



"Working Together to Protect the Rights and Social Welfare of the Elderly"

Community Alliance is an independent grassroots non-profit organization based in Beijing. Our efforts **empower** and **support** the underprivileged and underserved elderly in local communities.

We strive to **ensure social justice and welfare for people over 60**, focusing on those elders who are the most disadvantaged such as elderly women. We protect the civil liberties of elderly citizens as part of the struggle for social progress in China.

Currently, the elderly community comprises 12% of the total population of China. This number will increase to nearly 25% within the next twenty years. **Neglected and abandoned by society and sometimes their own families, elders are increasingly subject to conditions of disease and poverty.** They lack access to health care, and often face serious discrimination as well as physical and emotional abuse.

As a public interest group, **we work for and with the elderly to protect their rights and access to a better quality of life.** We seek to both empower and serve by working directly with local communities. By facilitating the growth of citizen's groups, raising public awareness on aging, promoting public action and participation, and advocating public policy changes, Community Alliance hopes to alter the current trends in elder relations for the better.

Over the past year, we have succeeded in...

- **Training on Legal Rights** by offering the elderly practical knowledge on their rights to prevent elder abuse;

- **Public Hotline for the Elderly** that offers legal referrals and assistance to help solve elder abuse;
- **Sponsoring an Elderly Women's Cooperative Program** that has provided small grants, subsidies, training and assistance to impoverished elder women;
- **Developing Community Centers for the Elderly** in cities and rural areas to empower the elderly and to alleviate social discrimination against them;
- **Establishing a Make-A-Wish Program** pairing volunteers with impoverished elderly citizens to assist with their daily care and to relieve psychological stress and depression;
- **Public Awareness Raising** to promote public action against elder abuse and to protect elder rights;
- **Launching an Alliance and Network** of elderly related organizations and advocates; and
- **Research & Publication** on emerging and critical topics on ageing in China.

Our ongoing projects on elder abuse include...

- **Research on the state of elder abuse** and elder rights in Beijing and its surrounding areas;
- **Campaign Against Elder Abuse & Advocating for New Law on Elder Rights Protection** (project components including investigation, trainings, forums and policy recommendations)

Our future plan of action includes...

- **Capacity Building in Developing and Implementing Policies and Services for Chinese Civil Servants on Aging;**
- **Medical and Basic Care Skills Training Program** for Professional Trainers and Managers of Caregivers and Elder Facility Staff;

- **International Exchange Program for Chinese Policymakers, Key Actors and Decision-makers** Responsible for Development of Ageing in China;
- **Hosting of Foreign Government, Private Sector, Non-Profit and Academic Experts on Ageing** to Facilitate Knowledge Exchange and Cooperation.