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LUOYANG PEONY FESTIVAL

The name of the Henan Province comes from its geographic location south of the Yellow River. Due to its proximity to the river, Henan Province is considered the cradle of Chinese civilization and boasts a very rich heritage.

Luoyang has been the capital city of the Henan Province for nine dynasties since 770 BCE and is one of the seven ancient capital cities in Chinese history.

Peonies are the official flower of Luoyang and it is said that Luoyang's peonies are "the most beautiful under heaven." No other Chinese city has been able to rival Luoyang in growing peonies and it is still a local passion today.

To celebrate this "queen of flowers," the first Luoyang Peony Festival took place in 1983. The festival has become a major annual event lasting for 10 days in the spring.

We hope you will join the China AIDS Orphan Fund as we celebrate this rich tradition in honor of the many needy children in Henan Province.



Calligraphy courtesy of Andrew Hong.

Please Join

The China AIDS Orphan Fund

Thursday, May 26th, 2005

as we celebrate an

evening of Chinese

food, dance & culture

at the gala

PEONY FESTIVAL





The **PEONY FESTIVAL**
An extraordinary event to benefit the
China AIDS Orphan Fund
Thursday, May 26, 2005
Radisson Plaza Hotel Minneapolis
35 South Seventh Street
Minneapolis, Minnesota 55402

5:30 pm Cocktails & Silent Auction

7:00 pm Gourmet Dinner

7:30 pm Traditional Chinese Dance
& Music Performance

8:15 pm China AIDS Orphan Fund
Steven Wang, Founder

Attire: Semi-Formal

Tickets are \$75 per person.
Please return the enclosed reservation card by May 13, 2005!

CHINA... exotic, beautiful & half a world away, but you have the opportunity to experience China here in Minneapolis. Fill your five senses with the wonder of China & fill your heart with the joy that comes from helping others.

TASTE & SMELL the essence of China with the gourmet Chinese dinner created by award winning Executive Chef Paul Lynch. Chef Lynch is renowned for his ability to capture the "taste of place" in his elegant cuisine.

HEAR the music & song of traditional Chinese musicians & **SEE** dancers performing the famous lion dance. The performance artists are members of the Chinese American Association of Minnesota.

TOUCH the arts of China at a silent action that will feature unique items from both China & Minnesota. Try your luck at the silent auction. Can you win a treasure?

But, most important of all **EXPERIENCE** the sense of pride you will feel by helping a wonderful organization, the China AIDS Orphan Fund (CAOF), a 501 (c)(3) non-profit organization. CAOF's goal is to improve the lives of children orphaned by HIV/AIDS in the Henan Province of China due to improper blood collection procedures over a decade ago. Web site: www.chinaaidsorphanfund.org.



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Please reserve _____ seats at the Peony Festival. Enclosed is a check for \$ _____.
(Individuals are \$75 per person).

Please reserve a table for ten. Enclosed is a check for \$750. I have listed my guests on the back of the card.

I am unable to attend the Peony Festival, but enclosed is my donation in the amount of \$_____.

*Please fill out
the required
information on the
back of the card.
Thank you!*

Please return reply by May 13, 2005. Thank you.

Required Information - please print legibly

Name: _____

Address: _____

Telephone: _____

Email: _____

I prefer to be seated with (all attempts will be made to meet seating request, but requests cannot be guaranteed).

