Jiujiang Social Welfare Institute July 2013

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



CJ (right) is a girl with amblyopia and is sponsored by Altrusa.

General Information

Institute Director: Yu Lanping (formerly Secretary Yu)

Vice-Directors: Mr. Hu and

Mr. Zhang

Children's Division
Altrusa/Amity Project
Directors: Yu Langping and

Chen Ligin

Number of Children

The Institute currently has about 120 children in the orphanage. Most of the children have special needs and disabilities. Three children receive Altrusa scholarships and go to schools outside of the SWI.

A note about foster children:

Altrusa does not have any foster children at the Jiujiang SWI. All of the children that were previously in foster care now live in the SWI.



CJ studies at the Nanchang Blind School with sponsorship from Altrusa.

Jiujiang SWI

At the SWI, many disabled children are recovering with the help of staff. The SWI does early intervention and rehab when children are very young. That way, they will recover faster and the results of the recovery will be more evident.

Rehab Center Approval

In May, the SWI received rehab center approval from the Bureau of Civil Affairs of Jiangxi Province. Jiujiang SWI is earlier than other SWIs to be established as a rehab center. This is because the SWI already has rehab equipment and qualified rehab staff. This approval means that children at nearby SWIs can be sent to Jiujiang for rehabilitation.

Altrusa/Amity Hugging Grannies



Granny Liu Aizhen

Granny Liu Aizhen is responsible for the rehabilitation and cognitive learning of the children. She and other grannies often share rehabilitation knowledge with each other and discuss how to bring better rehabilitation practice to the children. In the photo at left, she is giving a leg massage to PP help him relax before walking practice. Granny Liu Aizhen has been working at the SWI for six days a week since 2012.

Granny Luo Huizhi

In December of 2012, Granny Luo Huizhi began helping disabled children recover and aiding in cognitive development. She used to be a nursing assistant, so Granny Luo Huizhi had a lot of experience in caring for children. In the photo at right, she is helping eight-year-old DD exercise his legs. Granny Luo Huizhi is helping her with therapy to get enough power to walk.





Granny Zhong Ganhong

In January of 2013, Granny Zhong Ganhong left her job as a kindergarten teacher to work at the SWI. In the photo at left, Granny Zhong is massaging DD's legs. With the Granny's help, DD's legs are more flexible than before. Granny Zhong helps him build his leg muscle with exercises and games. She also helps children speak. Granny Zhong Ganhong works six days a week at the SWI.

Granny Zhong Yanqiu

Grandma Zhong Yanqiu aids in the recovery of disabled children and their cognitive development. In the photo at right, she is helping a CC, a ten-year-old boy with cerebral palsy, do walking exercises. With Granny's help, CC can now stand and can slowly walk for a few steps by himself. Granny Zhong Yanqiu has been working at the SWI since April of 2004.



Altrusa/Amity Education Sponsorships



CB is a fifteen-year-old boy attending the Jiujiang Bo'ai School for the Deaf. He is in the sixth arade and enjoys dancing, reading, and story telling. He spent part of the summer at a camp in the U.S. and stayed with an American host family. He loved the experience and enjoyed visiting a museum, eating American food, and making new friends. Now that he is back at school. CB studies hard to do well.



CY wasn't willing to attend school this past spring semester.
However, the SWI staff has convinced him to try it again this fall. Funds from his sponsor's donation from last year will pay for this fall semester.



CD is a twenty-two year old woman with polio. She is in her second year at the Chengdu College. She loves to draw. Over the summer, she took part in a charitable project called "The Wings of the Stars Make Chinese Children's Dreams Come True", CD worked as a volunteer at a welfare house in Maoxian. Sichuan Province. The children at that welfare house had lost their parents in the 2008 Wenchuan earthquake. CD used her drawing talent to connect with the children. CD brought areat happiness to the children in Maoxian and was sad to leave at the end of her stay.



CJ is a nineteen-year-old girl with amblyopia and attends the Nanchang Blind School. Her hobby is making handcrafts. After graduating from primary school at the end of the school year, CJ spent her summer at the Jiujiang SWI. There, she played with the younger children and knitted. In the picture at left she is holding a Chinese character she knitted. The character '福' means well-being.

In school, CJ has a good attitude and works hard. Last term, she took a higher level high school course and did well. She is now in her first year of high school.



Granny Luo Huizhi working with DD at the Jiujiang SWI.

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