

Fuzhou Social Welfare Institute Report: October 2012

1. General Information

- a) **Institute Director:** Zhou Ling
- b) **Institute Vice-Director:** Zhou Youping
- c) **Children's Ward Director:** Fu Suhua
- d) **Amity Foster Care Director:** Wang Fang, Huang Qing (Monthly interviews)
- e) **Number of Children:** Altrusa/Amity sponsors 11 children in foster care, ~20 children are sponsored by Holt, and then there are more than 60 children living in orphanage itself although this number fluctuates.

2. Overall Impression

The Altrusa/Amity foster care children in Fuzhou still live in the foster families in the countryside. Even though environment in countryside is not as good as in downtown, foster families give their deep love to the children. These children live in a warm family where they can dress well and eat healthy food. As a result, these children can grow to be healthy and happy.

3. Interviews

- a) Met with the 11 foster children, photos of a few are included below and the individual report (with photo) on each will be sent to their sponsor.
- b) Met with the student that Altrusa sponsors for school (see below).
- c) Met with the two Altrusa/Amity Hugging Grannies (see below).

4. New Needs

FSH is an eight year old deaf boy. In September, he started school at the Fuzhou Special Education School. He is a first year boarding student and while there are no tuition fees for him he needs 600 RMB/semester for his boarding fee. With Amity's admin fee (7%) this will be US\$206 for the year. FSH not only can understand what teachers say very well, but also can finish homework well. As a result, he gets good grades. He is an outstanding boy who can get along well with his classmates and teachers. In addition, he likes handicraft such as drawing, paper-cuts, folding papers, etc.



5. Hugging Grannies

Grandma Liu Pinghua and Wu Fangni are partners and they will often share knowledge about rehabilitation. When we visited the SWI, Grandma Liu was helping HH, a disabled boy, to practice going upstairs and downstairs. After the rehabilitation, HH now can walk stably and independently. HH likes to play with Grandma, especially playing on the trampoline. He will point to the trampoline to express that he wants to play and then Grandma will hold him up. They will enjoy a happy time.



Grandma Wu Fangni is responsible for the rehabilitating and teaching the children who have special needs. Grandma Wu was massaging a six-year-old boy named PP, who suffers from cerebral palsy. PP can use simple words to express himself and his hands can move well. However his legs turn over so that his knees cannot curve well. At first, PP could not lie because his legs muscle tension is high. Grandma will massage him slowly and softly until his legs relax. Now PP's muscle tension is becoming better and his legs can move well. Grandma Wu will continue to massage his legs and will play with him. She will make some exercise plans and games to strengthen his legs.



5. A few of our Foster Children

FJ has a big progress in her language expression that she can speak two or three words and use language clearly. She can count from one to four and even more numbers with the help of her mother; in addition, she can recognize some small animals. Now she likes to play in the open air and busy places, especially where there are many children. She can take care of herself to some degree in that she can eat and use the rest room independently. She has a good appetite and sleeps well and has a daily routine.



For the sake of taking exercise much more, the boy's foster mother will raise him up, as a result, his feet have become more powerful and he can walk with help. He has a deep affection for his mother, always enjoying being hugged and talking to his foster mother with simple words. He can recognize his family members so that he will jump excitedly when he sees family members come home. He has a good appetite and sleeps well.



This 13 year old girl with cerebral palsy and cognitive disability likes to play outside, especially with other children. She becomes a little impatient that she will throw things while she is angry. She will acknowledge her mistakes when foster mother tells her such behavior is not good. She has a deep affection for her foster mother. She can express some things using language but does not speak clearly sometimes.



6. Scholarship Student

FW, an independent boy, not only has improved his performance in his study, but also will take care of classmates or children who are younger than him. He is an extroverted boy who likes various outdoor activities, especially sports such as football, running, parallel bars, etc. He also loves calligraphy so that he practices hard. In addition, he will show what he wrote to the teacher even though he thinks it's not so good, because he wants to get the advice from the teacher. Finally, he can write so beautifully now. He can arrange his own life and study well. FW is the boy in yellow in the photo below.



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Currently the cost for foster care sponsorships at Fuzhou/Linchuan is \$35 per month which is \$420 per year. Many sponsors donate yearly but quite a few have set up recurring monthly donations and a few do other increments so we can work together on what would work out best for you. Hugging Grannies are \$104 per month but donations of any amount, either one time or monthly, would help provide needed love and attention to the orphanage children.