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**Award-Winning Author Calls Upon Journalists And Reporters  
To Investigate Chinese Infanticide**

*Talia Carner challenges media covering the Olympics in Beijing  
to break the mystery of disappearing Chinese baby girls*

**/24-7PressRelease/** - NEW YORK, NY, January 25, 2008 - Human rights advocate and award-winning author of "Puppet Child" and "China Doll" investigated infanticide in China, the topic of her 2007 address at The NGO U.N. Committee on the Status of Women in New York City.

"I was able to prove that at least 1,730,000 girls disappear in China each year. Part of them die under governmental care in institutions that suffer from extreme shortages of food, heat, hygiene, staff, medical care—and even electricity and running water." Yet, since "The Dying Rooms," filmed clandestinely by Brian Woods and Kate Blewit and aired on the BBC in 1995, there hasn't been any visual or reported expose released by the media. "With thousands of journalists and reporters descending upon China before and during the Olympics games, they should penetrate these orphanages and expose the truth."

Talia Carner points out that outside the main cities, where the showcase orphanages have been enjoying varying degrees of Western charity, there are thousands in the countryside whose miniscule budgets indicate that the practice of the Dying Rooms continues. "Seventy percent of Chinese live in rural regions. And that is also where little progress has been achieved in every aspect of human existence or human rights."

Carner's latest novel, CHINA DOLL, resulted from her investigation of infanticide in China and the horror of the "dying rooms,"—the systematic fatal neglect in Chinese orphanages of which she had first learned during her participation at the 1995 International Women's Conference in Beijing. With the 2006 publication of Carner's book, she found herself a lone voice against gendercide—the singling out of baby girls for death. While in 2006 China was elected to the newly-formed UN Human Rights Council, neither Human Rights Watch/Asia 2007 report, the 2006 World Health Organization's report, the 2007 US State Department report, Amnesty International 2007 report, or the 300-page report just issued by the U.S. Congressional-Executive Commission on China (mandated in 2000 with monitoring human rights in China,) has investigated this mass killing of Chinese baby girls....

"The 1.7 million missing babies each year in China alone have no one to speak for them. The complicity of the Chinese government—and the silence of those monitoring human rights—ensure their systematic death," says Carner. "Since the one-child-policy was introduced in 1979 in a society with a strong traditional preference for boys, the government of the People's Republic of China has failed to properly address the issue." Not only local officials abdicate responsibility for what happens to unwanted babies, but the 2007 U.S. Congressional-Executive Commission on China mentions that some cases where infants are rescued from traffickers "involve social service organizations buying infants that had been abducted, and selling them to adoptive families at marked-up prices."

In her 60 keynote speeches since the publication of "China Doll," Ms. Carner has emphasized that the upcoming Olympics in Beijing offer a unique opportunity for discovery and change.

Ms. Carner's PowerPoint presentation to the U.N. includes a statistical analysis of the death of baby girls in China. It is available on her website at [www.TaliaCarner.com](http://www.TaliaCarner.com) .

**About the Author of CHINA DOLL:**

Talia Carner was the publisher of Savvy Woman magazine. A former adjunct professor at Long Island University School of Management and a founder of her own marketing consulting firm to Fortune 500 companies, she was also a counselor and lecturer for the Small Business Administration, a member of United States Information Agency missions to Russia, and a participant at the 1995 International Women's Conference in Beijing. Ms. Carner's first novel, PUPPET CHILD, was listed in "The Top 10 Favorite First Novels 2002" by BookBrowse and launched a nationwide legislation that became the platform for

two Senatorial candidates. CHINA DOLL has made Amazon's bestsellers list. Carner's personal essays and short stories have appeared in The New York Times and in literary magazines and anthologies.

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