

ABC TALENT Basketball Program

Hosts First Inter-School Girls Basketball Tournament

In December 2011, ABC TALENT Girls Basketball Program concluded yet another successful semester working toward our mission to empower girls who are students in Beijing's migrant school communities with The 4 C's (see below).

The semester's conclusion was all the more exciting, as we hosted our first inter-school basketball tournament! This culminating event brought together 100 migrant girls in a spirit of community competition and group accomplishment. The tournament bridged migrant school communities with a diverse group of volunteers. The event was made possible by 16 youth volunteers and basketball coaching staff from Qing Hua International Middle School, 20 members of expat Girl Scout Troupes of Beijing, 28 ABC Volunteers, and Staff. Additional attendees included representatives from Lacoste, a corporate partner in our court construction project at Xiwang Zhixing School, and certified volunteer referees from Beijing Sport University.



Players showing inter-school sportsmanship after the game.

STUDENT SPOTLIGHT

Liu Sha 刘莎
Age: 12 Grade: 6
Pengying School

Liu Sha is a direct girl. She said in her journal, "We never scored during the game, while the opponent scored 8 points. Yet, I was unyielding - I didn't give up." She learned what commitment is and how to be a committed person.



In their Words...

Our mission centers on The 4 C's. Student and parent feedback says it all concerning impact:

Confidence

We must be confident in ourselves. Even if you want to do something, if you don't have confidence, you won't do it well.

Xiang Li, Xinghe Bilingual School

Courage

We should be courageous enough to face all the difficulties and never give up half-way.

Guo Yaoshan, Zhen Hua School

Care

When my friend loses her confidence, I will listen to her. I will guide her if she makes a mistake by helping her practice basketball.

Ren Xiangyu, Pengying School

Commitment

Ever since my kid participated in the program, she has become more optimistic and active, with improved attitude and better behavior. She likes to communicate with others more than before.

Jian Ping, Parent, Xinghe Bilingual



Congratulations Pengying School for your well-deserved victory!

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Mao Qingqing 毛清清
Age: 11 Grade: 6
Xinghe Bilingual School

Mao Qingqing said that the one who is confident enough is the one who can withstand the upset of losses and enjoy the happiness of victory. Her parents are happy to see she is becoming more active and outgoing.

