosperity. All of our volunteers from A Life A Time Foundation wish you great prosperity in the year of Dragon, happiness to your whole family and a health life and an even more exciting career and academic work!

In this New Year, we wish that you can continue to pay close attention to our work, and support us hand-in-hand. If you do, we can bring more children and their families' health and happiness. We wish even more children could have new lives like Dragons and Tigers – full of energy and vigor. We wish that, because of our effort, they can have a dream like a dragon flying high in the sky and wish for a better world for our children.

In short, we wish you a prosperous “Year of the Dragon”.

Children Status

1. [Yong Xiang](#) (Boy, 1, retinoblastoma): He finished his 6th chemotherapy in the beginning of January and plans to have another checkup in March.
2. [Xinyi Huang](#) (Girl, 4, burn trauma): She recently had surgery.
3. [Min Tang](#) (Girl, 11, burn trauma): She returned home uneventfully.
4. [Qiyong Liu](#) (Boy, 7, nerve injury): He went to his hometown after he received his brace. He plans to have another checkup this year.
5. [Ruofan Cui](#) (Girl, 3, congenital heart disease): She finished the 1st stage of surgery. She plans to have the 2nd stage of surgery in 6 months.
6. [Detong Xiao](#) (Boy, 7, cerebral palsy): He was already discharged from the hospital. He plans to continue his treatment after the Chinese New Year in Shandong.
7. [Wenfeng Guo](#) (Girl, 1, biliary atresia): She probably will have surgery after the New Year.
8. [Jingyi Xie](#) (Girl, 6, leukemia): She was temporarily discharged from the hospital to go home.
9. [Minghe Qin](#) (Boy, 10, burn trauma): He will come to America at the end of February to have his 2nd treatment.
10. [Yuxuan Ding](#) (Girl, 2, hydrocephalus): She is still under treatments. She still needs about ¥25,000 Yuan for treatments.



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Call for Help

Yu Li: Do not let the child that has waited for seven years, wait too long

Yu Li was born on Aug 28th 2002 at Da Po Village, Zhan Yi County, Qu Jing City, Yun Nan Province. She has been sick since she was very young and suffered from severe pulmonary inflammation when she was just three years old. The hospital diagnosed her with congenital heart disease. Then they went to Yan'an Hospital of Kunming, there, the doctor said she needed surgery. Unfortunately, the family cannot afford the surgery fee, so as of now, she waits. Yu Li is almost 10 years old, but she is not as tall as her 5 years old younger brother because of her sickness.



Yu Li and her brother



Humble home



She wishes that one day she can go to school like other healthy kids



I want to grow tall

The Pediatric heart surgeon at Beijing An Zhen hospital, Director Liu Ying Long has read Yu Li's medical records and said there is an opportunity for a cure, the budget is 60,000 RMB. But Yu Li's parents are both farmers, they don't own much land, and the food is just enough to make ends meet. The annual per-capita income is less than 1500 RMB. Plus with successive year's drought, her grandparent's health is not so good either, They have been

struggling just to keep themselves alive already and they don't have the money for Yu Li's surgery. In order to give Yu Li hope, her parents went to the bank to try and refinance their home and property to raise money for the surgery. But the bank staff told them their house was only worth 20,000 RMB. This is a great start, but they are still short 40,000 RMB for the surgery.

Yu Li's treatment has been delayed for 7 years already. It has been a major struggle, to go on this long. Her greatest desire is that one day she can be the same as any other healthy and happy child going to school. Please lend a rescuing hand to help Yu Li achieve her wish, let her have a chance to have surgery, overcome the disease and grow up healthy.

[Link to donate to Yu Li](#)

[More children needing help](#)

Special Report

Qiyong Liu: Going to a new school, toward a new life

Qiyong's home is in the mountains of Yunnan, life is hard. When he was two years old, he just started to learn how to walk. When he was playing with his sister on her back, he accidentally sprained his lumbar. His family was poor, and couldn't afford 8,000RMB for his medical treatment, and Qiyong couldn't stand up again. By the time he reached school age, he was refused by the school. In order to make a living, his parents had to take him to their work. Qiyong had nothing while his parents were at work, He could only sit, by the side of the mound where they worked. When they were working in the city, his parents took him to Zhao-Tong local hospital for another exam, this time, the Doctors report showed that the T10-L5, vertebrae showed a sudden change, a rotation to the right side of the dislocation. This time treatment costs rose to 15,000RMB. His parents were in grave despair going back to work, a volunteer saw them at the construction site, and launched fundraising for Qiyong.



April 2010, crawling at his parents' work site when he was six.



His two thin legs couldn't feel anything.

In June 2010, under the efforts of volunteers from both Yunnan and Beijing, Qiyong raised enough money to go to Beijing's for checkup. After examination together by Beijing Jishuitan Orthopaedic Hospital, Beijing 301 Hospital, Neurosurgery Department of Peking University First Hospital, and the Beijing Fraternity Rehabilitation Hospital, it

found, that Qiyong was diagnosed with nerve damage, and doesn't need to have surgery, but can be treated through rehabilitation training, and should be able to walk after the rehabilitation. In July, Qiyong was admitted to The Beijing the Fraternity Rehabilitation Hospital and started the first course (3 months) treatment, at the same time, the team of Angel Mom, A Life A Time foundation and many caring people began the fund raising the 55,000RMB rehabilitation cost.

During these three months, Qiyong and his father were together, they were optimistic, strong, and actively cooperating with the hospital's rehabilitation program. From being able to only crawl, to being able stand with a brace (5 minutes), and then slowly walking, Qiyong's fast progress gave everybody great encouragement. Qiyong's father also tried to learn massage, and getting part time jobs at the same time in order to reduce the pressure on the volunteers' fundraising.



Aug. 2010, with the help of bracing, Qiyong could walk several steps along the way.



Jun. 2010, Qiyong can walk using his crutches very well and back to Beijing to get 2nd treatment



Dec. 2011, Before going back to Yunan, Qiyong can walk very well with his new bracing and crutches.



But the rehabilitation process has not been easy. After the start of the second course of treatment, the volunteers experienced a money shortage, repeated illness, no bed for Qiyong at the hospital, treatment plan changed by the hospital, a series of difficulties. Different hospitals, different doctors have totally different opinions, and it made the rehabilitation process very confusing. The volunteers had to communicate with everybody, listen to every suggestion, and were hoping to give Qiyong economical and efficient treatment.

By the end of 2011, after more than one year of treatment, Qiyong's legs grew two centimeters. The nerves of his legs and feet are getting better too – His feet started sweating for the first time, and he can walk for about 100 steps with the help of his brace. He used to be a shy little boy and became more open and confident. Within this one and half a year rescue process, no matter how hard the situation was, the volunteers never gave up hope for Qiyong. A Life A time Foundation continuously follows-up on his status and post updates on their website while still actively fundraising overseas. Many caring people keep making donations so that Qiyong's can finish his rehab smoothly and successfully.



The next step of the treatment is to do scoliosis surgery. A year later, Qiyong will be back to Beijing for a review and checkup.

After they went back Yunnan, Qiyong's father followed the Yunan tradition of tying Qiyong on his back with a rope, and carried him to the bus. A year ago, Qiyong's father used the same rope to carry Qiyong to Beijing to visit the doctors; A year later, the father and son left Beijing and the rope, with hope of a new life. Qiyong will be eight years old soon, and will walk into his school by himself, and walk into a new life.

Financial Report

Balance Sheet As of 12/31/2011

Cash in US Bank Account	\$ 94,445.04
Cash in China Bank Account	\$ 57,321.54
Total Cash	\$ 151,766.58
Total Assets	\$ 151,766.58
Net Assets/Fund Balances	\$ 151,766.58
Total Liability & Equity	\$ 151,766.58

Income Statement 01/01/2011 - 12/31/2011

Contributions & Grants	\$ 224,072.71
Interest Income	\$ 256.30
Program Services	(\$270,177.34)
Management & General	(\$3,427.24)
Total Income	(\$ 49,275.57)

Progress Summary

1/1/2011 - 12/31/2011

1. Rescue for Individuals:

Numbers rescued	58
Average amount donated	\$ 1,417.79
Subtotal	\$ 82,231.62

2. Congenital Heart Disease Program:

Numbers rescued	101
Average amount donated	\$ 1,647.11
Subtotal	\$ 166,358.03

3. Other Programs:

Western Foundation Hydrocephalus Project	\$ 15,500.00
Jingen Hospital in Henan Province (CP)	\$ 2,155.38
Pingdingshan Orphanage in Henan Province	\$ 1,190.42
Nanyang House of Love in Henan Province	\$ 427.25
Angel Mom's Angel's Home	\$ 2,314.65

Subtotal	\$ 21,587.70
Total:	\$ 270,177.35