

# **Jingdezhen Social Welfare Institute**

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Institute Director: the director post is currently vacant; for the time being the secretary is responsible for management duties

Deputy Directors: Li Xiaoyan, Director Wei, Director Niu

Children's Division: Wu Zhuren

Foster Care Affairs: Pan Yuzhi

Oversight of Amity Foster Care: Pan Yuzhi (every month two visits are recorded and given to establish children's cases)

The number of children at the Jingdezhen Social Welfare Institute has slowly decreased. There are about 40 children under the care of the Institute overall. Amity/Altrusa sponsors 20 children in foster care, the Institute sponsors eight children in foster care and more than 10 children live in the Institute. Many have cerebral palsy, Downs syndrome, and/or are mentally challenged.

Because the majority of children are disabled they need more and very specific care to help with rehabilitation exercises. The Institute has an administration section especially for instructing foster families and helping them to understand the children's needs. Unscheduled visits also help to better understand the relationship between foster parents and children, the children's living situation, their growth and development, etc. Knowing how the children are doing at activities of daily living the Institute can provide better rehabilitation exercises for the children. Each foster child also comes each month to the Institute and give an physical exam and vaccinations.

Amity staff person Ms. Luo visited the 20 foster children in their homes and also the student we are sponsoring to attend Jingdezhen Technical College. His photo and some information are included below as well as a few of our foster children. A report, which includes a photo, on each foster child will be sent to their foster sponsor and their school sponsor (when found). Many of our foster children are starting kindergarten this fall and one will be in primary school and two in a special needs school. Since they will be attending the school near their foster home instead of the one they would have been assigned to while living in the orphanage we need to pay some tuition. The cost will be \$166 per student for the school year.



WZH chose his own major (computer software and design) and absolutely loves it so he studies energetically. He gets along well with his classmates and they enjoy studying together and socializing, sharing their thoughts on many things. He lives on campus of the Jingdezhen Technical College and on vacations he comes back to the Institute.



This little boy just turned a year old two weeks ago. He can walk with support and say a few words "Baba", "Mama", "Sister" and say, "Let's play!"



This three year old girl with cleft lip and palate is flourishing in her foster home and her language is developing rapidly. She loves playing with her neighborhood friends.



Two year old boy with cerebral palsy who, due to the work of his foster family, can now stand with help and walk with someone holding his hand or with a walking aid



Five year old boy with cerebral palsy who loves to listen to music and every time he hears music he'll shake his head and dance. He can now do his activities of daily living and his foster family is working on his language development.