

Gao'an Social Welfare Institute Report: February 4, 2012

1. General Information

- a) **Institute Director:** Huang Zhiyong (黄志勇)
- b) **Institute Vice-Director:** Ao Chunjing (敖春景), also head of the Amity Foster Care Project at the Institute.
- c) **Number of Children:** The Institute is responsible for a little over twenty children, among whom Altrusa/Amity sponsors eleven for foster care, while the Institute sponsors nine children. Between two and three children reside at the Institute itself.
- d) **Physical Exam and Vaccination Protocols:** On the 20th of every month, all the foster mothers bring the children to their assigned epidemic prevention centers for physical check-ups and vaccinations.

2. Overall Impression

Ao Chunjing is still the deputy director of the Gao'an Social Welfare Institute, however the Institute has hired another person to conduct the monthly interviews with the foster families. This person is named Ms. Zhou Fang and she has been with the Institute for about six months now. Although she is still adjusting to her new responsibilities, she has gotten to know the families better and better and is a valuable asset to the Institute.

3. Interviews

- a) Met with 11 foster children and their foster families. Their individual report, with more details, will be sent to their sponsor.
- b) Met with scholarship students Gao CH and Gao AH (their individual report will go to their sponsor) and ...
- c) Gave each child gifts (pictured below)

4. New Need:

Gao AJ, one of the children in the Amity foster care program, is currently a Junior 2 student in middle school. Her grades are in general very solid, however her math scores are lagging behind her other subject scores. In order to improve her performance in math, she wants to take extra classes during the holiday. The program that offers these classes costs between 400 and 600 RMB for the application fee. Update: The cost will be US\$102



