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Ms. Jenny Bowen  
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Dear Jenny,

Wow – you are such an inspiration! I am so impressed by your mission and passion to make a difference in the lives of these children, particular for young girls. The current situation these young girls face is so astounding and I applaud your commitment and dedication to help change that, to make them feel valued and appreciated – giving them a sense of self worth.

It was an honor to visit the Shanghai Children's Homes and learn of all the wonderful work Half the Sky is doing. I hope my visit helped to shine a light on you and in turn, gain more attention and support for Half the Sky and the many children in need of adoption.

Best,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Maria Shriver".

Maria Shriver

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