



The Maude and Winston Pettus Fund  
— FOR HEALTH PROGRAMS —



## GOALS OF THE FUND

The Maude and Winston Pettus Fund for Health Programs celebrates the legacy of two inspirational members of the Yale-China community by supporting impactful collaborations and training that will improve healthcare in China. Your gift to the Fund supports our programs in Hunan that build professional nursing and medical careers, promote medical ethics and develop new approaches to healthcare in China's rural areas, especially for "left-behind children and elderly" and other vulnerable populations. Yale-China's work is done through partnerships linking Yale with Xiangya Schools of Medicine, Nursing and Public Health (Changsha, Hunan Province), and Kunming Medical University (Yunnan Province), and the underserved rural western counties of Hunan, called "Xiangxi." The Pettus Fund is a tribute to our deeply dedicated friends Maude and Win, beloved of the staff of Xiangya and of the wartime citizenry of Changsha, who gave their lives to each other, to their profession, and to the people of China.

## HONORING OUR HEROES

Maude and Winston Pettus journeyed to China in 1940 to work at the Xiangya Hospital and School of Medicine, Win as surgeon and lecturer, and Maude as a senior nurse of the Xiangya Hospital. They shared the hardships of the war years with their Chinese colleagues and co-workers, helping to keep the hospital going despite the dangers of the Japanese invasion, and later carrying on the work at Yale-in-China's wartime home at Yuanling, in Western Hunan. Tragically, Win's career in China was cut short in 1945 with his death in a plane crash while he was flying supplies between Yunnan Province and Changsha. He was buried at the Xiangya Hospital, mourned by Chinese and Americans alike. Maude returned to the United States with her children and continued a long career in nursing. She returned to China to celebrate her 100<sup>th</sup> birthday in 2014 and again the following year, as a guest of the Chinese government, to join the national celebrations of the 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the end of the Second World War in Beijing. Maude completed her memoir before she passed away in 2017 at the age of 103.



*“I’ve had to face downs as well as ups, but I have loved China since I was born...”*

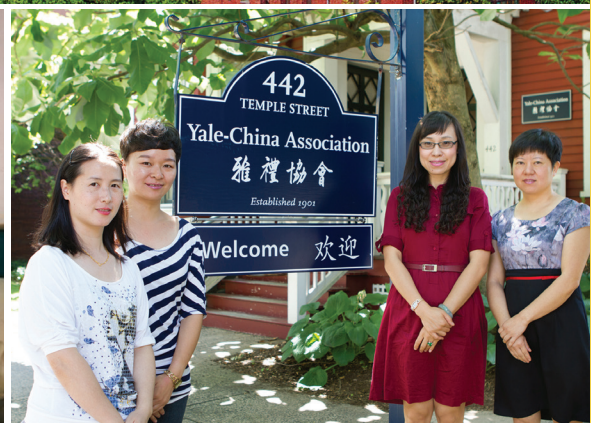
~ Maude Pettus, April 17, 2015

*“The one word which comes closest to describing the year is thrilling... The thrill of night expeditions into hostile territory to get food for refugees, or lying in a ditch as a bomber flies low overhead, of driving a two-ton Red Cross truck on a slippery, wet road... The thrills of witnessing personal and national courage, of men risking life and liberty, to get food for their friends and families, or women facing a new life after losing homes and husbands..., of giving food, shelter and protection to 8,000 refugees during the battle of Changsha, of distributing funds to 17 Hunan hospitals to enable them to carry on free work. ... The thrills of the operating room and wards of major surgery with a trained, efficient team; of bringing babies into the world, of seeing life return to an imperceptible pulse after a blood transfusion, of seeing a bombed victim who entered the hospital paralyzed from the waist down, with a broken back and a fractured hip, go home restored to health! Of fighting for life against impossible odds and sometimes winning...”*

~ Winston Pettus Letter Home, November 1941

Quoted in *Maudie and Win, Ten Good Years*, Maude's Memoir, by Linda Bordner







# YALE-CHINA'S HEALTH PROGRAMS TODAY

- ★ Training Fellowships at Yale and at Xiangya Medical and Nursing Schools
- ★ XYOAA-YCA Scholarships for Medical Students at Xiangya
- ★ Western Hunan Health Initiative to Improve Services at the Local Level—  
a collaboration with Hunan partners to develop a sustainable alternative  
model of rural health care
- ★ Hospital and Medical Program: Residency and Fellowship Training
- ★ Medical Ethics
- ★ Autism Training Intervention in Hunan

## Our Partners

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*"...Nine days ago we left Changsha in the nose of a B-25 bomber named "Hi Mabel." I was kneeling right behind the pilot so that I could watch everything that was going on and learn as much as possible... I had expected to catch the next plane for Chungking, but a medical colonel whom I knew tipped me off that a dispensary between there and Yuanling was closing and that I could pick up a lot of medicine as a gift if I went immediately..."*

~ Winston Pettus, September 26, 1945

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