



Children's Helpers
Worldwide

Summer 2011
Issue 1

Welcome to CHW's Summer Newsletter!

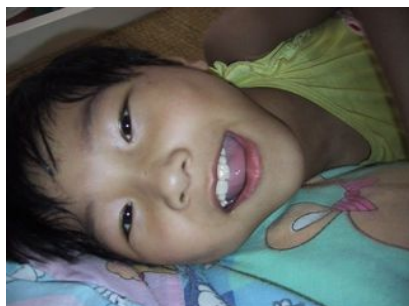
There are some exciting events coming up, so don't forget to save these dates in your diary!

Chinese Tea Party – 27 August 2011

This is a fundraising NON-event – so you can join in the Tea Party from home! All you have to do is have a cup of tea, and send in a donation to us. If you want, you can even arrange a tea party with friends.

Some of us in London will be meeting up at Russell Square at 2 pm on August 27 to have tea together. Please let Catherine know at catherine@chworldwide.org if you want to come.

There will also be a raffle on the day and you could win Chinese teacups or John Frieda hair products! All the details are on the flyer at the back of this newsletter. Please pass it on to more people and help us spread the word!



We support two projects in China - the Shanghai Bo Ai Rehabilitation Centre, which helps children with cerebral palsy and autism and the Baobei Foundation which provides surgeries and aftercare for orphaned babies with neurological and gastrointestinal disorders. If enough people join in with the Tea Party, we hope to give a donation to both. If we do not raise enough for this, we will give a contribution to one of them and will try to fundraise for the other in the future.

Coin Collection for a School in Argentina – until 24 September 2011

Please can you save your small coins for us? Coppers are annoying and usually get in the way, but you can put them to good use! Your coins will then be used to make a donation to an under-resourced school in Argentina.

There will be a 'coffee and cash-in' event in London on 24 September. For more details about this, and to see how to get your donation to us, please see the flyer at the back of this newsletter!

Also in this issue...

Message from our founder - p 2
Appeals from Romania and Ghana - p 3
Projects in Progress – p 4
Volunteer News – p 5
Coin Collection Flyer – p 6
Chinese Tea Party Invitation – p 7



Children's Helpers Worldwide

Message from our Founder

Thank you so much to all of CHW's supporters and volunteers, who have ensured that this has been a busy summer – from building work being carried out in Romania to the distribution of teddy bears in Ghana! There are more things you can get involved with too - like our Chinese Tea Party and Coin Collection for Argentina.

I have recently come back from visiting our projects in Ghana, where we support New Life International Children's Home and Sankofa Mbofra Fie.

New Life was the first organisation CHW started working with and it was wonderful and inspirational to be back with these children again. They are so good! They always do their chores and never have to be reminded. Emmanuella (left) asked me to take a photo of her carrying water. She was going to wash her school clothes.

The children at New Life have already learnt to be strong and independent. Like the other organisations CHW supports, New Life works to give the children a better childhood in the present and strives to ensure they will be responsible and contributing members of society as adults. I am really happy that we can work with the staff at New Life, and other organisations, to achieve this. A big thank you to everyone who shares this vision and supports CHW's projects. If you want more information, or have any fundraising ideas, please email me any time at:

catherine@chworldwide.org

Warmest wishes,
Catherine



Cake Sale at the College of Law and Art Project in Romania!

CHW was able to raise £125 at a cake sale just in time for the summer programmes run by the Atelier Sacelean Association in Romania. The Association helps underprivileged children in Sacele. Thank you to everyone who baked cakes and cookies, and to the College of Law, Bloomsbury, for letting the fundraiser go ahead. Romanian volunteer, Oana, has been busy running an art project, and has also sold some of the items made, to fundraise for the Association!

Thank You

Just over a year ago, Ottilia Saxl became a Patron of CHW. We want to thank her for her support with our projects. She has helped so many of the children we work with. Thank you, on behalf of everyone at CHW, the staff at the local projects, and of course, the children.



Children's Helpers Worldwide

Appeals

To see how you can help schoolchildren in Argentina, or support our medical projects in China, please see the flyers at the back of the newsletter. You can take part in the Tea Party or Coin Collection and really help these children. There are also two more appeals to help children in Romania and Ghana.

Casa Mea, Romania

This is a Children's Home. CHW has previously raised the money to pay for the salary of a carer to work with the children. The children have come from very difficult backgrounds and it is essential that there are enough people to work with them.

Needed: £1250 to pay the salary of a carer to work with the children for one year.

Some of the Casa Mea children, with a 'Children's Helpers Worldwide' sign



New Life International Children's Home, Ghana



Overcrowded: Children from the Home and the surrounding villages playing.

Needed: £2995 to extend and repair the playground.

A few years ago, CHW fundraised for some play equipment. As the only playground in the area, children from outside the Home come to play all the time, and so the equipment is becoming worn. The director of the orphanage, Derrick, would like funding to extend and repair the playground and to build a fence around it, which he can lock. The children from outside the Home can still play, but at certain times, rather than constantly, to keep the equipment in good condition – so all the children have a nice area where they can play.

Do you want to help?

If you want to get involved with these projects to help the children, you can give your time, by volunteering and helping to fundraise, or by giving a donation.

To give a donation, please visit this page: <http://chworldwide.org/Donate.html>

For more information, please email catherine@chworldwide.org



Projects in Progress

Once CHW has raised enough money for an appeal sent to us by one of the local organisations we support, the local staff then oversee the project and keep us updated with its progress. Many thanks to all our supporters and volunteers who make it possible to assist the local children's projects. Here are some updates from two projects in progress!

FAST, Romania

FAST supports underprivileged children and families in Brasov County. FAST appealed to CHW for help to build a carpentry workshop to allow the father of ten children, Sorin, to start a family business, to support his children now and in the future. The second stage of the foundations is now complete.



Thank you to everyone who contributed to this and to all the volunteers who helped out at fundraising events.

Photos: Working on the carpentry workshop and four of the brothers and sisters, wearing clothes donated by CHW. Thanks to Agnieszka Perkins and Mark Cochrane for holding clothes collections.
Below: Rita at Seawind Educare.

Raised: £2,500

Seawind Educare, South Africa

This crèche was set up for children from the Cape Flats and the townships – the most deprived areas of Cape Town. We gave some of the money raised at a bag packing fundraiser for the upkeep of the crèche, including paint work. It is currently winter there, and work will begin when the weather improves. We will keep you updated.



Following the fundraiser, the crèche's director, Rita wrote this to Catherine at CHW:

“As soon as we have good weather, we will start with the paint work. Send my regards to your hardworking team. We love you all. Seawind Educare.”

Raised: £100

Donated Items

When volunteers go to our projects overseas, they can take items with them. Thank you to the charity, 'Teddies for Tragedies' which gave CHW fifteen teddies. These went to the children at Sankofa Mbofra Fie in Ghana. Thank you to Sarah McGee for giving CHW baby clothes. These went to the Baobei Foundation in China.



Volunteer News

Marie-Lise goes to Ghana

Marie-Lise Despeghel spent time volunteering at New Life International Children's Home and visiting Sankofa Mbofra Fie. She sponsors a child at New Life and was able to meet him. Marie-Lise has spent a lot of time helping CHW with its appeals in the UK, and became our Appeals Assistant a couple of years ago. She has also been on a volunteer trip to CHW's projects in Romania. We really appreciate all her support and we are glad she could spend a month volunteering with the children in Ghana!



Marie-Lise at New Life

Chinese Translations

Thanks to Min Lu who did some translations for our projects in China last year, and to Yitao Qian who started helping us this year. Yitao translated lots of information before Catherine from CHW visited the projects in Shanghai earlier this year. Many thanks for that and also thank you to Yitao for helping out at our fundraising events too!

Bag Packing Fundraiser

Thank you to everyone who helped at the bag packing fundraiser. We raised £420 for our projects in Romania and South Africa.

Thanks to Sainsbury's for letting us hold a fundraiser at their Camden branch and to each of the volunteers: Agnieszka, Anna, Emma, Illias, Jana, Kelly, Lisa, Louise, Mara, Mark, Sarah and Yitao.



Some of the bag packing volunteers

Do you want to be a Volunteer?

From home: We always need help fundraising for appeals. You could volunteer at one of our events, or even host your own event, if you wanted to. Sometimes, we just need help spreading the word, as with the Chinese Tea Party and Coin Collection, so you could help, just by passing the flyers or this newsletter on.

Abroad: Some of the local organisations we work with run volunteer programmes. We can put you in touch. Of our trustees, Anna Booth has visited the projects in Romania and Emma Hughes has visited the projects in Ghana. Catherine has been to each project, so please get in touch if you want more information.

See our website: www.chworldwide.org or email catherine@chworldwide.org

Our flyers for the Chinese Tea Party and the Coin Collection for Argentina are on the next pages. Please pass them on!



Children's Helpers
Worldwide

Coin Collection

Help to give children in Argentina a better education!



Your small change can make a big change!

Have you ever emptied your purse of all its coppers? **Annoying small change...** but it can be put to really good use! **Imagine** if you saved some of those small coins for a while, and told others to start collecting too. It would all add up, and would **make a great difference** to buy resources for a school in Unquillo, Argentina, so the children there can get a **better education**.

We are running this appeal until Saturday, 24 September 2011.

See how many coppers you can collect by then!

→ **How to get your donation to us:**

Once you have cashed your coins in, you can transfer the donation to our account, send a cheque or use Paypal. Details can be found on our website, here:
<http://chworldwide.org/Donate.html>

Or, come to our '**Coffee and Cash-In**' afternoon, and bring your coins along.

When and where: 3.00 pm, 24 September. We will meet at Tottenham Court Road Station, and go for coffee nearby.

→ **Money box:** Thanks to Sophie, aged 12, for designing a money box! You can download it from our children's page: <http://chworldwide.org/ChildrensPage.html>

→ **More information:** See our website, www.chworldwide.org or email Catherine on catherine@chworldwide.org



Children's Helpers
Worldwide

Chinese Tea Party Invitation!



When: 27 August 2011
Where: Wherever you like!

How to join in:

On 27 August, **have a cup of tea** - it can be Chinese tea, or any other type! You can drink it while relaxing in front of the TV, and take part without having to leave the sofa, or you can even arrange to have friends round for a tea party of your own – it's totally up to you!

Each person taking part can then give a donation to support our projects in Shanghai, China. (There is a suggested donation of £5, but whatever people can afford to give will really help the children and babies.)

The projects we support in China help children with cerebral palsy and autism and provide vital surgery to orphaned babies with neurological and gastrointestinal disorders. **You can help them!**

Further Details:

→ How to get your donation to us:

You can transfer the donation to our account, send a cheque or use Paypal. Details can be found on our website, here: <http://chworldwide.org/Donate.html>

→ Tea Party in London!

Some of us from CHW will be meeting at **2.00 pm at Russell Square station on 27 August** to have tea together. If you want to join us, please email **catherine@chworldwide.org**.

If you are **NOT** in London but want to arrange a similar event, that would be great! If you want us to help publicise it, please email Catherine.

→ Raffle!

Those of us meeting in London will be holding a raffle. If you cannot make it but still want a chance to win, just let us know when you give your donation, and we can enter you in the raffle on the day. **Prizes:** A set of two beautiful Chinese Tea Cups from Shanghai as well as some great John Frieda products! (To enter you must be 18+ and living in the UK)

→ More information: See our website, www.chworldwide.org or email Catherine on catherine@chworldwide.org