

Do You Love Yixing Teapots?

In Guangzhou, a city so many have passed through during their adoption journey, there is a small teashop in a park beside the Pearl River. The most beautiful Yixing Teapots line the shelves and it's hard to decide if this is a shop or a museum. Each piece is unique and a reflection of its artist. These teapots have been a valued part of Chinese history for hundreds of years and today are prized possessions of tea connoisseurs world wide.

FJ, now 28 years old, is a deaf student formerly sponsored by Altrusa from Yingtan orphanage. He completed his local education and began an Yixing Pottery training program in Jiangsu Province last year. The program is two years in total and FJ has completed one year through the sponsorship of a domestic enterprise. Because FJ is not a native of Jiangsu Province, his sponsorship is not being continued this year, leaving FJ one year short of completing his training.

The director of Yingtan orphanage asked if Amity would be able to sponsor FJ's final year of training. The director of the Yixing Pottery Arts School believes FJ is a talented artist and there is a pottery master interested in working with him. With the request for sponsorship, a few photos of FJ's work from his first year of study have been submitted and are shown below.

The fee for FJ's final year of schooling will include training, materials and room & board. These expenses come to a total of \$2006. As so often happens, this seems a small sum when considering the creative value of what this one student will produce over a lifetime, but it's an insurmountable obstacle for a 28 year old with no sponsorship or family support.

If you would like to contribute any amount toward FJ's final year of training, please click on the Donate Now button at www.altrusa.info . If you have questions or would like any further information, please contact Peggy Gurrad at: peggy@gurrad.com.



FJ
Yixing Pottery Student

