

GANZHOU SOCIAL WELFARE INSTITUTE

AMITY REPORT – FEBRUARY 2012

Foster Care - Amity sponsors 25 children for foster care at Ganzhou Social Welfare Institute and met with all of them on this visit. A new administrator at Ganzhou SWI, Mr. Jiang, accompanied Amity's team on the visits with the foster families. Secretary Jiang is familiar with the Institute and its happenings, and it was a pleasure to have him take time to familiarize himself with all of the foster families. He accompanied the Amity team on interviews, and spent time playing with the children and talking with the foster parents. The children are all growing up well and are situated in wonderful families, contributing to their overall happiness and health.

Tuition - There are 21 children Amity sponsors for education expenses. Most of these children are in primary school. There is one high school graduate who is attending a three year program in nursing. One of the younger children in primary school has shown a talent for Chinese Opera and has enrolled in extra classes which provide a more in depth experience in traditional Chinese dance and singing.



ZY is 7 years old. She has been getting along well with her classmates and is involved in school activities. Her foster mother takes her to school and picks her up in the afternoon. On the way home, ZY eagerly tells her foster mother everything that happened in school. Once she is finished with homework, she likes to be with her foster mother and help around the house.

HC is 13 years old and enjoys a close relationship with her foster family. She is doing well in school, earns good grades and has good study habits. She helps her foster family with chores at home. Her foster father is very helpful to her with her studies and remembers to bring HC her favourite snacks after school!



ZM is 6 years old and able to write many characters which are very tidy and neat. He studies well, has a good memory and is able to count from 1 to 100 without help. ZM is independent in dressing and feeding himself. He has a healthy appetite although he has definite preferences for certain foods.

*****Both foster and tuition sponsors are currently needed in Ganzhou.
For more information, please contact Peggy Gurrad at peggy@gurrad.com***

Hugging Grannies – Five Hugging Grannies are sponsored by Amity at Ganzhou SWI. Their work is so important to the children living at Ganzhou SWI because the Grannies provide nurturing and extra attention that children require to become mobile and independent.



Grandma Q



Grandma Z



Grandma ZL

Grandma Q works with one particular child doing physical therapy. This young girl is able to walk more steadily and her balance and posture are improving. Grandma Q's goal is to help this girl continue her progress until she is able to move about without the help of a walker.

Grandma Z works with very young children most of the time. She is known throughout the SWI for her kindness with the children. Grandma Z is happy to sing songs and dance with the children who are able and is equally comfortable helping with physical therapy and rehabilitation exercises.

Grandma ZL also works with the younger children at the SWI. She helps them develop their speech and verbal skills. Grandma ZL is proud of the children's success and encourages them to keep practicing!



Grandma XH

Grandma XH participates in helping children with physical therapy, teaching basic self-help skills, playing and caring for children in the hospital wing of the SWU. She helps children at mealtime who have difficulty eating. She makes sure every child has a good meal!

Grandma X works with disabled children doing physical therapy and rehabilitation exercises. She was very helpful in helping one young boy to improve his strength and coordination. Because of Grandma X's work, this boy is now able to stand for longer periods of time and his legs are stronger and more flexible. He is now more active and healthy.



Grandma X