

**Duke China Care  
Annual Summary: 2007-08**

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After a successful first year, Duke China Care set out to continue what had been established the year before and to bring in some new ideas. We held our General Body Meeting on September 8<sup>th</sup>. Following that, our first event of the year was the Mid-Autumn Moon festival, held by the FCC (Families with Children from China) on September 30<sup>th</sup>. We had an origami and a face painting booth. In October we kicked off our Playgroups programs by learning about Terracotta Warriors and painting our own clay warriors. Also in October, we participated in the Cultural Night Market sponsored by ASA and aKDPhi, selling bubble tea and handing out our brochures. After that the next Playgroup was held in the Nasher Museum of Art on November 11<sup>th</sup>, during one of their Family Days.

On November 19<sup>th</sup>, we were able to invite Jennifer Jue-Steuck, a Chinese adoptee who founded Chinese Adoptee Links (CAL), through Duke Conversations to do a presentation on National Adoption Day, November 17<sup>th</sup>, as part of her Global Awareness Campaign. She provided us with valuable insight into the minds of older adoptees. She also read from two very interesting books, Sherrie Eldridge's *Forever Fingerprints*, Xinran Xue's *Motherbridge of Love*. The final Playgroup of the Fall Semester was cookie making and a dance lesson with the Duke Chinese Dance Troupe on December 2<sup>nd</sup>.

In the spring, we had another calligraphy Playgroup on January 27<sup>th</sup>, due to its popularity last year. We also launched our Mentorship Program in the spring, with a meet and greet on February 3<sup>rd</sup> at Ben and Jerry's, followed by telephone charades in the Randolph Commons. Afterwards, mentors and mentees were paired together. Our first group outing at Southpoint on March 1<sup>st</sup> was a great way for the pairs to get to know each other.

During ASA's Lunar New Year, our organization was selected as their sponsored Charity of the year. The next Playgroup, held on February 10<sup>th</sup>, was fan-making while

listening to traditional Chinese music. We then took another trip to Nasher on March 2<sup>nd</sup>, for arts and crafts and a gallery hunt.

The Duke Student Government voted to upgrade us to Chartered Status in March, recognizing our growth as an organization and granting us a stable source of revenue in the form of an annual budget.

On March 29<sup>th</sup>, we held our first annual Charity Banquet at the Freeman Center. The event was attended by over 90 people, including parents, children, and students. Thanks to our many sponsors, we were able to fundraise over \$1200 for consumable goods for the Baotou Home and lactose-free formula from our silent auction. Our final Playgroup was on April 13<sup>th</sup>, where we made *tangyuan* and introduced our new officers for 2008-2009.