

Pingxiang Social Welfare Institute

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



Foster child AZ and her
foster mother.

General Information

Institute Director: Zhong Shihui

Vice-Directors: Ou Yangming,
Director Xiek Chen Xin

**Altrusa/Amity Foster Care
Directors:** Chen Xin and Miss
Su. Miss Su currently is in
charge of visiting foster
families. Once a month, she
visits foster families and
makes records.

Numbers of Children

The Institute currently has over 50 children, 12 of whom are in the Altrusa/Amity foster care program. The Institute sponsors 10 children in foster care. Each month, the foster families bring their foster children to a nearby clinic for physical exams and necessary vaccinations. About 30 of the children living in the Institute are disabled (cerebral palsy, intellectual impairment, ect.).

Adoptions!!

Two children were adopted by foreign families. Six families that had adopted children from Pingxiang SWI in the past returned to visit.

Building Improvements

This past May, the Institute leaders decided to re-design and re-decorate the SWI, both externally and internally. A new building will be built next to the original one. The children will continue to live in the current ward. The elderly from the Elder's division will be moved to the new building. The SWI plans to set up a recovery room for disabled children on the 3rd floor of

the Children's Building. Additionally, they will set up a classroom for children to improve their cognitive and motor skills.

New Staff Members

In May the SWI hired a therapist and a special education teacher. These staff members will aid in learning and help disabled children recover. The Institute directors plan on hiring additional therapists and teachers in order to provide better services for the children.



Foster child HD and her foster grandparents.



Plans for redesigning the Pingxiang SWI.

Altrusa/Amity Hugging Grannies



Granny Huang Yueling

Granny Huang is in charge of leading recovery for disabled kids and looking after their daily life. In the photo at left, Granny Huang is helping DJ practice going up and down steps. Before DJ could not walk well, but because Granny Huang helps her do exercises her walking has greatly improved. Granny Huang has worked at the Pingxiang SWI since July of 2006. She works five and a half days per week.

Granny Luo Xinping

Granny Luo helps teach cognition and singing to older children with disabilities. In her spare time, other Grannies teach her more about rehabilitation training. In the photo at right, Granny Luo is helping Z do walking recovery training. Z has received walking training from Granny Luo for a period of time and finds great happiness from walking. Granny Luo has been working at Pingxiang SWI since January of 2007 as a teacher. She works half a day on Monday through Friday and one day on the weekend.



Six foster families were visited. An individual report and photo of each child will be sent to their sponsor, but photos of a few of them are included below.



AY is a 6-year-old girl with Down's Syndrome. She gets along well with her classmates and enjoys playing with other children. AY loves to dance and always listens carefully and watches her teacher's actions. She gets along well with her foster family. The entire family adores her.

AZ is an eleven-month old boy with a harelip and cleft palate. He can walk when someone holds his hands and understands adults' words. AZ is good at imitating and likes to imitate his family. Though he cannot speak, he can murmur to himself and giggles when he is entertained.

AJ is a 6-year-old boy with Down's Syndrome. He likes going to Kindergarten and listens carefully to his teachers. He actively expresses himself, though he has difficulty speaking. When studying at home, he reads aloud the words he knows and expresses unfamiliar words with his hands or body language.



DN is a 23-year-old woman with Cerebral Palsy who is cared for by a foster family. When she is at home, she enjoys reading, watching T.V., surfing the Internet, or chatting with her friends online. She can cook simple meals. DN tries hard to learn to cook new things.

Altrusa/Amity Education Sponsorship



DJ is a 27-year-old woman studying at the Pingxiang City Health School. She is studying as a first year student. DJ is actively involved in her studies and frequently asks her teacher questions. She reviews what she is learning several times a day. DJ combines the rehabilitation she learns from her teacher with practical skills.

For the past 4 months she has been interning at the Disabled Persons' Federation Organization. She works there every morning. After she completes the internship, DJ will become a second year student and study theoretical knowledge.

Studying at the Pingxiang City Health School has enabled DJ to develop her social and communication skills more than ever before.



This 7-month-old baby girl is a foster child that is sponsored by Altrusa.

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