

# Gao'an Social Welfare Institute Report

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

## 1. Basic information

Director: Huang Zhiyong (黄志勇)

Assistant Director (and SWI staff overseeing Altrusa/Amity Foster Care Project):

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Number of Children: There are 16 children living in the Institute and 12 in foster care sponsored by Altrusa and one in foster care paid for by the SWI.

Physical Exam and Vaccination Protocols: On the 20<sup>th</sup> of every month, all the foster mothers bring the children to the assigned prevention center for physical check-ups and vaccinations.

## 2. Overall impression

During this visit to the Amity Foster Homes, we found all the children living very well. Some of the children who are reading are doing very well in school and are quite self-aware. Relations with foster families were also very good and families care for the children as well as encourage their studies, providing an overall happy life.

## 3. Visits

**Visit with GCH (one of our previously sponsored orphans):** GCH is still working at the car wash. She is a meticulous and diligent worker who knows how to work for a long time while conserving energy. The boss loves her as a worker and she has been in this job for quite some time and has good relations with her coworkers. During breaks, she'll talk with the older ladies. For vacation, Chenhua returns to the Institute to hang out. (Two photos on the next page show Gao Chenhua at work)

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**Foster Children:** We met with the 12 foster children sponsored by Altrusa and their foster families. Reports (with a photo) will be sent to each child's sponsor.

One of our foster children is also sponsored by Altrusa for her high school and Altrusa sponsors recently bought her a computer. Right now she is in a computer class and it is helpful for her to be able to study at home



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**A few of our other foster children (also sponsored by Altrusa for their schooling)**

This is a 13 year old girl that suffers from Hepatitis B. She is doing very well with her foster family. While celebrating this past Chinese New Year, she was a great host, helping the family with chores around the house. She was very happy and managed to finish all her homework. She also enjoyed seeing her friends during this break. Her grades have improved significantly since the summer break and she continues to work hard. This girl received some support from Altrusa to travel to Shenzhen with her foster family. Her foster family is extremely grateful and gives thanks for the donations. (photo on the left below).



Above (on the right) is a 14 year old girl that suffers from Hepatitis B. She will begin the last semester of her third year in middle school shortly. At this point, her main focus is reviewing for the final exams. Her goal is to test into a technical college, but she has not determined her major for the future. She enjoyed celebrating the recent Chinese New Year and feels rested and recharged to begin school and study hard.

The foster child pictured on the next page (left) always has excellent scores at school and this semester was no different: her hard work paid off as she found herself in the top 30 of her class. Even during the scant free time left after studying she is an ardent reader. During Chinese New Year she had plenty of fun watching the annual New Year's Eve gala and playing with her foster younger brother. Ever the responsible

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child, she still managed to finish all her assigned work over the holiday.



Pictured on the right above is a 13 year old girl that suffers from cell deformity. Her language skills in English have been excellent this year and her math skills are improving. She has a great work ethic for her schooling. She studies first thing after school. She worked hard on her homework during this winter break. She also enjoyed meeting up with friends and classmates.

This is a 11 year old girl (photo below) that suffers from Hepatitis B. Her health condition continues to remain stable. She is very good at her studies and her teachers have noticed her enthusiasm and effort in the classroom. Her friends and classmates have also noticed a great change in her.



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Below on the left is a 11 year old girl that suffers from Hepatitis B. She has already started her new school semester because she completed all the required assignments over the Holiday break. She enjoyed her Holiday break with family and friends. She was an enthusiastic helper around the house, preparing for the meals and traditions. She made all guests in the home feel welcome.



Above on the right is a 9 year old girl suffering from cerebral palsy. Her language ability is improving significantly because she is a natural born talker. Even while she is outside playing, she is constantly asking about and discovering the world around her. She also points out the name to everything she has already learned. She is a curious child and is improving her skills every day.

On the next page (left) is a 7 year old boy who suffers from cerebral palsy. He is very popular at his preschool. He is well liked by his teachers, enthusiastic about raising his hand and speaking up, and attentively listening. He can already recognize many new words and writes many Chinese characters with his left hand. He is improving his math skills and is showing a great interest in music. He enjoys being outside and being active after he finishes his homework. He is also a fan of cartoons.

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Above on the right is a 7 year old girl that suffers from hydrocephalus. She finished the school semester very well with math and language scores better than 90 percent. She is not afraid to raise her hand in class and speak up. She is well liked by her classmates and teachers. She gets along well with her foster parents. Her foster mother drops her off and picks her up from school every day. She is becoming more and more independent each day, eating lunch at school each day. She is a big fan of cartoons.

On the left on the next page is a 3 year old girl that suffers from blindness. She is becoming more expressive each day, through following conversation around her and putting together full sentences. She enjoys watching television and repeating dialogue from her favorite children's programs. She still prefers to eat plain rice, but her foster mother is introducing new foods to her. She is healthy and her sleeping habits are regular.

On the right on the next page is a 3 year old girl who suffers from cerebral palsy. She still cannot sit up by herself, but manages well enough sitting supported by other objects. She is managing to hold things well and is happy feeding herself cookies. She remains shy around strangers and is not happy in unfamiliar situations. She is very responsive to and recognizes her foster mother's voice. She is able to understand some adult language. She loves to watch cartoons on television and laughs along with her favorite characters.

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## New Requests

Language “Repeater” Two of our foster girls are in their second year of middle school and have started English classes. They are in need of an English “repeater” to assist them in their verbal skills. They each cost 300 yuan, for a total of 600 yuan.

The Institute wishes to **add a child to the Amity Foster Program**. This is a girl born in July 2012, and her right hand and right foot are deformed. She came to the Institute on July only five days after she was born. She's a very cute child who can say “mama” and “baba.” With a little help she can stand, and she sits stably on her own. She can stretch out her hands to grab things, and she reacts quickly when her name is called. She loves to be held and smiles broadly. When tickled, she laughs and laughs. She is pictured below.



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