



Clothing and Toy Drive

Co-Sponsored by **Children Helping Children**
and **KinStar International Bilingual Schools**

Dear Parents and Friends in the International School Community,

Students at **KinStar International Bilingual School** and **Children Helping Children** are sponsoring a Clothing and Toy Drive to support poor children and families in Xinjiang. Xinjiang is located in the North West of China and is one of the poorest regions of China. The Uyghur minority, who are the original settlers of the region, are one of the most impoverished groups in China.

Kinstar is committed to developing students who are Bilingual, Bicultural, Biliterate and socially conscious members of the global community. In this endeavor our students are asking for your assistance in collecting clothes, toys and school supplies for poor children and their families in Xinjiang.

Children Helping Children was founded by two of **KinStar International Bilingual School** students Joyanthi and Jayshree Cohen on United Nations Day 2004. In the past three years Children Helping Children has collaborated with students in four schools to collect clothes, toys and school supplies for families and schools in Kashgar, Aksu and this year is expanding to the city of Korla as well.

Please be Generous

We are asking you to be generous as you go through clothing and toys that you and your children have outgrown or do not use any more. We are accepting all donations, as often what is of no use to us is of great utility to someone else.

Below is a brief summary of activities Children Helping Children and KinStar International Bilingual School have collaborated on so far this year. Our Project “Helping Poor Children in Xinjiang” is part of a year-long effort to support children and families in the cities of Aksu, Kashgar and Korla. The project is a multi-pronged effort and includes:

1. **A year-long recycling project** where money collected from the sale of recyclable goods will be used to purchase school supplies and library books for poor schools
2. **First Annual Autumn Festival**- held November 4th and collected over 2000RMB to support the purchase of school supplies for impoverished students
3. **Three Clothing and Toy drives**- we are collecting infant/toddler, children’s and adult clothing, shoes and house hold goods for distribution to families of less fortunate children.
4. **Ongoing collection of school supplies and books**

5. We have a number of other efforts planned to support the work of the **Children Helping Children** and **KinStar International Bilingual School 2006-2007 Project Xinjiang**

In addition...

Students at **KinStar International Bilingual School** along with **Children Helping Children** have also given support to Hei Shan Zhai, a disadvantaged elementary school in Champing district in Beijing. We have plans to expand our relationship, through collaborative learning projects and return visits

Donation Period: **March, April, May and June**

Drop off Addresses:

Location 1: KinStar International Bilingual School 101300 Monet Garden Hoshayu, Shunyi, Beijing Tel: 8041-0390 or 8041-0391 or8041-0392	Location 2: KinStar International Bilingual Kindergarten Clubhouse, Merlin-Champagne Town Shunyi, Beijing Tel: 6450-8258
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Pick-up Information:

KinStar International Bilingual School
Tel: 8041-0390 or 8041-0391 or8041-0392

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We are asking for your generosity as you go through your closets and toy chests to donate clothes and toys that are too small, not used anymore or that you do not want and can be of use to someone who is poor. Please encourage your family and friends to contribute to this project also. We also welcome any donation of school supplies and story books, in both English and Chinese, as part of our charity drive.

Last year: We collected well over 40 large bags of clothes and toys to help those who have very little and who are now going to be warm this winter. We also purchased over 500RMB of school supplies. To the families who were very supportive of the work of **Children Helping Children** last year, thank you so much for your support during our three clothing/toy drives and our recycling project.

This year: **Children Helping Children** and students at **KinStar International Bilingual School** and have already collected so many plastic bottles, glass containers and hundreds of pounds of paper to protect and save our environment. We have helped a scrap collector and have also collected over 2300RMB from the sale of the recycling products, and our Autumn Festival. This money will be used to help poor children by purchasing note books, pencils, erasers and other school products for the next school year. In addition our collection of donated, clothes, toys and household goods is growing and we look forward to keeping many more families warm this year.