

Heartspring CEO Presents in Beijing, China

Gary Singleton, Heartspring president and CEO, traveled to

Beijing, China from June 7th to June 18th in order to participate in the international China-U.S. Conference on Educating Students with Special Needs.

Singleton gave two presentations at the conference entitled “Heartspring – Finding New Ways for Learning for Children with Autism” and “Reaching Around the World to Alleviate Gudu Zheng – the Lonely Illness.” The first presentation discussed the prevalence of autism in children around the world, shared highlights of Heartspring’s program in serving children with autism and the success stories of former Heartspring students. The second presentation, “Reaching Around the World...” was



The 2004 China-U.S. conference took place in Beijing, China.

American and Chinese counterparts through the exchange of best practices, research, and technologies, and to promote international partnerships between organizations that serve special needs children.

“I hope to begin the process of establishing a network of contacts from around the world with the goal that



Children and parents participate in classroom activities.

eventually Heartspring will once again become an international center for training and information,” said Singleton.

The conference was the result of a collaboration with Global Interactions, Inc. and the China International Conference Center for Science and Technology to foster Chinese-American professional and business relationships. More than 12 bilateral conferences, often attended by professionals from other countries, have been organized during the 19-year partnership. ■



The Stars and Rain Education Institute for Autism is located in Beijing.

given at the closing of the conference to recognize the first teacher in China to start a non-governmental program for children with autism.

The China-U.S. Conference on Educating Students with Special Needs started in 1988 with 28 countries attending. Its purpose was to expand understanding among