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Ms. Jenny Bowen
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Dear Ms. Bowen:

Thank you for introducing me to the Half the Sky Foundation and the wonderful ways that the program has touched the lives of so many children. I was impressed with the achievements of the people who work and volunteer there. My visit to the Children's Welfare Institute and Half the Sky was a highlight of my time in Chongqing. I enjoyed being with the children and seeing how the work that you do has helped them to grow and lead normal lives.

I was particularly happy and proud to see how American corporate and private participation through the Half the Sky Foundation is able to make a tangible contribution to society.

Please give my best wishes to all the volunteers, workers and the children of Half the Sky.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Carlos M. Gutierrez".

Carlos M. Gutierrez