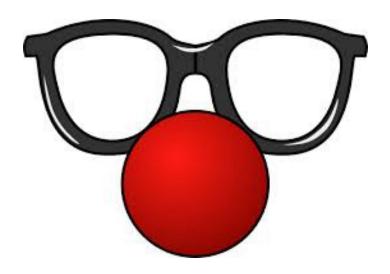


#### LAUGHTER IS THE BEST MEDICINE



**ANNUAL REPORT 2016** 



#### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

It is with great pleasure to write the foreword for the 2016 Annual Report of Magic Hospital. Even though I write this in my capacity as the President of Magic Hospital, this foreword is mostly written from a volunteer's heart who joined this wonderful grass root organization late 2003.

Looking back on all these years I see how Magic Hospital was nurtured and grown by numerous passionate people with big hearts who believe that every child has the right to a childhood.

We are all excited to take Magic Hospital to the next level and in order for that to happen a number of changes have been made and continue to be made which you will read about in this report.

Warmest regards from Kuala Lumpur and on behalf of the board,

Magda The

### Why we got started

Studies show the positive impact of laughter on the healing process, the health benefits of positive and fun moments whilst being unwell or undergoing medical treatment.

Being hospitalised is stressful and frightening, especially for a child - the noises, smells, white coats, unpleasant or painful medical procedures, worried parents.

Annually thousands of parents from all provinces in China travel for hours, even days to get treatment for their children at the Beijing Children's Hospital, with 800 beds China's largest and leading pediatric hospital.

The hospital struggles with overcrowding and staff has no time to play with the children. While medical care is excellent the little patients need also activities and distractions to support and comfort them.

Precisely because of this need Magic Hospital was born in 2003. We kicked off by sending in our first clown, quite a new approach within Chinese medical care.

In 2016 we ran 3 regular programs in Beijing: Clowns and Co, Playtime and Outdoorsy.



## Organisational Updates

Every organization needs governance and Magic Hospital is no exception. End of 2015 we renewed our Board of Directors with three outstanding ladies – **Magda The, Mia Nielsen and Dagmar Saschek** – for guidance and support.

In March 2016 **Richard Rheindorff** joined as 4th Board member. He brings an extensive professional experience, passion for children and social causes to Magic Hospital.

A change also in China - December 2016 the baton of MH Coordinator passed from **Rob Wang** to **Xiao Yu.** Xiao Yu holds a PHD in Physics and Polymer Chemistry, and comes with leadership skills, a big heart and an even bigger smile. Rob did a fabulous job during his 5 years at the helm of Magic Hospital China. Luckily we don't have to shed tears for him as he remains loyal and involved in Magic Hospital.

Thank you to all who supported us in 2016
The Magic Hospital Team
Liu JinJun, Dong Lanjing, Liu Renhong, Xiao Yu,
Drew, Emiko, Phoebe, Daisy, Megumi, Rebecca,
Rob, Betty, Margaret, Jasper, Anneli, Gloria,
Isabelle, Ta-Wei, Sarah Te, Sarah Chan, Jenna,
Keith, Wan Ran, Kate, Bin, Ola, Magda, Mia,
Dagmar, Richard and Claudia

Further we joined the International Play Association. Article 31 of the UN Convention on the Right of the Child clearly stipulates that every child has the right to engage in play and recreational activities, to participate in cultural life and arts.

IPA's purpose is to protect, preserve and promote the child's right to play as a fundamental human right.



We fully support and promote this right.

And last but not least, **CAF America's Eligibility Committee** approved Magic
Hospital as being eligible to receive future
grants from CAF America. This status has
been granted till August 2018.

A Huge Thank You to the CAF America staff who have been supporting and guiding us through the Cisco Matching grant and structural improvements: Robynn Benner, Joseph Schaffer, Jessica Krafft and Nicole Varner.



# A Tribute to the CISCO employees who donated so generously to the Clown program and spread hours of happiness and smiles amongst the hospitalized children!

USD 1000 +



With our deepest gratitude on behalf of the children

The following pages are your achievement!

The Board of Directors
Magda The, President
Dagmar Saschek
Mia Nielsen
Richard Rheindorff



No matter how old we are - laughter is the best medicine!

With the funding of CISCO Matching grant we organised

#### 131 Clown visits

Ertong Hospital: 96 visits Beijing University Hospital: 35 visits









#### Clown and Co Program

"If you treat a disease you loose, if you treat a person you win."

Patch Adams

Mr. Liu Jinjun and Ms. Dong Lanjing, our sensitive and experienced Chinese clown colleagues, are visiting China's largest Children Hospital, Ertong Yiyuan every Wednesday afternoon. Mr. Liu also whirls twice a month through the Beijing University Hospital.

By the way: Mr. Liu actually has been clowning with us since our cradle year 2003. He is very popular with the children and staff, and with us of course, not only for the show he puts on but his steadfast commitment and genuine care for the children.

The visits last about 3 hours. Colorful costumes, magical tricks, learning how to make balloon animals and paper flowers provide ample distraction to the little patients.



#### Playtime Program

"I enjoyed it so much! I've never visited kids at a hospital before and it was such a heart warming experience. These kids were so playful and happy given their situations."

Hospital stays are mostly boring. But not on Saturday mornings when Magic Hospital visits. Our 15+ dedicated volunteers take turns and play with the children at the **Huaxin hospital**.

The play visits are on a smaller scale, usually with 4 -10 children, aged 1-5 years. Impact does not necessarily lie in big numbers, as there is more time to focus on each child.

It is also a moment of support and relief for the anxious parents. Their children are hospitalized here because they need to undergo heart surgery, so this is a hugely stressful time for them too.

Playtime sessions have also been started at BoAi Hospital which has special wards for children afflicted by autism or cerebral palsy.



#### Huaxin Hospital Playtime

The children seem to love Magic Hospital's weekend Playtime.

Together with our volunteers they sing, play games, practice "cooking" skills, draw, paint, build towers and train tracks, and make puzzles. Each session is different.









#### Outdoorsy Program

Creating a childhood memory

A bit of Magic should happen everywhere. For us Magic Hospital has become a mindset, bringing support where needed,

So we organise Outdoorsy days: excursions and trips for children in orphanages, institutions or migrant worker schools, to offer a change in scenery and activities which they don't have on their weekend agenda.

This year we went through a bit of a rough patch when our program coordinator position was vacant and only 2 fun days were organized.

We want to do more again in 2017!



#### A trip to the zoo...



A magic day for 50 children from Beijing Qinghonglan Migrant school. Magic Hospital volunteers took this swarming group of excited 2nd and 3rd graders to the Beijing Zoo.

There were a lot of AAHS and OOOHS as it was their first visit to a zoo. Everyone had a blast, and of course an ice cream in the sweltering heat...







## A day in the National Museum...



The 2nd Outdoorsy Day happened with 3rd and 5th graders also from the Migrant school QinHongLan. The children enjoyed seeing the National Museum in Beijing.

Now this may sound like a run-of-the-mill event to you, but for the kids it was a rare opportunity to get out and about!





## Gift Giving and Community events

Magic Hospital is a true grassroots organization, and we have always been deeply rooted into the Beijing community.

The Australian Embassy in Beijing is awesome and marked a special day: World autism Day,

We also held 2 painting workshops, participated in the Australian Embassy BBQ day and went on AIR.

#### World Autism Day

APRIL 2ND

BoAi is a hospital specialising in children with mental impairments such as cerebral palsy. The hospital also has a special ward for children affected by autism. Outside stimulation is extremely important for the children.

At the request of the hospital, our Chinese New Year gift giving session was postponed to April 2 to coincide with World Autism Day.

A great time was had by all, and the kids especially loved the presents! Thank you to the **Australian Embassy!** 







## BBQ Fun from Austcham

A GREAT DAY OUT...

Another great **Australian Chamber** (AUSTCHAM) Outdoor Fundraising BBQ! Our Volunteers Gloria and Anatey manned the Magic Hospital table, spreading the word about the work we do and selling our popular ABC Books.

And as you can see we start recruiting our volunteers from an early age!







## Fundraising Paint workshops

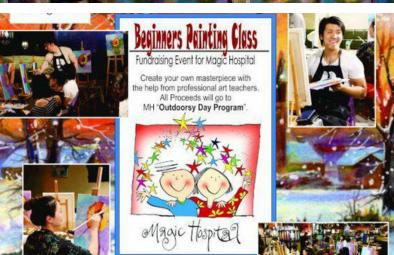
ONLY FOR THE PAINT-HEARTED! Together with **IF Zero Base Art Workshop** we hosted two "Beginner's Painting Lesson" workshop, one in May, the second one in November. It was **THE** event for people who considered themselves painting luddites.

Under the careful guidance of professional art teachers the aspiring artists could create their master piece. Participants learnt new skills and who knows... maybe even brightened up their walls at home.

They certainly brightened up a day for children as the proceeds were used to fund an Outdoorsy Day event!







#### On the Air

ONLY FOR THE PAINT-HEARTED!

Talk of the Beijing town: Magic Hospital was on radio 103.9. Rob Wang had great fun chatting about the organization, volunteering and non-profit work in China. He said it was his first time on a live radio show and apparently he was not bursting out random English words.

We say a job well done!

Big thanks to the host, our lovely volunteer **Wang Shuang** for setting it up and MH's long time friend - Music therapist from Beijing Bo Ai Hospital, **Huayu Li**!









#### **Finances**



Our accounting for MH France and MH China is separate. In China an external accountant takes care of book keeping, incoming and outgoing payments and provides monthly financial statements. In France an accounting firm handles our accounts and prepares the annual balance sheet.

The **Cisco grant** and the donation from the **Oxford & Cambridge Club Christmas Ball** end of 2015 (thanks to our ubiquitous Rob Wang) provided us with bit of a financial breather.

#### MH France

The Cisco grant financed clown program since October 2015. According to grant stipulation the clown fees were paid by direct transfer from MH France to the performers in China.

The amount due is calculated by our accountant in China upon receipt of the time sheets which are submitted by the respective hospital liaisons.

Total assets	01 January 2016	31st of December 2016
Cash	€16,363	€5,813
Total	€16,363	€5,813



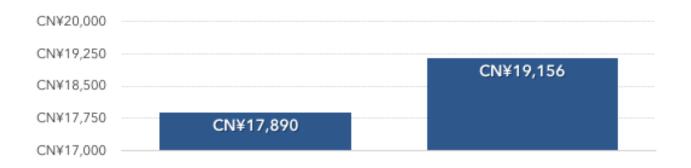
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Description	Actual	Description	Actual	
Donation	€1,500	Operating expenses	€10,086	
Total	€1,500	Total	€10,086	

In 2016 MH France had an operating result of - 10.086 euros

#### MH China

The admin of RMB 12,000 represent the accounting fees for a 15 months period, from October 2015 - December 2016. The monthly stipend for the accountant is RMB 800.

Total assets	01 January 2016	31st of December 2016
Cash	CN¥17,890	CN¥19,156
Total	CN¥17,890	CN¥19,156



INCOME-1		EXPENSES-1	
Description	Actual	Description	Actual
Transfer MH France	CN¥10,578	Admin costs	CN¥12,000
Donation	CN¥2,585		
Interest	CN¥103	Total	CN¥12,000
Total	CN¥13,266		1



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The image with the plant on the Finance page is not ours. The rest of photos we did, though not quite in high resolution (yet)



Thank you very much for your interest and your time!

You were a lovely audience!