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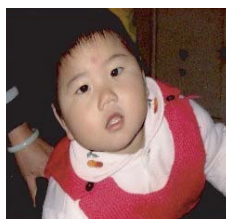
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care of china's orphaned & abandoned

## Shin Yin Chun & Xin Tian Shen Appeal

**Dear Supporter,** Is it me, or are the years really speeding by more quickly than before? This year has gone in a flash. Surely it was only yesterday that I was writing our Christmas appeal, and here we are again, asking you for your support, again, to continue our highly successful sponsorship scheme to place our Chinese children in family homes. What could be a better present to a child than a real family to grow up in, real parents to look after them, a real place to call home? Let Shi Yin Chun and Xin Tian Shen explain why they want you to help children like them.

### Shin Yin Chun



Hello. I am Shin Yin Chun, a little girl. I was abandoned when I was nine months old and left in an orphanage because I had cerebral palsy. In 2003 I was very lucky, Cocoa found me foster parents who have looked after me very well. My foster mother has been trained in home physio-therapy, and treats me every day. I still find it difficult to concentrate on my exercises, but I know I am stronger – I can even turn around, lift my head and clap when I am happy. I do a lot of clapping now. I hope that you will be able to help other children like me who need proper parents who love them.

### Xin Tian Shen



I am Xin Tian Shen and I want to say thank you for helping me too. I was left at an orphanage when I was six months old because I had weak muscles and was slow to develop. I was given to foster parents immediately, and each day I get stronger: I can now sit and walk with my walking frame. I can play with my toys (I like this very much) and I go to a centre in our village for physiotherapy. My foster parents take me, and they also give me therapy at home. It is making me well. I hope you will be able to help other children like me. It is so nice to be part of a loving and caring family.

Cocoa desperately needs sponsors for children like Xin Tian Shen and Shin Yin Chun. It only costs £18 a month to place these children in a proper family home. That's not a lot to give a child a proper start in life.

Perhaps £18 a month is too much of a commitment for you. You can still help by sponsoring our Room of Life for babies who are very ill on admission and need extra special care from our highly trained teams. Just fill in the enclosed Bankers Order form for a regular donation to Cocoa or the enclosed Donation Form if you would like to make a donation to help the children this winter.

**Thank you for helping us.**

**Best wishes for a very merry Christmas and a happy New Year from all of us at Cocoa.**

## We urgently need your support!



These dear little babies need your help for the winter. We have just had a request for one hundred winter coats and trousers costing £860; socks and gloves costing £430; winter duvets costing £360; heating oil costing £215; electricity costing £715. A total of £2579. Cocoa wants to help and needs to act fast as winter is on its way.

The temperatures are often well below zero, and many of these babies are severely disabled, so they cannot move around to keep themselves warm – they depend on us for warmth, and for survival.

**We really hope you can help – just £10 is a start towards finding all of the £2579 we need to foot the bill for winter for these children.**

## ----- STOP PRESS ----- New Patrons -----



Cocoa is thrilled to announce our two new patrons: actress Sarah Lancashire and her husband, television executive, Peter Salmon. Welcome to Cocoa! We look forward to a long and happy association with you both.