

Duke China Care
Annual Summary: 2006-07

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Public Summary

Duke China Care was founded in January 2006, and was recognized by the Duke Student Government in February. In June, we received a \$250 grant from the University & Cultural Fund to develop our Playgroups Program.

As the new academic year began, we recruited over 130 members in the Activities Fair in August, and held our first General Body Meeting in September. In this first year, we focused on developing the Playgroups Program and cultivating ties with the local families who had adopted children from China. To allow the children to connect with their birth culture, we sought to focus on various aspects of Chinese culture in our playgroups. Three playgroups were organized in the Fall. We taught the children basic Chinese calligraphy in the first one in October, and watched *Mulan* and *Shanghai Noon* with them in November. For the third playgroup, we invited Duke Chinese Folk Dance to give a lesson in traditional dance. In February 2007, we celebrated the Chinese New Year by making red packets and lucky charms. For the fifth playgroup, we introduced traditional and contemporary Chinese cuisine to the children and cooked Chinese noodles with them. Next, we held a *Guqin* performance and made miniature *Guqins* out of cardboard and rubber bands. The year ended with a picnic and Board elections in the Duke Gardens in April.

