Xiaoman is a student at Zhenjiang Chongshi School, where, thanks to the support of Pearl S. Buck International and her child sponsor, she is not only expanding on her knowledge and experiences, she is also learning to be caring, to be confident, and to be grateful.

Thanks to the support and kindness of her sponsor, she has learned to “pay it forward,” by helping a classmate with her work or offering a hug to a frustrated friend. She also enjoys the special and memorable experience of writing letters to her sponsor, where she gets to express her thoughts, share her life, and convey her good wishes.

In addition, Xiaoman notes that Pearl S. Buck International has given her a deep understanding of how powerful love can be—although child sponsors are not actual superheroes, their help is meaningful and life-changing. She appreciates the assistance and warmth of her sponsor, and is grateful for her parents and the education she receives at school. It has inspired her to become a person who, like Pearl S. Buck, cares for society. She is thankful to Chongshi School and Pearl S. Buck International for giving her the opportunity to receive an education and build a foundation for success in life.
You're invited to Pearl S. Buck International’s Taste of the World, a gourmet gala event. This signature celebration, which will be Thursday, May 16, from 6–9 pm (new day and time), showcases the area’s premier food and beverage offerings from local restaurants as well as food and drink purveyors. A panel of culinary judges will choose the winner of the Top Taste Award and guests will vote for the Fan Favorite Award. Beautiful and unique objects and experiences will be offered at a fun live auction and a silent auction, including the chance to bid on three amazing vacation opportunities—a six-day South Africa photo safari, a six-day stay at the Marriott Grand Ocean Vacation Club in Hilton Head, South Carolina, and a stay from August 31–September 7 in a private Victorian home a block from the beach in Cape May, New Jersey.

Held on the grounds and in the Estate Pavilion of the beautiful Pearl S. Buck estate, this is one perfectly delicious evening out for foodies and friends!

All proceeds from and donations to this annual event benefit the work of Pearl S. Buck International in bridging cultures and changing lives through intercultural education, humanitarian work, and preservation of the Pearl S. Buck House, a National Historic Landmark.

Ticket reservations are now available at pearlsbuck.org/tasteoftheworld. The Chairman’s Reception, which requires a separate ticket, will be from 5–6 pm that same evening.

Come Enjoy A Taste of the World!