

# Ganzhou Social Welfare Institute, Zhanggong District Amity Report - August 2011

*Foster Care* - Currently, Amity sponsors 20 children for foster care at the Ganzhou SWI. All of the children and their foster families were visited this summer. The children were generally found to be doing well and have been engaged in a variety of activities ranging from playing with friends to brief summer vacation trips to special activity classes.

Ganzhou SWI provides care for an additional 40 children living at the SWI itself. Hugging Grannies provide care and nurturing attention to those who live at the SWI.

*Tuition* - There are 18 students being sponsored for tuition. They are attending primary and middle schools, and one student has entered a nursing program at the Ganzhou Medical School. Education is a priority in the children's lives.



SK, now 7 years old, has been studying Chinese opera over the summer. She is able to remember complicated passages and is now singing and performing some of the scenes. She takes care of her every day needs independently and continues to help her foster grandmother with household chores.

YX, 2 years old, has a developmental delay affecting her ability to move about and talk. She responds to her name and laughs when tickled. She has a healthy appetite, leads a steady life and sleeps peacefully.



GL was admitted to two colleges based on her entrance exam scores (gaokao). She chose to attend the Ganzhou Medical School and will be studying nursing over the next three years. Her first two years will be spent learning nursing theory and her final year will be a "hands-on" hospital experience.

XM is in primary school and posted excellent scores on her final exams receiving a 94 in language and 100 in math. She also enjoys both dancing and swimming. Either her foster mother or grandmother accompany her to these activities.



*Hugging Grannies* - Hugging Grannies come to the Ganzhou SWI five days a week and rotate through various sections of the SWI providing care and nurturing in many ways. Physical therapy, exercise, self care skills, play and sick care are all included in the Grannies' work. Ganzhou SWI is fortunate to have 5 Grannies working with the children at the orphanage.

GREAT NEWS!: Amity Grannies stayed with two Ganzhou children at the Nanjing Children's Hospital where they underwent surgery to repair congenital heart defects in September 2011. The surgeries were funded by Hopeful Hearts. Through charitable donations to Altrusa/Amity, these two Grannies will return to Ganzhou SWI with the children and continue caring for them as they recuperate. The Grannies know these children well, having cared for them before and after surgery, and it will be a boost to their recovery to have the continuity of care and dedicated attention the Grannies provide.



Grandma QH



Grandma ZL



Grandma XH



Grandma ZX



Grandma ZLX



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