

Subject: Birthmothers share their stories - Join Us. Last call for Tickets.



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Join us for
**LONG WAIT FOR HOME and
PEER IN THE DISTANCE**

**Sunday, March 30, 2008
2:30 PM**

Suffolk Community College
Grant Campus in Brentwood
Van Nostrand Theatre in the
Sagtikos Art and Science Center
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(PARKING IN FIELD TWO)

LONG WAIT FOR HOME (Running time is 50 minutes)

International adoption has increasingly become a national phenomenon in the United States. Despite a surge in media coverage of adoptions from China, there are many unanswered questions: Who are the birth parents and under what circumstances do they decide to give away their babies? How do children end up in orphanages and what kinds of lives do they live there? Moreover, with so many "foreigners" going to China to pick up these Chinese babies, what do the average Chinese people feel and think about Americans and international adoption?

To answer these questions, Dr. Changfu Chang presents this widely anticipated documentary, a work of five dedicated years, **LONG WAIT FOR HOME**. For the first time, we sit face to face with birth parents who share with us the hard decisions they have made and the emotional toll they have suffered; we go to orphanages and take an intimate look at the living conditions of children usually inaccessible to film crews; we also converse with a wide range of ordinary Chinese citizens and scholars on the subject of international adoption.

[Immediately following the screening of LONG WAIT FOR HOME, there will be a discussion with the filmmaker, Dr. Changfu Chang.](#)

[Following a quick break, Dr. Chang will then present his second film:](#)

PEER IN THE DISTANCE (Running time is 30 minutes)

She lives in the city. As the only child of the family, she seems to have everything: a good school, extra-curricular activities, and a mother who stays home just to take care of her.

She lives in the countryside. She seems to have nothing: disheartening obstacles unimaginable for her age; she must walk several hours through the mountains to her school. On her own, she raises ducklings to pay for her tuition and she worries about whether she can continue her basic 9-year education.

Wan Wan and Xing Ping live in two different worlds. But in certain ways, their lives are similar: both girls chase their childhood dreams in the shadow of social realities and expectations.

Shot in two locations, the bustling city and the serene countryside, with stunning photography and inspiring music, Peer in the Distance takes you to the worlds of two Chinese families, and to the heart of today's China.

Sign-in begins at 2 pm and the first film will begin promptly at 2:30.

Light refreshments will be served.

Please Note: This is an adult-only event.

\$10 per person for members, \$15 for non-members; At-the-door is \$20 per person

(Grandparents, close family and friends are welcome to attend as well, but the member must register them to get the discounted price)

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