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FOUNDER'S MESSAGE

At the end of another year in which MCF provided so much for so many children, I would like to personally thank everybody that was involved in making this happen. MCF has become well recognized and respected for what it is providing underprivileged children and their schools. The foundation has reached the point where its role needs restructuring due to the depth of support it is receiving and the service it is providing.

News of MCF's activities this year includes Li Xiaoqing receiving the highest grades in her end of semester exams and she is now continuing with her medication. Fan Fan continues with his aqua therapy and horse riding exercises while his determination to overcome his disabilities grows daily. Further to the projects mentioned at the end of the last semester, MCF met the target for the number of school children receiving health checkups this semester. Also, MCF assisted with the school fees to allow 5 children to continue their education. The organization is now seeking a different school for one of these children to enter due to her age. All this could not be done without the selfless efforts and support of so many individuals and organisations. It remains for me to sincerely thank all of you for making it possible for MCF to make a difference to so many children.



Helen Boyle
Director and Founder

Helen Boyle

SEMESTER STORIES

BY ELLA, INTERN

As always it's been a busy semester here at MCF with our hardworking volunteers heading across the city every week to teach a lot of very keen students. We had students travelling around the world visiting a new country every week at our infants school on a Friday morning. The end of term brought the marshmallow tower challenge to our East school and throughout the semester everything from science to calligraphy and art was taught at our Kid's Clubs. Of course this is just a few examples of the variety of activities that were led by MCFers across the semester and we could fill pages with stories from just this semester.

This semester we were excited to start a new session in the north of Beijing led by the wonderful Alice and I was lucky enough to be part of this great team of volunteers. Each week we helped the students create their very own "box-me" and on the way we talked about what we liked and disliked, how we felt and had great fun learning how to measure using our legs as an example. Starting a programme like MCF in a new school will always bring its challenges but it was great to see the students (and teachers!) grow in confidence over the semester and become more involved with the lessons. I think all the volunteers would like to extend a massive thank you to the school for being so welcoming and accommodating even when our activities sometimes verged on the messier side of things!



MCF SEMESTER IN REVIEW



MORE THAN 80
INTERNATIONAL VOLUNTEERS



10 DIFFERENT
SUBJECTS TAUGHT



500 HEALTHCHECKS
COMPLETED



WORKING WITH
14 SCHOOLS IN
BEIJING AND THE
SURROUNDING AREA



4000 HEALTHCHECKS
COMPLETED TO DATE

AN UPDATE ON FAN FAN'S PROGRESS

BY CARMEN NG

I have been the new English teacher for Fan Fan since April 2019, and have gotten to know him as a bright and happy boy who loves horses, board games and Paw Patrol. He is strong willed, eager to learn, and always faces challenges with a positive attitude, which can be seen during his horse riding and English lessons.

Some of the topics which Fan Fan has learned in the past two months include the weather, emotions, farm animals, transportation and directions. He enjoys learning new songs (his favorites are "Old MacDonald had a farm" and "Wheels on the bus"), colouring and matching activities and reading children's' story books.

I also began to assist as a horse guider during Fan Fan's weekly horse riding lessons at HOPE to help improve his focus and posture through different games and fun tools. Fan Fan has demonstrated some good progress recently with the benefit of his horse riding and swimming lessons, such as better balance while standing and being able to walk a few steps on his own without assistance.

We would like to give a massive thank you to Carmen for all the time and effort she has put into Fan Fan's English lessons and her overall support of his progress.



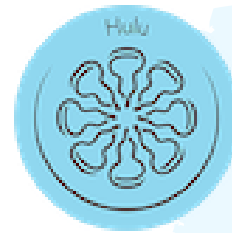
MCF VOLUNTEER NIGHT OUT AT HULU

BY ELLA, INTERN

With the end of another busy semester coming round it was time to take the opportunity to celebrate all that has been done by our wonderful volunteers and look forward to what the future brings for MCF. As such, MCFers new and old from all parts of the organisation came together for the evening in Hulu where luckily the rain from earlier in the day stayed off to allow us to enjoy the outdoor terrace. As the number of MCFers continues to grow it was nice to spend time with each other, enjoy some good food and meet other people from within MCF.



We would like to give a particular thank you to Hulu for being such wonderful hosts and for all the great food. MCF are looking forward to working more with them in the future.



THE SCHOOL GREEN FINGER COMMUNITY PROJECT

BY TAYLER, INTERN

MCF's ongoing "The School Green Finger Community Project", a collaborative effort between students from one of MCF's partner schools and the British Embassy, has been progressing very well.

Last week, we visited the residence of the British Ambassador again along with the children and they were able to take fresh spring onion, cucumber and radish home. They also took some chili plants and tomato plants to bring back and grow themselves.

This project began in May 2018, when 10 students from Tongzhou District became young gardeners for the first time. Embassy gardeners teach students how to cultivate soil and grow peppers, lettuce, tomatoes and other crops. After each visit, embassy staff prepare lunch for the children.

We are very grateful to them for their hospitality and also for their interest and enthusiasm.

The purpose of this project is to allow the children to see and be a part of overseeing the growth cycle of various plants through their different stages. In addition, the students are able to witness and understand first hand how their efforts translate into results, as well as being able to practice their English with embassy staff.



FRISBEE WORKSHOP WITH A WORLD CHAMPION

BY ELLA, INTERN

This semester we were lucky enough to have Jan Moller, Frisbee World Cup champion, provide two days of frisbee sessions at the infants school. As expected there were a lot of excited children on the first day and this was only heightened on the discovery that they would all be receiving their own frisbees. On the second day Jan and the embassy team returned to the school to provide activities for the entire school. A lot of fun ensued and a great few days was had by all!



We would like to give a big thank you to Jan for all his time, energy and enthusiasm in providing the children with this opportunity. This also wouldn't have been possible without Sophie and her team at the embassy who coordinated this along with MCF. It's really amazing to be able to provide activities like these to the children and it wouldn't be possible without our wonderful supporters.



MERLIN ENTERTAINMENT PARTNER WITH MCF

BY HELEN BOYLE

Having been invited by Merlin Entertainments Group (the owners of Lego Discovery Center and Madame Tussauds) to the launch of their new initiative to support disadvantaged children, it was a great pleasure for me to have MCF chosen to be singled out by this prestigious organisation. Spearheaded by by Merlin's Managing Director and attended by Chinese celebrity stars of the film world, the message given to the camera crews and reporters present was one that children and education mattered to all of us. With children in attendance from both an MCF sponsored school along with another junior school, the movie stars helped the children colour pictures of well known Beijing sites as part of a competition. The enjoyment and excitement displayed by the children was gratifying in itself, but it helped to emphasize what both Merlin and MCF are wanting to achieve. What is on display in Madame Tussauds, Legoland and Little Big City presents to children in a unique and imaginative way some of the people who help shape our lives, some of the sites in China that we all recognise and some of the everyday scenes from three past dynasties of Chinese history that reflected life in those days. These three exhibitions are a must for any child (and their family) for their attention to detail and accurate presentation of times gone by. It will encourage many to learn more in a fun and interesting way, so achieving both Merlin and MCF's vision.



BMASC LADIES AS MCF VOLUNTEERS

This semester we had some wonderful ladies from BMASC (Beijing Military Attache Corps Spouses club) visit an MCF school for the day to partake in some activities with the children and learn more about MCF and the work we do here. This is a report from Joanna who was part of the group.

On a sunny Wednesday morning in May the ladies shared a bus and carried lots of presents to the migrant children's school. It was overwhelming to see how generous and kind-hearted our ladies are when disadvantaged children are of concern.

Even before starting our program with Helen Boyle the first kids came to greet us with big hugs. All the kids seemed very curious about our group.

Before our visit we received guidelines to ensure health and safety guidelines were met during the visit and to protect the school and MCF's relationship with the schools. We met with two groups of children. We gave the first group white T shirts and the kids created their own drawings on them. Our ladies helped with the drawing and the children were very happy with their work. We also made colourful caterpillars from paper discs with hairy legs and antennae. The other group got a different yet exciting experience. Santa Claus visited them! Ladies had prepared small gifts for the children. Joanna from Finland wore one of the white t shirts as a beard and lowered her voice to sound like Santa himself, who could even speak Chinese with the kids, even although that is not his home country. T shirt bear and broken Chinese didn't seem to bother the children and their eyes were shining like stars when they were told by Santa how good they had been. Indeed all these kids truly deserved their presents. It's amazing how well all the children behaved and listened to their teachers, even although our visit caused great excitement to them.



Considering the privileged lives we, as diplomatic spouses, lead here in China, supporting and volunteering in different charity programs is a small way to make a real difference to these disadvantaged lives. Thank you to all volunteers and sponsors for your kind and generous support!

ANOTHER SEMESTER OF HEALTH CHECKUPS

BY ELLA, INTERN

It's been another busy semester for the MCF health check up programme with over 500 children receiving a health check up this semester.

We also had over 100 parents invited the hospital to view their children's health check up reports hopefully fostering

We would like to extend a massive thank you to all our sponsors, the GlobalCare hospital staff and our volunteers for helping to ensure that these children's health is monitored. A particular mention to BCIS and their students, Hilton Hotel Beijing and the Irish Ball committee for their support of the programme this semester.



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100 YEARS OF HOSPITALITY WITH HILTON

BY ELLA, INTERN

This year Hilton Hotel has reached the incredible milestone of 100 years of hospitality service around the world. Here in Beijing the Hilton has been a great supported of MCF and our activities over the past few years. One of the ways in which they decided to celebrate this landmark was to have a team from Hilton Beijing visit one of MCF's schools and give the children an insight into some of the Hotel's services. Of course the yummy anniversary cake was enjoyed by the children almost as much as the activities. Myself and fellow MCfer Maya accompanied the Hilton team throughout the day and it was great fun to help the children partake in the activities and create their very own swans out of towels.



We would like to thank the Hilton for their thoughtful inclusion one of MCF's schools in their celebrations. It really was a great day had by all and we look forward to the continuation of our work with Hilton.

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Another academic year finishes and it sees MCF continuing to make a difference where it finds there is a need. The Foundation has grown not only in size but in what it is able to achieve. This has been made possible because of the generosity and commitment of MCF's many sponsors, partners, Friends of MCF and individuals. I would like to name but a few of these here now because of their continued and unwavering support over a long period of time. Hilton Hotel Beijing, BlueStar AMG, BSB Sanlitun, BCIS, Dulwich College, along with so many more, have made it possible for MCF to give back to our community in Beijing in so many different ways, and for that I am grateful to every one of them.

That said, it happens that each semester one of our sponsors is singled out from so many others and recognised for enabling MCF to continue giving back to the Beijing community. We are proud to name this year's "Sponsor of the semester" as The British School of Beijing, Sanlitun for considering MCF regularly as their worthy cause when organising school events.

It remains for me to wish all of you an enjoyable and happy summer break and I look forward to meeting up with you all again at the start of the new academic year.

Helen Boyle



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THANK YOU TO OUR SPONSORS

We at MCF would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to all our sponsors and partners for their contributions during the Summer semester 2019. Your generous financial contributions as well as volunteer partnerships have allowed MCF to continue educating the disadvantaged children of Beijing and providing for them. We hope that through working with MCF, you have also gained a deeper understanding about disadvantaged communities in China and how we can continue to give back to the city in which we live.

Interested in partnering with MCF? Drop us an email at admin@mcfchina.org

VOLUNTEER WITH US AT MCF

As we look back on the semester at MCF, we are grateful for the volunteers who have been with us through countless events and have helped us along the way. As we bid a repeated heartfelt goodbye to those who are leaving Beijing, we would like to take the time to invite new friends to join us on this journey.

At MCF we are always looking for fresh faces with a passion for helping others and inspiring others along the way through internships, volunteering at events, and participating in weekend sessions. We hope to see you in the Autumn!

Feel free to drop us an email at: friends@mcfchina.org



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ABOUT MCF

Founded in 2009, MCF is a non-profit organisation that works with migrant communities in Beijing, China. The organisation is staffed by a dedicated team of long-term volunteers who organise events, manage MCF's education and health programs and maintain relationships with migrant schools.