China Care Brown
A Brown University Chapter of the China Care Foundation

Article I. Statement of Purpose

China Care Brown seeks to unite Brown students with local adopted children, their families and orphans in China through their shared sensitivity to and common interest in Chinese history and culture.

By providing students with the opportunity to raise community awareness about the orphan situation in China through participation in educational, fundraising, and cultural activities, China Care Brown aids Chinese orphans, particularly those with special needs, by improving orphanage conditions, providing better medical care, and supporting local adopting American families. Participation in China Care Brown is a chance for Brown students to work directly with local families, regional non-profit organizations and orphanages in China.

In addition, China Care Brown will impact the larger Brown community by hosting speakers and experts in the fields of Chinese policy, international adoption, and international aid work, an annual student-presentation by interns sent to China, and an annual Benefit Dinner and auction (or another, similar, large-scale fundraising event).

China Care Brown is a Brown University chapter of the national charitable organization, the China Care Foundation.

Article II. Membership

Eligibility to China Care Brown is open to all full-time undergraduate members of the University and does not discriminate on the basis of sex, race, color, religion, handicap, status as a veteran, sexual orientation, or national or ethnic origin. Majority membership shall consist of full-time undergraduate Brown students. Membership is also open to graduate students, faculty members, administration, and members of the Providence community.

a. Membership shall be retained until the student severs relations with the University whether by graduation or otherwise. Membership will be retained during the vacations and recesses of the University.

b. Any member may resign at any time by filing a written resignation with the Officer at Large.

Article III. Officers and Leadership

The officers (collectively known as the executive board) for China Care Brown shall include a President, a Vice Presidents, a Controller, a Public Relations Director, a Playgroup Coordinator, a Mentorship Program Coordinator, a Fundraising Coordinator, an Internship Coordinator, and an Officers and Large.
The President(s) shall be responsible for organizing and conducting meetings of the members, for coordinating group business, and for coordinating the relationship with the China Care Foundation.

The Controller shall maintain the finances of the group and be responsible for communications with the Undergraduate Finance Board regarding funding and expenditures. He or she will maintain a record of all financial transactions.

The Public Relations Director shall be responsible for coordinating publicity for China Care Brunonia events both on and off campus as well as acting as go-between with the press.

The Playgroup Coordinator will have general charge over all playgroup activities undertaken by the organization and organize playgroups for local adopted children every other weekend.

The Mentorship Program Coordinator will have general charge over all mentorship activities undertaken by the organization and work closely with parents from Families with Chinese Children.

The Fundraising Coordinator will oversee all matters related to fundraising and will prepare proposals for board members before fundraising events commence, suggesting how fundraised money will be spent.

The Internship Coordinator will be the architect for an internship program through which Brown University students may travel to China and volunteer in any way that fits the mission of China Care Brunonia.

Officers at Large will be responsible for spearheading efforts that do not fall under the jurisdiction of other China Care Brown officers.

a. All officers shall be registered undergraduates of Brown University.

Article IV. Elections
Officers shall be elected annually by members of the executive board. Elections shall be held during the month of April. Terms shall commence on the first day of summer recess and terminate on the last day of the following academic year.

Any undergraduate members of China Care Brown may run for election. All candidacy statements must be filed in writing to the executive board at least one week before the date appointed for elections. All voting members will have one vote by secret ballot. Members may vote by written proxy if necessary.

For election a candidate must receive a majority of votes cast. Runoffs shall be conducted between the top two votegetters if no candidate receives a majority on the first ballot. There will be no term limit.
Should a vacancy occur, the President(s) shall appoint a replacement provided a majority consent of the executive board exists. Should a vacancy for the President occur, the executive board will elect a successor.

In extraordinary circumstances a special election may be called by a 2/3 majority petition from either the general body or the executive board.

V. Amendment Procedures
Amendments shall be brought before the executive board by a majority vote. The President(s) shall notify all current members of the group that an amendment to the group’s constitution is being considered. The proposed amendment will then be deliberated at the following meeting. For acceptance an amendment must have two-thirds support from the executive board or three-quarters support from the general body.

Once an amendment has been passed by China Care Brown, notification shall be given to the UCS Coordinator of Student Activities at least two (2) full days before the next regularly scheduled full council meeting. Upon receipt of a simple majority from UCS, the amendment shall be considered a formal part of China Care Brown’s constitution.

VI. Member Signatures
We, the undersigned, attest to the validity of the above information and that we are members in good standing of China Care Brown.

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