

## June 12, 2010 Ji'an City Social Welfare Institute Report

### 1. Background Information

- a) **Institute Director:** Director Huang (黄院长)
- b) **Head of the Foster Care:** Peng Ying (彭英) ( office administrator )
- c) **Number of Children:** Amity sponsors 8 children for foster care; over 50 children live at the Institution (most are in disabilities).
- d) **Physical Exam and Vaccination Protocols:** Staff from the Welfare Institute go to the foster families for vaccinations on 15th and 30<sup>th</sup> every month. Foster children are given physical exams once on 30<sup>th</sup> every month.

### 2. Overall Impression

- a) **Foster Families:** There aren't many foster families for the Social Welfare Institute in Ji'an, and most of the foster parents are elders. These foster parents are all full of love and treat the children very well and those children rely on them heavily too. Most foster families live downtown and only one lives in the rural area. This foster mother from the rural area has substantial experience at educating and caring for children. With her love, children all live happy lives in her family.

### 3. Interviews

- a) **Amity Grandmas:** Visited with our five Amity Grandmas.



Grandma Guo, a retired doctor, is responsible for the children's rehab and cognitive learning. Grandma Guo was doing rehabilitation training with a two-year old boy that has Cerebral Palsy the day we visited. When she had first begun to work with him he would cry so Grandma Guo established a special rehab plan for him. Now the boy loves to let grandma to do training with him and over time his legs have become more flexible.



Grandma Luo, also a retired doctor, is also responsible for children's rehab and cognitive learning. On the day we visited she was working with a child named FW who is 7 years old and has spastic limbs and very poor communicating skills. She was teaching her to go up and down stairs and to walk. Since this child entered the institution, Grandmother Luo has been training her to walk and also to speak and learn words. Over a long period of time FW finally can stand on her own and walk with a little support, and has made great progress with language and cognition and is now able to communicate with others.



Grandma Cai helps with the children's rehab and cognitive learning. When I was there Grandma Cai was helping a kid called FY do rehabilitation training. FY is 3 years old with Cerebral Palsy who has been in the institution since last year. When she first came she could only sit leaning against something and she couldn't stand at all. Through grandmas' massage and rehabilitation training slowly she can sit alone and then stand with a little support and now she can stand by herself without any help. Now grandma Cai is training her to walk. She always uses lovely toys to attract FY to walk. But during the training, Grandma Cai found that FY likes food better than toys so she began to use snacks instead.



Grandma Yao looks after the disabled children, teaching them some simple words and knowledge and play games with children. She is responsible for the children's daily life so she knows what children like or dislike very well. The child in the photo is one of her favorites. Grandma Yao said that this kid is very clever and loves playing ladders and games with kids older than him.



Grandma Zhou is also helps with the children's rehab and cognitive learning. Grandma Zhou is a person who is earnest and accountable for job, and she is always being patient and kindly to every child. When children don't want to cooperate with her to finish rehabilitation training, she often tries to play games with them with rehabilitation techniques. The kid in the photo was a little bit nervous about the training, but after grandma Zhou's conduct, the kid was willing to cooperate.

- b)** Interviewed 8 foster children and their foster families. Their photos and individual reports will be sent to their sponsor.