

# Fuzhou Social Welfare Institute

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Altrusa International of Longview-Kelso Foundation  
Working together with Amity Foundation in China

## 1. General Information

- a) **Institute Director:** Zhou Ling (周凌)
- b) **Institute Vice-Directors:** Zhou Youping (周幼平)
- c) **Head of the Children's Division:** Fu Suhua (付素华)
- d) **Heads of Amity Foster Care:** Wang Fang (王芳) and Huang Qing (黄青) visit Amity's foster families once a month and take note of any special circumstances they encounter.
- e) **Number of Children:** Altrusa sponsors 11 children for foster care, while Holt sponsors approximately 30. Around 40 children reside at the Institute itself (this number often fluctuates).

## 2. Overall Impression

There are currently not many children at the Fuzhou Social Welfare Institute—only more than 80 altogether, the great majority of whom have a disability. More than 40 of these children are in foster homes, most of them in the countryside with older, experienced foster mothers. These rural foster homes are clustered close together, so foster mothers can visit each other to compare notes while the children play.

## 3. Interviews

- a) Met with 11 foster children and their foster families.
- b) Met with scholarship child Fu WH
- c) Met with 2 Amity Grandmas.

## 4. Scholarships

Because Fu WH's new school has adjusted the levels of all of its classes, WH has been moved with the rest of his classmates from fourth to second grade. WH boards at school; on holiday, he goes back to the Institute by bus. He is doing fairly well academically, scoring among the top 4 in his class of 12 for math, and also keeping up in language arts.

With a new school comes new teachers. Fortunately, all of WH's teachers seem to like him very much. They praise him liberally in front of his classmates, and say that WH is a serious student who turns his homework in on time.



## 5. “Hugging Grannies” sponsored by Altrusa

Grandma Liu Pinghua does rehabilitation work with the Institute’s children with disabilities. She also sees to the general education of all the Institute children. On this visit, we saw Grandma Liu working with a 5-year-old boy named MH. When he arrived at the Institute in the second half of last year, MH’s leg muscles were too weak to support his weight. Following a period of massage and leg-strengthening exercises with Grandma Liu, MH can now stand and walk with a walker (or with Grandma Liu holding both his hands). MH likes practicing walking, especially when it means he can push his walker



Grandma Wu Fangni does rehabilitation work with the Institute’s children with disabilities. She also sees to the general education of all the Institute children. On this visit, we saw Grandma Wu doing physical therapy with a little girl named JIL. JIL walks very slowly, and at times is even unwilling to walk at all, so Grandma Wu rehabilitates her through play—that is, dangling a toy to entice JIL to walk forward. Grandma Wu has found this method both fun and effective and will continue to use it in the future.

