

Adopt a Chinese School in Sichuan

THE PHILADELPHIA ORCHESTRA AND CHINA YOUTH DEVELOPMENT FOUNDATION
INVITE YOU TO HELP REBUILD SICHUAN'S DEVASTATED SCHOOL SYSTEM

On June 2, 2008 in Beijing, the world-famous Philadelphia Orchestra will perform a special concert led by music director Christoph Eschenbach and featuring pianist Lang Lang in Beijing to commemorate the 30th anniversary of the US-China diplomatic relationship, and the Orchestra's historic 1973 tour to China.

The Philadelphia Orchestra and the China Youth Development Foundation propose to the American business community and the American people to turn this event into a public expression of care and love for the children in Sichuan who during the earthquake have lost their teachers, their classmates, and their schools. We invite you to participate in this campaign, to show your support for the tremendous task that the disaster areas now face – **the rebuilding of Sichuan's devastated school system, by adopting a new earthquake-proof school.**

The Orchestra would like to show its solidarity and support of the Chinese people by bringing a free live broadcast of this special performance to people across China and are waiving their broadcast fee for this performance to make a collective donation. Pennsylvania Governor Edward G. Rendell has announced his full support of the campaign, and volunteers from the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania's offices in China are staffing the efforts.



The following are a few donation options for your consideration:

US\$ 400,000 (RMB 2,800,000)	Builds 5 new Project Hope schools
US\$ 320,000 (RMB 2,240,000)	Builds 4 new Project Hope schools
US\$ 240,000 (RMB 1,680,000)	Builds 3 new Project Hope schools
US\$ 160,000 (RMB 1,120,000)	Builds 2 new Project Hope schools
US\$ 80,000 (RMB 560,000)	Builds 1 new Project Hope school
US\$ 5,000 (RMB 35,000)	Builds 1 new library for a Project Hope school

To make this a reality, we must move quickly. Demonstrate your support by sending an email to jackposobiec@paua.org.cn, jimcurtis@paua.org.cn, or emilyzhang@paua.org.cn at Pennsylvania Center China or calling 8621-2308-1168 today, or no later than 3:00pm on Monday, June 9, 2008.



The China Youth Development Foundation (CYDF) is a national non-profit and non-governmental organization founded in March 1989 in Beijing. The CYDF is committed to helping young people build capacity and to improving the environment for the development of young people by providing aid services, giving a voice to the interests of young people and carrying out social advocacy. The CYDF is best known for launching and managing its largest program to date, "Project Hope." Project Hope has sought to help school dropouts in poor remote regions return to school and complete at least an elementary education.

Project Hope is the flagship program of CYDF. Founded in 1989, the goal of the project is to ensure that children in rural communities today and in the future have the opportunity to go to school. By the end of 2007, Project Hope had raised over RMB 3.6 billion in donations, helped nearly 3 million children from poverty-stricken rural families continue their schooling, built 14,500 Hope primary schools and 200 Internet Schools in poor remote regions, presented over 13,000 Hope library kits and 3,000 film library kits to over 10,000 village schools in remote areas, and trained over 40,000 village primary school teachers.

In addition, the foundation has set up a "Stars of Hope Award Fund" to support top-ranked Project Hope students in further studies and a "Hope Primary School Teacher-Training Fund" to allow teachers to sharpen their skills.

48 hours after the earthquake, the China Youth Development Foundation's "Project Hope Disaster Relief Assistance" team headed by its secretary general Tu Meng arrived to the disaster areas to survey the damaged schools and become aware of the many needs of the affected children. The China Youth Development Foundation's urgent appeal is to society, asking for aid for the affected students and families to help rebuild the schools destroyed in the disaster areas and bring hope to the devastation. Although the disaster has taken the lives and livelihoods of hundreds of thousands of people, nothing can destroy the spirit of the people willing to help those in need overcome their hardships.