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HUGE SUPPORT FOR MATILDA CHILDREN'S FOUNDATION FUND RAISER

***Carols by Candlelight* raises over \$300,000, to help underprivileged children in China receive life-changing surgery**

Hong Kong, 19 December 2005 – The Matilda Children's Foundation, (the Foundation) today announced the results of its first large scale fund-raising drive on December 6th 2005. The recently formed charity was established to help underprivileged children from Hong Kong and China who require life-changing surgery and have no other means of receiving care. The charity was overwhelmed by the response to its first appeal.

Dr John Ngan, urologist and founding member of the Foundation explains how the money raised can benefit these children in need of help. "The initial aim of ***Carols by Candlelight*** was to raise HK\$100,000.00 to help eleven disabled and sick children from an orphanage in Beijing to receive medical treatment that will improve the children's health and hopefully raise their chances of adoption. The terrific response we have received means that we can now help those children and more. There are so many that need help, and this is a wonderful start. People have been so generous, and this bodes very well for the numbers of children we can help to a new life in the future."

Donations will be used to buy the sutures, dressings, anesthetic gas and other medications necessary for surgery. The charity has no administration overheads and every dollar raised goes to the children. The Matilda International Hospital provides medical care free and all doctors have donated their time, expertise and care free of charge.

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About The Matilda Children's Foundation

The Matilda Children's Foundation (the Foundation) was founded in 2003 to promote and provide help and comfort to underprivileged children from Hong Kong and China who require life-changing surgery and have no other means of receiving care.

The Foundation is a registered Hong Kong charity, staffed by volunteers who are dedicated to the children, donating time and resources to enable surgery to take place. 100% of every dollar raised goes to help the children. All doctors, surgeons,



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nursing staff and administrators have volunteered time and resources and there are no overheads or administrative costs.

The Matilda International Hospital provides accommodation and surgical and operating facilities as well as staff and resources free of charge.

Over the past 18 months the Foundation has helped children with life-changing surgery go on to lead more normal lives. Examples include: Wu Jianchun who was abandoned at birth and was 6 years old and living in an orphanage when he came to the Foundation's attention. He suffered from Exstrophy-Epispadias complex that made him incontinent and was not able to attend school as a result. His dream came true with his first day at school in 2004. This was made possible by a 15-hour operation to reposition his bladder, close his pelvis and reconstruct his urethra and penis. His bladder capacity has increased and now he is continent and able to attend school thanks to the foundation and generosity of doctors and supporters.

Xu JianYang was 9 years old and suffered from Spina Bifida with deformities of lower spine, legs & feet. He leaked urine constantly, which made his life miserable with recurring infections and cruel bullying and rejection from other children. Little Xu is now out of diapers for the first time in his life. Thanks to the work of the Foundation, he has found hope for a brighter future.

To make donations please contact Angela at 2849 0355 or donate through our website at www.matilda.org

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