

Walter & Shirley Wang

Walter Wang is President and Chief Executive Officer of JM Eagle Inc., the world's largest manufacturer of plastic pipe. Headquartered in Los Angeles, his company employs more than 1,300 people in 20 plants throughout the United States and Mexico. Shirley Wang is Founder and Chief Executive Officer of Plastpro Inc., a leading provider of fiberglass doors with Hydroschild Technology, polyfiber door frames, patented snap-on doorlite frames and plastic wainscoting.

In addition to their professional endeavors, the Wangs have supported and led numerous cross-cultural and philanthropic activities around the world. Through the Walter and Shirley Wang Foundation, the Wangs were the first and major sponsors of the Emmy-nominated PBS documentary *Becoming American: The Chinese Experience* by Bill Moyers. It is a three-part, six-hour documentary on Chinese-American history and the Chinese contribution to the United States, examining immigration, citizenship and what it means to be an American.

Education is a major area of focus for the Wangs' philanthropic efforts. At her alma mater, UCLA, Mrs. Wang sits on the board of the UCLA Foundation and is the current Chair-Elect of the Board and Nominations & Governance Committee Chair. The Wangs have donated \$1 million to UCLA's Asian American Studies Center to establish the nation's first program and endowed academic chair focused on U.S.–China relations and Chinese American studies. In addition, the Wangs have contributed \$5 million to renovate and establish Wang Hall at Harvard Westlake where Mrs. Wang sits on the Board of Trustees and is Chair of the Education Committee. And, while living in New York City, Mrs. Wang served on the boards of the China Institute, and Outward Bound. JM Eagle also contributed to the building of the New York City Outward Bound Center for underprivileged youth.

The Wangs are also dedicated to helping improve public health throughout the world. The couple gave the initial support for the China AIDS documentary *The Blood of Yingzhou District*, which won the 2007 Academy Award for short documentary. They also supported *The Warriors of Qiugang*, which was nominated for the 2010 Academy Award in the same category and resulted in the Chinese government's committing \$30 million to clean up the toxic waste around the waterway where the film is set.

To further address pressing social and healthcare problems in China, the Wangs provided seed-stage and ongoing support for the China AIDS Initiative, an awareness and prevention program. Through this organization, they have funded public-service announcements that have reached over 500 million people to help stop the spread of AIDS. In the fall of 2006, the Wangs received the China AIDS Initiative's first award for their support for this cause. Mr. Wang sits on the board of the Aaron Diamond Aids Foundation.

Elsewhere in the world, the Wangs have been leading supporters of efforts to provide clean water to communities in developing countries. In 2005, through the Wangs' initiative, JM Eagle provided plastic pipe and other materials to transport drinking water from a mountain spring to a community of 5,000 people in Honduras and supported a project to develop water delivery and sanitation systems for needy communities in Northern Thailand. In another project conceived of by the Wangs, JM Eagle partnered with the Earth Institute of Columbia University's "Millennium Project" to provide plastic pipes and installation expertise to villages in eight African countries. As of 2010, JM Eagle, under the Wangs' direction, has provided 350 miles of pipe, supplying 350,000 people with water.

Locally, the Wangs have established an endowed chair in pediatric surgery at Cedars-Sinai Medical Center to support surgery for underprivileged children. Additionally, the Wangs helped bring the Drug Enforcement Administration Museum to the California Science Center in Los Angeles. The museum seeks to educate the public on some of the nation's worst problems: illegal drugs and trafficking. Mr. Wang sits on the Board of Directors of the Danny Thompson Memorial Leukemia Foundation Inc.

Outside of their philanthropic efforts in education and healthcare, the Wangs have funded four attorney positions since 2008 at Asian Americans Advancing Justice's Los Angeles location. As a result of their support, over 300 legal cases involving immigrant survivors of domestic violence have been resolved, many of which involve freeing women from their abusers and providing them with work permits and visas. Because of their belief in AAAJLA's important work, the Wangs funded two additional staff positions in 2010. For their efforts, Mr. and Mrs. Wang were honored by the AAAJLA with its 2010 Public Service Award.. Recently, the Wangs donated 10,000 emergency relief blankets to Syrian refugees in Jordan and \$1 million to New Jersey, the family's former home state, for Hurricane Sandy relief efforts. Mr. Wang and Mrs. Wang were awarded each individually the Ellis Island Medal of Honor for their philanthropic endeavors in 2008, and 2011 respectively.

Together they have three children and support Bel Air Presbyterian Church in Los Angeles, Taipei 101 Church and New York Redeemer Presbyterian Church.

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