

Dear A Life A Time donors,

Happy Chinese New Year and wishing you and your family a prosperous and healthy year of the Monkey! We want to first 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, between December 2015 and February 2016, with the money from our many generous donors on both our A Life A Time and GlobalGiving websites, we were able to provide assistance to a total of 9 children and one foster home in China!

For detailed information on the uses of the donations we have received via the GlobalGiving platform, please visit the following link:

[http://www.alifetime.org/cn/help/donation\\_list.aspx?id=761](http://www.alifetime.org/cn/help/donation_list.aspx?id=761)

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In addition to our continued work with children in China, we are also proud to introduce you our recently established **Boston Trauma Fund** (the “Fund”).

Since 2007, under the efforts of volunteers, some of the unfortunate children from China who have suffered severe trauma have had the opportunity to receive free treatments at Shriners Hospitals for Children – mostly in Boston. All of these children came from families with minimal financial resources. Even though the medical treatments are free, these families are still not able to afford the related travel and living expenses.

Volunteers and donors in the Boston area have helped these children through raising funds and taking care of their living needs, such as providing transportation and helping with groceries while they are in the United States.

A Life A Time Foundation has been providing financial support to these children as well. In October 2015, A Life A Time decided to establish the **Boston Trauma Fund**. All proceeds from the Fund are provided to these children and their accompanying family members to cover their travel expenses to the United States and their living expenses during their stays.

On October 25, 2015, A Life A Time Foundation, American Youth Leadership Foundation (South Boston Branch), Newton Chinese Language School and donors from Boston Beijing Forum organized the first fundraising for the Fund. The event was a success and the Fund received nearly \$3,000 in donations. Liu Jinlei, who traveled to Boston in November 2015 for medical treatments became the first child provided assistance by the Fund.



Photos from left to right: At the fundraising event; volunteers recording all the sales transactions; and volunteers from local schools.

Between November and February, two more fundraising events were held raising an additional \$7,000.

A Life A Time is very fortunate to be part of this great effort in helping children receive medical treatments in the Boston area. They are all fighters and we are excited to see them grow and change – not only in appearance in some cases, but also their personalities as they gain confidence and happiness.

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We would like to use this opportunity to introduce you to three children who have visited Shriners Hospitals for Children – Boston in the past few years. If you are interested in donating to Boston Trauma Fund, you can either donate via our Globalgiving platform or from our website: <http://www.alifetime.org>.

***Yunfei***

Gender: Female

Disease/Illness: Amputation of both legs

Date of Birth: May 2006

Story link: <http://www.alifetime.org/cn/children/story.aspx?id=889>



2008: Shortly After the Accident



Shoveling Snow in Boston in Jan 2016

In February 2008, Yunfei was left on a rail track by her grandfather at the age of two and lost both her legs. In July 2008, she traveled to Boston for the first time to receive treatments. Since then, she has been returning to the United States almost every year because her artificial legs need adjustments or replacement as she grows. With the treatments she has received, Yunfei is able to go to school like other children and is now an elementary school student in China.

### *Shiwei*

Gender: Male

Disease/Illness: Burn

Date of Birth: January 2007

Story link: <http://www.alifeatime.org/cn/children/story.aspx?id=147>



Sep 2008: First time to the U.S.



Jan 2019: Celebrating His Birthday in Boston

In December 2007, Shiwei was injured by an explosion at home, suffering severe burns (particularly on his face and the back of his head) and needing to have six fingers amputated. After several years of treatments at Shriners Hospitals for Children, his condition has significantly improved. In December 2015, Shiwei, accompanied by his father, traveled to Boston for the sixth time to get treated. When they returned to China in February 2016, they had six suitcases full of clothes, toys and presents from donors in the Boston area.

### *Jinlei*

Gender: Male

Disease/Illness: Burn

Date of Birth: July 2005

Story link: <http://www.alifeatime.org/cn/children/story.aspx?id=838>



2007: Jinlei's Parents Begged on Street with the Child



November 2014: Jinlei in Boston

In January 2007, 18-month-old Jinlei accidentally knocked over a teapot on a table at home and was severely burned by boiling water. The right side of his body, from his chin to his chest, was badly burned, and his right eye was covered by his skin. In 2007, through continued efforts by volunteers, he was accepted by Shriners Hospitals for Children. Jinlei has visited Boston almost every year to receive treatments.