



Charity Cocktail March 2011

Mifan Mama's Charity Cocktail 2011: a moving event

Bernadette Gallagher, Team Leader:

Mifan Mama held a Black Tie Charity Event on Saturday March 26th 2011 at the Shanghai Centre Theatre to raise funds to support medical costs for orphans in Anhui Province. The event was a huge success with an attendance of more than 300 people. We raised in excess of 225,000 rmb. The presence and words from Lao Wang, owner of the orphanage, was particularly poignant to the theme of the evening. He was accompanied by two of the orphans, who came to Shanghai for medical treatment. One orphan expressed his words of appreciation for what Mifan Mama is doing for them. He said "Thanks to Mifan Mama, I might be able to see again"

It was an evening of great entertainment and enjoyment. People enjoyed fine wines and delicious canapés. There was a great range of music from the WISS school choir to International String Quartet to Shanghai Ten, a Chinese Orchestra.

The Silent Auction was a big highlight of the evening. It generated great excitement and interest, especially around the Formula 1 tickets, ginger jars and paintings to name but a few items. It provided a great opportunity for some of our artist friends to showcase their work. Thanks to all the sponsors and friends who donated such fantastic and generous items.

We had amazing support from all of our event sponsors. A special thanks and acknowledgement goes to Shanghai Centre for donating the use of the Theatre and all their support, to the Intercontinental Hotel for all the delicious food they provided and their outstanding service, to Jenny Wines as our main wine supplier, to George P Johnson for producing the concert, to SAP for the design of the tickets, posters and programs. Lastly our thanks go to United Family Healthcare for their support with all the printing and all they donated. This event was run on Zero budget.

Last but not least our event took its place of importance on the 9 O'clock News on ICS the following Monday night. People north, south, east and west of Shanghai are becoming more and more aware of what Mifan Mama is doing to support Orphans in China.



As team leader of the event, I want to say a very sincere and warm thanks to the great team that made this happen. We were never put down. Every challenge was met with success! On the night, when I stood back and perused the scene, I was in total awe that our hard work had produced such results. We experienced a very great sense of fulfillment and happiness knowing how much this event would go towards improving the lives of some orphans.

We thank each and every one of you who supported this event in some manner or other.



Anja Wuelfing, Team Member of the Project

When we started to think about the Charity Cocktail as a big event to raise money for medical costs, targeting about 200 to 400 guests, I was excited to be part of the event team. Being an Expat-spouse in Shanghai there are many possibilities to learn and do something new. Having already visited the orphanage, I considered this a great opportunity to do something significant for them.

The last four weeks before the event were so busy that we all felt like we were working in a fulltime job or project. But when the day finally came we were just overwhelmed by the number of guests and the donations we received. It was a real pleasure to experience such generosity from the sponsors and the guests. I felt very lucky to be part of this successful event. Of course even luckier the day after, when I heard, how much money our hard work had earned and more importantly knowing that many orphans will benefit from the necessary medical treatment they so deserve.



Laetitia Nikuze - Team Member of the Project

Back in November 2010, when I volunteered to help prepare the concert, I didn't really know what to expect in terms of how much work or time that it would require. We all enjoyed the planning and brainstorming around how to make this a successful event. We were constantly challenged and never bored or discouraged. I knew deep down within me that whatever I was doing was for a good cause.

As the due date was approaching, I was impatient to see the end result of all our hard work. On March 26th, there it was: beautiful view of all the people dressed in evenings gowns gathered for one cause: to raise money for medical needs of Chinese orphans supported by Mifan Mama. Wow, this was a successful evening as it raised over 225000 rmb. This was done on zero budget

and all thanks to the generosity of different sponsors and contributors. It was more than we expected and that brought me a feeling of happiness, knowing that more than three children will be able to have a surgery (heart, eyes or ears etc....). It was worth all the hard work. These children will have a better life.



Marie Blondine - a guest

This Charity Cocktail was my first event with Mifan Mama: having recently joined the organization, I attended the evening knowing little about its projects, but eager to discover and share the passion that leads it to change the lives of the orphans of Anhui.

Well, I was in for a real treat: the location was lovely, the silent auction exciting and fun, music and vocal performances varied and entertaining. But most of all what struck me that night was the incredible spirit that was reigning throughout the whole evening. All who were present clearly wanted to make a difference and came to carry the flame ignited by Julie Martens and her team. And by all, I don't mean just guests, but also performers, technicians, catering and hospitality, as all were volunteering their talent and services. As I learned during the evening, the whole event was a zero-budget production.

The appearance of Lao Wang and two children from his orphanage was incredibly touching. It brought a lot of meaning to the evening, as we could directly relate to the people we were helping.

A very genuine and inspiring moment, that will long shine in the heart and eyes of the children for whom it made surgery a reality.



From Shanghai Centre - one of our Sponsors.

Shanghai Centre's 20th Anniversary's events wrapped up last month with a charity fundraiser. It was an evening of music, ranging from string quartet, choirs, pianist, Chinese Orchestra and a silent auction. More than 200,000rmb has been raised to support growing medical needs for orphans in China. In name of the Mifan Mama team, we would like to thank all of you who contributed to the success of this great event.

