



JI'AN SOCIAL WELFARE INSTITUTE AMITY REPORT - DECEMBER 2013

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

HIGHLIGHTS

The foster program in Ji'an is suspended indefinitely. This is due to an incident in March 2013 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. With no children in currently in foster, Amity has suspended foster support to the SWI at this point.

Altrusa contributions are currently supporting 2 student tuitions and 5 Hugging Grannies.

STUDENTS

JW is a kindergarten student. She gets along well with the other students and enjoys playing games with them. In the morning and evening, JW is accompanied to and from school by the orphanage staff. JW is a very serious student who listens to the teacher. She enjoys music class and singing, works hard on her vocabulary, and is improving both her spelling and writing.

JH is in the same kindergarten as JW, and together they attend school every day. JH is now integrating into larger classes and he is working on his writing and vocabulary. He gets along well with the other students and enjoys playing games with them. In the morning when he is told that it's time to go to school he will quickly dress himself and get ready to leave. JH is very polite to the teachers and is well liked. He will often take the initiative to help other children around the classroom.

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
(domestic): 5

Adoptions in 2013
(foreign): 6



HUGGING GRANNY PROGRAM



Grandma Qiu recently became a Hugging Granny. She has received help and advice on rehabilitation techniques from the other more experienced Grandmas. Grandma Qiu has been working closely with a 5 year old boy who was initially very shy. Over time, their bond has grown and now this little boy is very happy to have Grandma Qiu nearby. The two have become very affectionate, giving hugs and kisses, and enjoying their time together.



Grandma Yuedi is responsible for feeding the children, assisting in their physical rehabilitation and general care. She spends a lot of time with YY, playing and working on improving her walking skills. Initially she was able to walk only a short way by herself. Grandma Yuedi has spent her time giving YY encouragement, doing physical exercises and helping her to walk with supports. Now, YY can walk much further without assistance.



Grandma Chenfeng has been working at the orphanage since June and, like Grandma Qiu, has received help and advice from the more experienced Grandmas. Grandma Chenfeng has been mainly working with a 12 year old girl at the SWI doing rehabilitation exercises and developing a trusting bond with her. This young girl's walking skills are improving and Grandma Chengfeng is also helping her develop her self care skills.



Grandma Julian is responsible for cognitive rehabilitation. She has also been helping one child in particular with walking exercises. With Grandma Julian's encouragement and practice, this young girl, FF, has become more confident and strong in her exercises. Grandma Julian chats with FF as well, and teaches her vocabulary and general life lessons. The two have become very close and affectionate with each other.



Grandma Caihua is responsible for working with children with disabilities and in need of cognitive tutoring. Grandma Caihua has been especially helpful with JJ, as he improves his walking skills. She has focused on his leg strength, first by assisting him to stand, and then using a walker to move about. Grandma Caihua also gives special attention to JJ's speech and language skills.

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