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Dear Friends:

It has been six months since Sherry and Raymond Zhang learned of the loss of their lovely and innocent Cecilia and two months since we learned of her killer. A truly vibrant and warm-hearted child was rudely abducted from the bedroom of her family home back on October 20, 2003. While investigators and prosecutors slowly worked to build the case, I want to ensure that the story of Cecilia lives on and not be forgotten.

Recognizing the musical gift Cecilia possessed and as a tribute to the precious memories she left behind in her short nine years, I have started "*The Cecilia Zhang Memorial Award*" at the Royal Conservatory of Music. To fulfill one of her wishes of equality in the world, this scholarship is to be awarded to a student, age of 9 – 10, who like Cecilia, displays artistic aspiration but who does not have the means to continue his/her music education.

As a member of the Chinese-Canadian community and a graduate of the Royal Conservatory of Music and the Faculty of Music at U. of T., I feel it is even more important to me to ensure that the story of Cecilia lives on with us and thus, have personally contributed the first $1,000 to this scholarship.

I am writing you today to challenge you to contribute to this very worthwhile cause. It is my hope to reach a goal of $25,000 so we will be able to continue this scholarship on a yearly basis.

While this is truly a tragedy, let us turn this misfortune into a cherished memory of Cecilia Zhang. Let's not forget her smiling face and the image of kindness, wisdom and beauty that she displayed. Let the light of Cecilia live on!

Please forward your cheque to: "*The Cecilia Zhang Memorial Award*"
c/o 21 Checker Court
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On behalf of Sherry and Raymond Zhang and the prospective students of the Royal Conservatory of Music, I thank you for making her dream come true.

Sincerely,

Sandra Yeung Racco