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**Governor Fletcher and Sunrise International CFO, Chi Tu, host a press conference for domestic and international media on June 12<sup>th</sup>.**



## ***"Gaitway To Independence"*** **A global mission to provide healthcare from the heart**



**Kentucky Governor Ernie Fletcher and RMI President, Karen Bonn, visit with pediatric patients and deliver hands-on care at the Sunrise/Boston Brace International clinic within Tongren Hospital in Beijing, China**



The team at Sunrise Pedorthics, Orthotics & Prosthetics has managed to pool the energy and skills of its staff to ignite the beginning of a new philosophy in healthcare – one aimed to provide education and care straight from the heart. The launch of this new approach started with the Gaitway to Independence Health Fair (An Interactive Health Fair for Diabetes Sufferers, Amputees and Those in Wheelchairs) on June 2<sup>nd</sup> at their 3127 Fite Circle facility. It then extended across the Pacific Ocean to Beijing, China, where the Governor and First Lady of Kentucky made a monumental visit on June 12<sup>th</sup>. In just a few days from now, on June 15<sup>th</sup>, Sunrise/Boston Brace Int. (BBI) will begin providing services to patients in the United Family Hospital of Beijing. The traveling event will ultimately make its way to Jinan, China, which is the sister city of Sacramento.



Locally, Sunrise has been a longstanding partner in providing positive outcomes for patients of Kaiser Permanente, as well as many other area health providers. Recently, Sunrise has been added to the highly respected Hill Physicians list of accredited suppliers. The physicians within this group practice across a wide spectrum of medical facilities, and their scope of influence is expected to equate to a steady stream of patients for Sunrise, while also allowing for potential access to medical institutions and insurance firms that would otherwise be virtually inaccessible.

On a global level, the Gaitway to Independence spirit was extended to the Sunrise/BBI clinic in Beijing, China. Amidst the cascade of events, the Governor of Kentucky, Ernie Fletcher, and his wife Glenna Fletcher, visited the clinic on June 12<sup>th</sup> to sign a manufacturing/distribution agreement with Restorative Medical, Inc. (RMI), a close partner with Sunrise. During their visit, the Governor and his wife saw firsthand how a specialized RGO brace (manufactured by Fillauer), along with the caring touch of a skilled practitioner, almost instantly transformed a 7-year-old child's life from one of chronic pain and immobility to one filled with liberation and a hope for a brighter future. They had compelling proof of how crucial such trade agreements between our two nations are to the lives of people suffering throughout the world.

Sunrise believes that in order to ensure its patients receive the best possible care, it must establish very strong relationships with its partners. True to this spirit, Sunrise recently joined arms with the United Family Hospital (UFH) in Beijing. UFH is a well-established and highly respected facility owned by Chindex International, Inc., which is an American owned company that has pioneered the efforts to offer Western healthcare in China. Sunrise practitioners will utilize the UFH facilities to evaluate and provide care to patients with various mobility challenges.

Just a few hours southeast of Beijing rests the city of Jinan. During the week of June 18<sup>th</sup>, the energy and enthusiasm of the Gaitway to Independence health fair will be brought to the people of Jinan. They will have the opportunity to gain empowerment over their own health through education, as well as experience how technology can renew their mobility.

Collectively, the words "Gaitway to Independence" embody an entirely new approach to healthcare; one fueled by a passion to help and an intense desire to make a difference. With the images of our patients as our guiding light, every step Sunrise takes will carry us, our patients and our partners farther along on our journey through the Gaitway to Independence. Together we will move beyond conventional boundaries to connect as a unified force dedicated to enriching the lives of others through improved health and greater mobility.

June 2007 may be the beginning, but the beautiful impact on humanity that will result from implementing the Gaitway to Independence philosophy into our daily actions will know no end. Please join us on this incredible journey as we, along with our growing family of partners, encourage our hearts to lead our efforts toward helping others.