



*Loving care for cherished lives*

## **Volunteer opportunities**

ChinaKidz Butterfly Home is China's first dedicated Children's Hospice and community palliative care service, in Changsha (Hunan Province) due to open in autumn 2009. In co-operation with the Changsha No.1 Children's Welfare Centre (CNOWC) we are providing children's palliative care services for abandoned children in the orphanage as well as for those with families, aiming to support them at home and avoid the pressures to abandon their sick baby/child.

This is an exciting and groundbreaking project in China; even in many other parts of the world children's hospice services are not available.

As in many countries palliative care is not a well understood specialty and we are privileged to be able to help establish this vital service for children. In order to ground the service into the local service we will employ and train Chinese staff to deliver the service, however we want to supplement the care given by local staff with that of volunteers aiming to provide good education and role models.

There are a number of ways in which you can consider being part of this wonderful work, whatever your skills and experience. The main 'qualifications' are a desire to serve and an ability to be flexible,

We are particularly interested in recruiting medical/nursing or therapy staff experienced in palliative care for short or longer term service. If you do not have palliative care experience please don't be put off you will be sure to have relevant transferable skills and experience.

Volunteers can apply for one of three service periods:

- Short term - minimum of two weeks excluding travel up to 3 months;
- Mid term - minimum of 3 months and up to 12 months;
- Longer term – over 12 months and up to 4 years

Don't be dismayed if you are not 'medical' or experienced in palliative care, there are many opportunities for service in the following areas

- ♥ Playing and other therapies which can be taught to you
- ♥ Administration
- ♥ Management
- ♥ At it's simplest – if you can hold and care for a dying child role modelling thsoi care to the local staff – you have a lot to give.

We will consider anyone with a heart to serve the children and families with whatever skills they may have.

### **What does it cost?**

You will need cover your

- return fare to Changsha (Hunan Province PRC)
- visa costs (see your country's Chinese Embassy website)
- medical insurance
- accommodation and living expenses (we can advise you on that).

Contact [info@chinakidz.org](mailto:info@chinakidz.org) for more information or fill in an application form on the website