Ganzhou Social Welfare Institute

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



Foster child ZM with her foster mother (right).

General Information

Institute Director: Ding Kelang

Institute Secretary: Jiang

Head of Children's Division:

Xie Hong & Jiang

Head of Altrusa/Amity Foster

Care: Xie Jingming

Numbers of Children

Altrusa sponsors 25 children in foster care. Over 40 reside at the Ganzhou Institute itself, and 10 children live at the Shanghai Guangci SWI.

Adoptions!!

In January and February of 2013 three children were adopted from Ganzhou SWI.



Foster children ZJ (left), ZY (center), and their foster mother (right).



Foster child ZX (left), a thirteen-year-old girl with cerebral palsy.

The Ganzhou SWI

All the children at the SWI are well cared for and thriving. The SWI staff perform thorough physical examinations of the children every six months to ensure their health and wellbeing.

Recently, some children were put in new foster homes. They are adjusting to their new families and environments well. The foster families are very warm and loving towards the children and make sure that they are comfortable, well cared for, and happy.

Altrusa/Amity Hugging Grannies



Granny Qi Hongying

Granny Qi Hangying cares for and educates children at Ganzhou SWI. She and the other grannies rotate their specific responsibilities. In the photo at left she is doing physical therapy with L, a girl with cerebral palsy. With Granny Qi's encouragement, L is quickly making progress. Granny Qi has worked at the SWI for five days a week since 2002.

Granny Xiao Houying

Granny Xiao Houying works in multiple parts of the SWI. In the picture at right, she is caring for an eight month old child with heart disease. She gives him the constant care and attention he needs. Granny Xiao has worked at the SWI since 2001.



Granny Zhong Liexuan

Granny Zhong Liexuan is responsible for the care and education of children at the Ganzhou SWI. In the photo at left, she is playing with W. Granny Zhong helps W improve her strength and flexibility with fun exercises. Granny Zhong works at the SWI five days a week, and has been doing so since 2006.

Granny Zhong Xiaoli

Granny Zhong Xiaoli cares for children in various parts of the SWI. She is very skilled in physical therapy and rehabilitation exercises. She works with a child named J (pictured at right). With Granny Zhong's help, J is improving his muscle coordination. Granny Zhong Xiaoli has been working at the SWI since 2002.



Granny Zhou Longxiao

Granny Zhou Longxiao is a loving woman who works with many children at the SWI. In the picture at left, she is holding a child named Y. Y loves when Granny Zhou plays music and dances with him or takes him outside. Granny is teaching him to speak. She has been working at the SWI since 2010.



Twenty-five foster families were visited. An individual report and photo of each child will be sent to their sponsor, but photos of a few of them are included below.



ZQ is a 4-year-old girl with dwarfism. She is very petite, but mentally she is quite strong. She is learning to walk and dress herself. ZQ likes a variety of foods and takes great pride in peeling her own oranges. She loves to play games, listen to music, and play with her friends.

ZY is a 22-month old girl with Down's Syndrome. Her body is weak and her legs cannot support her weight, but she is well cared for and getting stronger. She babbles and laughs cutely whenever she is tickled. She has a healthy appetite.

ZJ is a six-year-old boy with hydrocephalus. He is in kindergarten, and easily makes friends with his classmates. ZJ is an excellent student and is very attentive in class. In school, he is learning a lot of new words and can even write simple characters. He loves to spend time outside and watch cartoons.



2-year-old foster child ZY.

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