

GAO'AN SOCIAL WELFARE INSTITUTE AMITY REPORT - AUGUST 2013

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

HIGHLIGHTS

Altrusa Foundation, working together with Amity Foundation in China, is providing foster care support for thirteen children at Gao'an SWI. All thirteen foster families were interviewed during the August visit. One additional child is in foster care through the support of the SWI itself and two older children still reside at the SWI. Each month, medical examinations and any needed vaccinations are available through the medical clinic at the SWI.

Altrusa sponsors many of the foster children for their schooling costs and the SWI Director has been in communication with the schools to ensure the children's smooth enrollment and regular attendance.

GAO'AN SWI STAFF & FACTS

Director: Lei Xiaoping

Vice Director: Ao

Chunjing

Total No of Children: 16

Total in Foster Care with Amity Support: 13

Adoptions in 2013: 2 (domestic Chinese adoptions)

A FEW OF OUR FOSTER CHILDREN

GF has just turned 7 years old and is in first grade. He lives close to school and his foster family walks with him to and from school every day. GF loves to play outdoors, especially with his toy trucks that he uses to dig for buried objects.

Seven year old GF is very close to her foster grandmother. They share snacks, stories and daily exercise. GF seeks out her foster grandmother when she gets home from school. GF has started her second year of primary school.

GJ turned 1 this summer and is learning to walk in spite of her right leg deformity. Her right arm is fairly strong and she is able to try feeding herself. She is babbling and waving hello /goodbye. GJ has a healthy appetite and sleeps soundly.







STUDENT HIGHLIGHTS



GL gets along well with her foster family and spent a relaxing summer reading, playing with her foster brother and watching TV. At 13 years old, she is becoming a serious student and is focused on improving herself academically. Her foster family is very supportive of her effort and pays close attention to her school progress.



GQ is 17 years old and has started her junior year of high school. She realizes this school year is especially important and she must prove herself academically in order to enter college. She has been taking extra preparation classes at night and is considering which college program best suits her.



GJ has an outgoing personality and is well-liked by classmates. She is looking forward to her classes this year, but is also somewhat nervous about the the demands of her junior year. She lives a good distance from school and commutes by bus or bike each day.







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