



# GANZHOU SOCIAL WELFARE INSTITUTE

## AMITY REPORT - AUGUST 2013

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

### GANZHOU SWI STAFF & FACTS

Director: Ding Kelang

Director of Children's  
Department: Xie Hong

Deputy Director of  
Foster Care Staff: Xie  
Jingming

Total No of Children: 60

Total in Foster Care with  
Amity Support: 21

Adoptions in 2013: 3



### HIGHLIGHTS

Altrusa Foundation, working together with Amity Foundation in China, is providing foster care support for 21 children at Ganzhou SWI. All twenty one foster families were interviewed during the August visit. It is becoming more difficult to find foster families within the Ganzhou City limits and, consequently, the SWI directors are considering looking outside their immediate urban area for qualified foster care families.

Many of the foster children are enrolled in school and the SWI staff have been sensitive to helping students be successful. There is much encouragement for students to take advantage of their educational opportunities and foster family support.

### A FEW OF OUR FOSTER CHILDREN

ZM is 5 years old with an outgoing personality. She has an infectious laugh, and enjoys singing and dancing. She has learned to count to 100 and is very receptive to learning new things in class. M's favorite foods are chicken and fish.

ZY is 8 years old and becoming more independent. She often talks with her foster mother, who is a good listener and attentive to Y's concerns. Her foster mother is always available to help Y with her homework after school.

ZM, age 3, loves to draw. Her foster father has made sure she has plenty of materials for painting - her favorite color is yellow! M just started kindergarten and, with her outgoing manner, she will surely get along well with her classmates and teachers.

ZX is now 10 years old. Her favorite activity is swimming and her foster family made sure she had many opportunities to enjoy the pool during the summer. Her foster grandmother is teaching her to cook and X enjoys helping prepare the evening meal.





## GANZHOU NURSING STUDENT

When she finished high school 2 years ago, GL entered a nursing program. Since then, she has moved out of her foster family's home to live on campus. During this past summer, she had an internship at the Ganzhou SWI medical clinic. She has learned phlebotomy skills, as well as other basic nursing skills such as taking blood pressure. Because of her training, GL was able to care for the elderly at the SWI. As of September 2013, she will be back to school for continued nursing education.



## HUGGING GRANNIES

There are five Hugging Grannies at Ganzhou SWI supported by Altrusa contributions. Each of these women work at the orphanage Monday - Friday on half day schedules. All of the Grannies help children at the SWI improve their physical strength and abilities, as well as provide emotional comfort and encouragement. With the Grannies' attention, children at the SWI are making progress with walking, stair climbing, personal care and language development. As with all children, progress with these skills leads to self-confidence and the extra hugs make everyone smile!



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