

Kids and Congress Working Together for Global Family Harmony

Capitol Reception Newsletter

June 27, 2009

On June 5, 2008 there was a reception held at the U.S. Capitol for Sichuan Earthquake Survivors, Chinese Civic, Government and Religious Leaders. The event was hosted by Global Family Congressional District Program, World Harmony Foundation, Global Family Day Congressional Caucus, assisted by the Washington Internship Program



Miraculously rescued from the rubble of Beichuan Middle School, students Liu Fangyuan and Xi Yuting visited the U.S. Capitol to thank America and the world for their help. Following a tradition begun by Capitol Hill youngsters in 2000, they brought with them 535 individual pieces of Chinese children's artwork about peace and sharing, one for each Member of Congress. Back in 2000, the Brent Elementary School children's presentations resulted in unanimous passage of Senator Paul Wellstone's resolution for a child-inspired "Global Family Day of Peace and Sharing" for all the peoples of the world to be celebrated every January first. The UN General Assembly, 24 heads of state, and many ambassadors endorsed the initiative, and in 2006 the U.S. Congress again called for its observance. Now, with global problems mounting, children of both the U.S. and China will soon send individual hand-made gifts to the families of all the world's heads of state, inviting them to lead their nations in the first globally celebrated GLOBAL FAMILY Day on January 1, 2009. One purpose of this breakfast reception was to further that goal. Highlights from the morning follow.

Guests were welcomed by hosts Linda Grover, Co-Founder of Global Family Day, Frank Liu, President of the World Harmony Foundation, Eric Brown, 13 year old National Youth Messenger for Global Family Day, John Danner, Director of Business Development for Global Family projects, and Jane Lee Garcia, President of the Global Family nonprofit foundation. Remarks from the speakers at the event were as follows:

Chairman John Conyers, Jr., Co-Founder Of Global Family Day

"The tragedy in China is one that all of us around the world are also suffering. We commend all those who are sending people and resources to help... It's this kind of tragedy that necessarily brings us all closer together. When we help each other, we get to the whole essence of the Global Family organization that Linda Grover and I started out with in the White House with President Bill Clinton. Global Family Day, on January 1st 2009, is another way that millions of people will be coming together. It's a wonderful way for people to get to know each other, as a human being to a human being. Then eventually our governments begin to interrelate in a more cooperative way. That brings about stability and harmony for everybody. Senator Barack Obama keeps emphasizing this: let's use diplomacy, let's stop talking about what we can do militarily and who's got more nuclear and who whose troops are more numerous or more effective. That's an old and antiquated notion which is being erased by more and more people who say, 'We can't get anywhere like that', 'We can't solve any problems by going to war with each other'. It never has solved anything and now, most people realize it all over the world and I think that Global Family Day is helping to lead that understanding and cooperation."





His Excellency, Ambassador Zhou Wenzhong, People's Republic of China

“I think that [Global Family] is a very important program, a program for peace, peace for everyone in the world. I think this is the aspiration of all families in the world, in the United States and in China, and everywhere, indeed, for that matter. And I think that US-China relations are an important part of that effort for lasting peace. We are working for better relations between our two countries, we are working for a safer world, for lasting peace for the world, so I want to thank you for all your efforts, and

I want to thank everyone who has joined hands in working for lasting peace in the world.

Erin Ennis Vice President, US-China Business Council

“Throughout this effort we have tried to keep the focus where we think it is most important; that is, on the victims and survivors. We’ve worked with the Chinese embassy on this. They’ve alerted us to where the needs are, to what kinds of contributions are necessary... Our heartfelt feelings go out to those who have been impacted and suffered losses. USCBC has been working with Ambassador Zhou and his staff over the past week to keep our membership informed of how to support the relief effort in China. This has included advising our companies of urgently needed supplies requested by agencies in Beijing and in Sichuan. We have been sending daily bulletins to our membership and also posting this information on our website. But it is the response of companies that is impressive, not what USCBC is doing. We have been trying to keep up with the donations of our member companies. The current list on our website has nearly 80 US companies on it, with the cash contributions amounting to just over \$30 million. This does not include in-kind donations. And I am sure that this represents just a part of what US companies and American citizens are giving to do our small part to help our friends in China.



Ms. Ennis was accompanied by representatives of a number of companies who have assisted in the relief efforts, including Morgan Stanley, Caterpillar, Bill Bailey, VP for Government Affairs with Walt Disney, Liberty Mutual, Li Xiaoling, Vice President of the Chinese People's Association for Friendship with Foreign Countries (CPAFFC) and a member of the Chinese National People's Congress, and others.

“We come here to tell what is happening in China, but we also brought 535 gifts made by Chinese kids. We want to give these gifts to all the Congressional leaders, including Senators, Congressmen and Congresswomen. All of these gifts are very simple, but they are very valuable, because they are hand-made by our children. It shows fully their hearts of peace, loving and their heart of building...a harmonious world.”



“The Chinese People's Association for Friendship with foreign Countries was established in 1954. It is the oldest and most popular people to people exchange in China...So today we are here, we have brought a delegation we called “Say It as It Is” delegation. It was composed of nine people, including two students from Sichuan Province who are the survivors of the earthquake. We are here not

to say how much difficulty we have... We are full of confidence to build our country, especially Sichuan Province, better. I would like to bring our thanks and appreciation to the American government and especially the American people who showed great... concern for us. Just a few minutes ago, several Congressional men and women made beautiful and impressive remarks. So here I would like to thank you again for hosting such wonderful event. Especially we would like to thank Global Family Day Foundation. Before I conclude my speech, I would like to say January 1st, 2009 marks the 30 years establishment of diplomatic ties [between the US and China]..."



Rep. Robert Garcia (Ret.), co-led the Congressional delegation that re-opened relations with China on January 1st, 1979

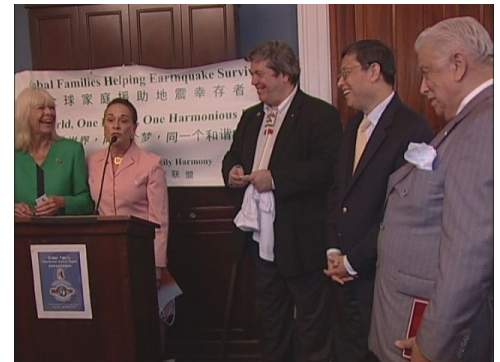
Jane Lee Garcia, President of the Global Family Congressional District Program "Thank you Madame Li for supporting us, and especially for supporting Linda, who is my champion. I have such high regard for her efforts and for her vision and for her tenacity in creating Global Family Day and now I, who also have the tenacity of a Jack Russell, have joined her. So beware world, 'cause we're going to make an impact - for peace!"

U.S. China Youth Leadership Toward A More Harmonious World



Xi Yuting and Liu Fangyuan ended their prepared remarks, delivered in English, with the words "Friendship Forever." A 48-hour annual day of reconciliation and celebration of life as one family, led by China and the U.S. will surely help to make that dream come true. Children of China and children of the U.S.

will work together this summer and fall to reach leaders of all nations with an invitation to join. They will be aided by leaders of the two governments, by faith groups, and by members of the business community as well.



Co-Chairs of the Honorary Host Committee

- Rep. Lester Wolff (Ret.) (D-3rd and 6th/NY)
- Rep. Ben Gilman (Ret.) (R-20th, 22nd, and 26th/NY)
- Rep. Robert Garcia (Ret.) (D-18th/NY)

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- Sen. Norm Coleman (R-MN)
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- Rep. John Conyers, Jr. (D-14th/MI)
- Rep. Bob Filner (D-51st/CA)
- Rep. Eleanor Holmes Norton (D/DC)
- Rep. Jesse Jackson, Jr. (D-2nd/IL)
- Rep. Dennis J. Kucinich (D-10th/OH)

A number of Members of Congress also attended to express their condolences and their firm belief that, as Congressman Lincoln Davis remarked, “The Earth, and the world, becomes a small place when humans are friends.” Also in attendance was a bipartisan group of Congressional Representatives and the following guest:

Congressional Representatives

- Robert Aderholt (R-4th/AL)
- Ray LaHood (R-18th/IL)
- Nancy Boyda (D-2nd/KS)
- Spencer Bachus (R-6th/AL)
- Lincoln Davis (D-4th/TN)
- Jean Schmidt (R-2nd/OH)
- Vernon Ehlers (R-3rd/MI)
- Zach Wamp (R-3rd/TN)
- Jo Ann Emerson (R-8th/MO)
- Robert M. Tallon (Ret.) (D-6th/SC)
- Loretta Sanchez (D-47th/CA)
- Steve Scalise (R-1st/LA)
- and more.

Special Guests Attending Event

- Mr. Xu Lei - Executive Director, Zhonglian Guoxing Institute of Painting and Calligraphy, Council member of CPAFFC and private entrepreneur
- Mr. Guo Hongxing - Chairman, Beijing Dayong Food Group Co, Ltd., Council member of CPAFFC and private entrepreneur
- Mr. Wang Tianyi - President, China International Industry and Commerce
- Mr. Li Yong Zhang - President, China General Chamber of Commerce-USA
- Mr. Tai he Kong - President, World Magazine
- Master Pufa - Fujian Gu Mountain Yong Chun Temple, Member of the People's Congress
- Ms. Duan Jun = Director, U.S. Affairs Division, Department of American and Oceanian Affairs, CPAFFC