



GUANYIN PROJECT

Families with Children from China of Greater NY

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A special yearlong Service Program for FCC Kids and Families
culminating with an Award Banquet in May 2010
and President's Volunteer and FCC Service Awards

Volunteer within your local community or with FCCNY.

\$10 per person registration fee (a current FCCNY membership is required)

Register online at

<https://www.fccny.org/FCCStore/OpenStores/FCCEventStore/WelcomePage.asp>

Questions? Want to help? Contact Pat Helck at mommyhelck@gmail.com,
609-897-0529

We cordially invite FCCNY families to join us on a new journey! Remember the journeys we all took as expectant families--the Adoption Information Nights, the Home Visits, the visit to see THE PICTURE, the Travel Groups to China, the Magnificent Day when we each became a Family? Well, we just might be ready for a new chapter in that wonderful book of journeys -- **a special, yearlong Service Program called the GUANYIN PROJECT** -- a community service journey our children can take together, even though they might be many miles apart.

As our children are growing, their lives are becoming complex and demanding. We all wonder at their talents and accomplishments - Bar/Bat Mitvahs, Confirmations, Concerts, Recitals - maybe looking forward to college! As part of all these preparations and plans, there's usually a call for a considerable amount of Service to the Community. We propose braiding this Service objective with our **FCCNY Mission of connecting, sustaining and celebrating families with children adopted from China**. In the process, we hope to make FCCNY even stronger for our growing children, so that they might work together, come to know each other well as friends and colleagues and serve our communities and Country as proud, confident individuals.

As you may know, FCCNY is registered as a certified organization for achieving The President's Volunteer Service Award. We are launching the FCCNY GUANYIN PROJECT, dedicated to fostering organized community service toward the goal of having each participant achieve the prestigious President's Volunteer Service Award

and some new yet to be determined FCCNY Service Awards. We plan an Awards Banquet in May 2010.

Won't you join in this exciting project?

In the interest of getting started RIGHT NOW, we ask you to register at www.fccny.org and pay a \$10 registration fee per person. Once registered, you will receive a welcome packet and more detailed information. We will keep track of the community service hours earned, give ideas for local volunteer opportunities, and work to create FCCNY partnerships with appropriate institutions and organizations, so that our children, indeed, perhaps your entire family, can work together in this mission. If your child is working NOW in Scouts, in Church or Synagogue, or on a mandated project from school, or simply a cherished expression of personal values, by participating in the GUANYIN PROJECT, these service contributions can be documented and gathered together for inclusion toward awards. **Our project year will run from April 1, 2009 to May 1, 2010.**

Get your FCCNY VOLUNTEER RECORD OF SERVICE at
<https://www.fccny.org/resources/fccnyvolunteerform.pdf>

Our goal is to begin this project with 50 participants registered by June 30th. We hope you'll join us in this new undertaking.

Sincerely,
FCCNY Volunteers
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GuanYin is one of the most celebrated figures in Chinese mythology. Her name in Chinese roughly translates as "The One who Hears the Cries of the World". GuanYin is known as the Goddess of Mercy, Compassion and Fertility and the Protector of Children.

The President's Volunteer Service Award is issued by the President's Council on Service and Civic Participation on behalf of the President of the United States to recognize the best in American spirit, and to encourage all Americans to improve their communities through volunteer service and civic participation. The Award is given to individuals, families, and groups that have demonstrated outstanding volunteer service and civic participation over the course of a 12-month period. Any individual, family, or group can receive Presidential recognition for their annual commitment to volunteer service.

Presidential Volunteer Service Award Criteria **Bronze Level**

Kids (14yrs and younger): 50 to 74 hours
Young Adults (15yrs to 25yrs): 100 to 174 hours
Adults (25yrs and older): 100 to 249 hours
Family & Groups: 200 to 499 hours

** In families and groups, each member contributing to the total number of hours must have served 25 hours or more.*

Silver Level.

Kids(14yrs and younger): 75 to 99 hours
Young Adults (15yrs to 25yrs): 175 to 249 hours
Adults (25yrs and older): 250 to 499 hours
Family & Groups: 500 to 999 hours

** In families and groups, each member contributing to the total number of hours must have served 25 hours or more.*

Gold Level.

Kids (14yrs and younger): 100 hours or more
Young Adults (15yrs to 25yrs): 250 hours or more
Adults (25yrs and older): 500 hours or more
Family & Groups: 1000 hours or more

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President's Call to Service Award

All Ages 4,000 hours or more of volunteer service (over a lifetime).

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