

NANCHANG SOCIAL WELFARE INSTITUTE

AMITY REPORT - JUNE 2013

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

HIGHLIGHTS

NANCHANG SWI STAFF & FACTS

Director: Tan Mingzhu

Vice-Director
in charge of Children's
Department: Tu Hongnu

Amity Foster Project
Administrator: Ni Lin

Total No of Children: 400+

Total in Foster Care with
Amity Support: 29

Total in Foster Care with
Support from other
sources: 100

Altrusa Foundation, working together with Amity Foundation in China, is providing foster care support for 29 children at Nanchang SWI. Twenty five of foster care families and children were interviewed during the June visit. Approximately 100 additional children are in foster care supported by the SWI itself. This SWI has a large number of seriously disabled children and it has been difficult to find foster families who are able to provide the necessary care.

There are also 7 students supported by Amity donations and all of them were interviewed during the June visit.

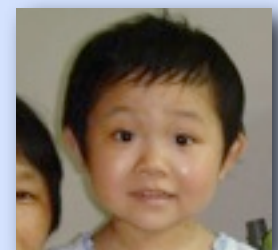
A FEW OF OUR FOSTER CHILDREN

Taoying is 3 years old and is walking several steps at a time now. She can walk longer distances when holding a family member's hand. She is speaking some words clearly. Taoying is diagnosed with cerebral palsy.

Xianjing is now 10 years old and is able to communicate with others, enjoys being outdoors and playing games. Although diagnosed with a cognitive disability, Xianjiang has been struggling with walking. She is able to do so, but is often unwilling. Her foster mother takes a lot of time with her and provides the encouragement she needs, to do as much for herself as she can.

Weiping, age 2, likes snacks! He's not so fond of strangers and is very attached to his foster grandmother. He has learned to walk, despite his right side being less flexible than his left. He loves cartoons, has a good appetite and sleeps well.

Linyan is 6 years old and has become very talkative. She is learning to translate simple phrases from Chinese to English and enjoys drawing. Her foster family members all love her and see she is making a lot of progress in spite of her delayed motor development.





NANCHANG STUDENTS

Haichao, age 18, is starting her 2nd year at Nanchang Women's Vocational Middle School. Her confidence is improving and she is eager to take classes and complete an internship in customer service. She is still very connected to her foster family and they have arranged both visits and phone calls to stay in touch.

Lirong, age 18, is attending Jiangxi Civil Administration College and has learned skills allowing her to provide care to senior citizens. Following an internship, she is anxious to return to Nanchang SWI and work alongside the "aunts" and nursing assistants where she grew up and feels connected.

Tengwei, age 17, is attending Nanchang Women's Vocational Middle School where she is majoring in preschool education. She relies on friends and teachers for emotional support and has a part-time job at the school to help pay for her meal expenses.

Zhanliang, age 20, completed her 3rd year at Nanchang Women's Vocational College. Her years on campus have provided with her a lot of experience in communication and she has gained much general knowledge. She made close friends in college and maintains contact with them. Zhanliang requested her internship be done with the elderly at the Nanchang SWI instead of the school's usual placement because she is more comfortable there.

Ziqing, age 19, attends the Jiangxi Civil Administration College. She is currently taking part in an internship for massage therapy. She enjoys being helpful to people and plans on taking the entrance exam required to major in social work when she completes her current program.

Yun, age 20, completed a hotel and restaurant services internship in Beijing this past year. She found the work difficult at times and had to make a big adjustment to the energy and activity of the city. Yun feels she has learned a lot and is confident she will put her skills to good use after she graduates from Jiangxi Civil Administration College.

Hongying, age 21, is assigned to a 3-month internship in Shanghai where she will be caring for senior citizens. She is sophisticated and independent, and has learned how to conduct herself well.

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