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1. Basic information

Director: Yu Lanping

Vice Director: Mr. Hu and Mr. Zhang

Responsible Staff for the Children's Division and Amity Project: Yu Lanping

Director of the Children's Division: Chen Liqin Vice Director of the Children's Division: Ma Liang

Children: There are about 150 children in the orphanage (the number fluctuates). Many have special needs including congenital heart disease, cognitive disability, and some have cerebral palsy. Among these children, about 20 are in foster care supported by the orphanage itself and 5 of them are sponsored by Altrusa for their schooling.

2. Major impression

Children in the orphanage: There are more children in Jiujiang Orphanage now than there was in the second half of last year. Most children have special needs, bringing more work to the orphanage staff. However, the orphanage tries their best to ensure they receive good care in terms of living. In addition, they try their best to take them to receive medical treatment. The nursing staff takes care of them and the grandmas give them support on their living, physical rehabilitation, and language development, to ensure better growth. Summer was hot, and each of the rooms was equipped with air conditioner to avoid summer heat.

3. Sponsored Students

We met the following five orphans that Altrusa sponsors for their schooling:



CJ is almost 18 years old and suffers from Amblyopia. She attends the Blind School of Nanchang, but spent two months of her summer holidays in the orphanage. In the orphanage, she did homework, played with other children, and helped the younger children with homework. She has a lot of patience and enjoys handcrafts. Next semester, she will be in grade Primary 6.



CJ is 17 years old and is blind. She attends the Blind School of Nanchang. She enjoys listening to music, jump roping, and outdoor activities. After dinner, she would often take a walk around the playground with her classmates. After her examinations, she spent the summer holidays in the orphanage.



CB is 14 years old and is deaf. He attends the Bo'ai Deaf School of Jiujiang. He spent the summer holidays in the orphanage. In the orphanage, he did his homework, read, helped clean, and played with the other children. He enjoys dancing and reading and telling stories in sign language. He is a very good student and studies hard at school. He is well liked by his teachers and classmates. Next semester, he will be in grade Primary 5.



CY is almost 21 years old. He is deaf and attends the Jiujiang Special Education School. He spent his two month summer holidays in the orphanage. While there, he helped with cleaning and played with other children. He takes good care of himself and is well liked by his classmates. He enjoys helping his classmates carry water. He is encouraged to do well in his studies. He enjoys playing basketball.



CH is 22 years old and suffers from Polio. She has been at Chengdu Academy for one year. She spent her summer holidays in the orphanage. She is a great student and studying subjects such as: animation, base color, Chinese and foreign art history, computer graphics, Chinese modern history, English, law, and PE. In PE, as she is not able to exercise the lower part of her body, she concentrates on the upper part of her body. She is very cheerful and well liked by her classmates. Her favorite hobby is painting. When she returns to school, she will be a sophomore.

4. Hugging Grannies

We met with our four Hugging Grannies, two of which are new (Grandma Liu Aizhen and Grandma Yin Meizhi)



Liu Aizhen is new to the orphanage. She works 6 days a week and prior to her responsibilities there, she was a housewife. At the orphanage, she is

responsible for rehabilitation work and also helps the children to build up confidence. She plays with the children often and is well liked by them. She works with the other three grandmas to coordinate their rehabilitation work. In the above pictures, she is helping a child named DD to use his right hand to touch his left hand, and to put up his left and right foot. Grandma Liu also helped him with his pronunciation.



Yin Meizhi is new to the orphanage. She started working there in May 2012. She works 6 days a week and prior to responsibilities there, she was a housewife. At the orphanage, she is responsible for the rehabilitation of children with disabilities. She is very familiar with the children and is happy to be around them. She is recently helping a child called LL. LL is now able to stand and with her help, he is able to walk fast. Grandma Yin also gives LL massages to stimulate the muscles on his left hand and foot.



Zhong Yanqiu has been working at the orphanage since April 2004. Before

her time at the orphanage, she worked at the general knitting mill. She works at the orphanage 6 days a week and is responsible for the rehabilitation of children with disabilities. In the photos above she is helping a child called TT, who has CP. TT's left part of the body does not function well. With rehabilitation, she can walk on a flat ground. Grandma Zhong helps her with massages and has trained her to climb steps.



Qian Haizhen has been working at the orphanage since May 2008. Before her time at the orphanage, she worked at The First Factory of the National Cotton Factory. She works at the orphanage 6 days a week and is responsible for the rehabilitation of children with disabilities. Grandma Qian is doing rehabilitation for a child named PP. PP suffers from spasm type cerebral palsy, so when he is receiving rehabilitation, his hands and feet need to be fixed to maintain his body balance. Through practice, PP is now able to sit for a longer period of time. He is very happy and encouraged by Grandma Qian.

New needs: there is a blind girl named CY. She was born in February 2004. As she has reached school age, the orphanage plans to send her to receive education in Nanchang Blind School. We will apply for support once we know the actual cost of the school.

