Dear A Life A Time donors,

We want to thank you for your continued support in our efforts to help orphaned and impoverished children in China who suffer from congenital illnesses or severe trauma. During the past three months, with the money from our many generous donors on both the A Life A Time and GlobalGiving websites, we were able to provide assistance to a total of 25 children and two foster homes in China!

Below is a summary of some of the individual children who we helped between September and November of 2014. For detailed information on all the children we have helped and those who are still in need of your help, please visit our website: <u>http://www.alifeatime.org</u>

For detailed information on the uses of the donations we have received via the GlobalGiving platform, please visit the following link: <u>http://www.alifeatime.org/cn/help/donation_list.aspx?id=761</u>

Bo (苏博)

Gender: Male Disease/Illness: Congenital heart disease Date of Birth: April 2014 Contribution from A Life A Time: \$1,252.04 Story link: <u>http://www.alifeatime.org/cn/children/story.aspx?id=803</u>

Bo lives with his parents and grandparents in the countryside of Heilongjiang, north of China. The family relies on their corn field to make their living, about RMB20,000 per year (\$3,278). With elderly grandparents who require prescriptions, the family has no savings.

Bo had a sister who passed away a couple years ago from a similar congenital heart disease, treatment of which left the family with debts of RMB380,000 (\$62,300) to the hospital and another RMB200,000 (\$32,788) to family members and friends.



September 2014, after the surgery



October 2014, Bo with his mother

Unfortunately, Bo was also diagnosed with congenital heart disease after he was born. In order to save the child, the family borrowed more money. In August 2014, A Life A Time, together with a few other nonprofit organizations in China, sponsored Bo's surgery. It took another month and a half for Bo to slowly recover but he is now finally released from the hospital.

Ya Ting (赵雅婷)

Gender: Female Disease/Illness: Brain trauma Date of Birth: January 2012 Contribution from A Life A Time: \$804.54 Story link: <u>http://www.alifeatime.org/cn/children/story.aspx?id=818</u>

Ya Ting was born in Hubei and had been living with her parents in Guangdong province where they worked before the accident. In April 2014, as with any other day, Ya Ting was playing at the construction site where her father worked. Ya Ting's father did not see her when he was operating a battery cart to transport some bricks and hit her when he was reversing the cart. Ya Ting injured her head and lost consciousness.



After the accident.



October 2014, Ya Ting in Beijing

Ya Ting was sent to the hospital with her parents looking after her. Being unable to work and with no savings and no more money to borrow, this family of six (including the grandparents and a brother) was unable to continue Ya Ting's treatments. In August 2014, with help from a nonprofit organization in China, Ya Ting was transferred to Beijing to continue her treatments. Following two surgeries, Ya Ting's condition has improved and she was released from the hospital to continue with recovery therapies at home.

Ya Tong (郭雅彤)

Gender: Female Disease/Illness: Sensorineural hearing loss Date of Birth: October 2010 Contribution from A Life A Time: \$805.54 Story link: <u>http://www.alifeatime.org/cn/children/story.aspx?id=823</u>

Ya Tong's parents first noticed that she was not responding to any sounds after she turned one year old. In March 2012, she was checked at a hospital and was diagnosed with sensorineural hearing loss. The doctor suggested having cochlear implants as soon as possible. The family could not afford this as they had no savings. They eventually borrowed enough money and purchased a pair of hearing aids, but they made no improvement to Ya Tong's condition. Without cochlear implants, Ya Tong was not even able to speak.

Later, Ya Tong's brother was born and was also diagnosed with sensorineural hearing loss 6 months later. The parents were desperate and were worried that their son would miss the best treatment period like Ya Tong. They borrowed money from family and friends and also took out a loan from a bank, and were able to get the son the implants.



April 2014, Ya Tong with her brother who had the cochlear implant



November 2014, post surgery

Ya Tong was left without any treatments because the cochlear implants for her brother left the family with only debt. In November 2014, donations finally allowed Ya Tong to receive cochlear implants and she is now recovering at home.

Hao (唐浩)

Gender: Male Disease/Illness: Congenital Heart Disease Date of Birth: June 2004 Contribution from A Life A Time: \$2,372.85 Story link: <u>http://www.alifeatime.org/cn/children/story.aspx?id=366</u>

Hao is from Yunnan province. He was diagnosed with congenital heart disease before he turned four and his parents have since visited a various hospitals in order to save him. During an examination in Beijing, a doctor suggested a surgery which was estimated to cost approx. RMB 130,000 (\$21,311), but the family was only able to raise RMB 80,000. Hao's parents later heard that hospitals in Shanghai can perform the same surgery at a lower cost. They went to Shanghai but received the same quote. With the family unable to afford the surgery, they returned home a month later.

At the end of 2010, Hao's parents brought him to Beijing, but because his condition had worsened since his first examination the doctors estimated that multiple surgeries were needed. By the beginning of 2011, Hao's family had finally raised enough money to afford his first surgery. Hao's father took him to Beijing for the next few years for his annual checkups and to estimate when the second surgery could be performed. However, because Hao's condition was not suitable for another operation, the second surgery was regularly pushed back.



Hao used to go with his mother selling CDs on the street to support both the family and his medical expenses



September 2014 post surgery

In September 2014, Hao's father heard that a hospital in Shanghai treated a child who had similar complications to Hao and brought his son to Shanghai for evaluation. On September 20, 2014, Hao had his second surgery. Because of Hao's condition following surgery, his parents very soon spent all the money they had saved/borrowed and were unable to continue with the post-surgery therapies. Luckily, with more

money borrowed and donations from several nonprofit organizations, including A Life A Time, Hao was able to continue to receive treatment and was released from the hospital on October 12, 2014.

We would like to ask for your continued support in the future by visiting our website: <u>http://www.alifeatime.org</u> or our fundraising platform on GlobalGiving.

Please spread the word of our fundraising efforts to your family members, friends and colleagues. Thank you again, and together let's help as many children as possible and allow them to experience love and be treated with dignity and care!

Sincerely yours,

A Life A Time Foundation