



JI'AN SOCIAL WELFARE INSTITUTE AMITY REPORT - MAY 2013

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

HIGHLIGHTS

In March 2013, all foster children were required to return to the orphanage. The bureau of Civil Affairs made this decision following a fire at a local woman's home where she was caring for multiple foster children (known in news reports as the Lankao incident). The woman had no ties to Amity or Altrusa, however Civil Affairs officials felt it was in the best interest of all children in foster care to return to the SWI until the incident was fully investigated. Because there were no children in foster care, Amity suspended foster support to the SWI as of March 2013. Once the investigation is completed, it is expected that children from Ji'An SWI will return to their foster families and Amity/Altrusa support will resume.

To the SWI's credit, Ji'An has been selected as one of 4 new rehabilitation resource centers for children with cerebral palsy. A new building has been constructed and will serve children in need from nearby city and town institutions. Previously, the only similar center had been in Nanchang.

JI'AN SWI STAFF & FACTS

Director: Mr. Liu

Vice Director: Mei Yongshen

Amity Directors: Mei Yongshen & Zeng Qinghua

Total No of Children: 48

Adoptions in 2013: 4

HUGGING GRANNY PROGRAM

There are currently five Hugging Grannies at the Ji'An SWI. Each of the Grannies comes to the orphanage on a part-time schedule throughout the week. Many children at the orphanage have physical and cognitive limitations, so the Grannies are all involved in providing care and attention aimed at improving functional abilities.

On any day of the week, a Granny may be found helping a child improve his/her independence with feeding, walking, dressing and language/communication skills. The Grannies also take the time to engage children in general exercise and routinely provide therapeutic massage.

Beyond the rehabilitative efforts, Hugging Grannies also provide much needed emotional comfort and support to these children. The "hugging" portion of a Granny's day is, of course, the sweetest.



Faces from Ji'An



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