



Julianna's Story Sept 2010



Julianna Ko is a sixteen-year-old girl who likes to play cello from time to time, typically after her mother scolds her for not practicing. She listens to Sara Bareilles, Colbie Caillat, and other up-beat artists on rainy days and to Yoyo Ma when she is doing homework. When she became President of the Tri-M Music Honor Society at Shanghai American School - a society comprised of 36 talented musicians - she planned on promoting appreciation for music in the community through small migrant trip visits and a tutoring program at school. But when she came across the Mifan Mama Organization, she knew this was a great cause that Tri-M could help with.



During the summer, Julianna went on a school Habitat trip to Malawi where she built houses and helped at a school for orphans with other students. It was there that she attended her first charity concert to raise money for the Jacaranda school for orphans. It was an amazing evening and everyone there had a great time listening to music. After hearing about Mifan Mama Organization and having participated in a benefit concert, Julianna was inspired to involve the Tri-M Society in organizing a benefit concert to raise money for Lao Wang Orphanage.

In the months leading up to the event, Julianna and the Tri-M Organization have been working to put together a benefit concert with the support of many organizations and businesses. They've invited musicians from the expatriate community to perform, including the Shanghai International String Quartet, Mavis Pan, the JZ School, and their own Shanghai American School ensembles. The event is set to take place on **November 6th, from 6 pm to 9:45 pm**, and will involve a silent auction, food and beverages, and an evening filled with fun music. All funds will be donated to the Lao Wang Orphanage.