

Ruijin Social Welfare Institute Report

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Altrusa International Foundation of Longview-Kelso working together with Amity Foundation in China provide the following information:

1. Basic information

Director: Liu (刘院长)

Vice Director: Li Xiangyang (李向阳)

Director of the Children's Division: Liu Ting (刘婷)

Head of Amity Foster Care: Yang Feng (杨峰) and Guo Ruijuan (郭瑞娟)

Physical Exam and Vaccination Protocols: Foster children are brought back to the Institute once a month for physical exams and to Ruijin's epidemic prevention center for regular vaccinations.

Children : There are 50 children in foster care, and 15 children staying at the Shanghai Guangci Social Welfare Institute.

2. Overall impression

After the Lunar New Year, the Ruijin Social Welfare Institute moved into a different building, called the Ruijin Social Welfare Center. It is located inside a complex with eight buildings, occupying two buildings. The other six buildings are for a Senior Citizen's Center. One of the buildings houses offices and has 12 rooms. The second building is the children's ward and has 17 rooms. Some of the rooms are still not finished or decorated, and since many of the children live in foster homes, some of the rooms are not in use. Below are some pictures of the new facilities:

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(Institute gate)



(Inside)



(Senior Citizen's Center)



(Office Building)



(Children's Ward)



(Children's Ward Room)



(Children's Ward Hallway)

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(Children's Ward Room)



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3. The visiting content

✓ We met the following child sponsored by Altrusa sponsors:

1. JA is 4 years old. She was born premature and undernourished. She is now in preschool and loves her class. She gets along well with her other classmates and always shares her food with them. She has a good relationship with her teachers as well. In class, she is learning nursery rhymes, dances, Tang Dynasty poetry, counting, among other things. She is a good student and sits quietly and obeys all instructions. Every day, her grandmother walks with her to school and picks her up at noon to eat lunch.



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✓ We met the following 2 Altrusa/ Amity Hugging Grannies:

1. Guo Ruijuan (郭瑞娟) was a hospital staffer in her previous profession before starting with the Institute in 2001. She is now works five days a week and is responsible for interviewing foster families and working at the Institute. She is very familiar with the foster families' situations and helps them care for children with specific disabilities by teaching them rehabilitation exercises. Each month, they give the children medical exams as well. The last time Grandma Guo visited JA, she was suffering from a cold. She administered some medicine to JA and monitored her health. She gets along very well with JA and enjoys telling her stories and playing games together.



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2. Yang Feng (杨峰) was an Institute staffer before her current position with the Institute in 2005. She now works five days a week and is responsible for interviewing the foster families and helping them care for their disabled foster children. Each month, she visits the families to give the children physical exams and teach the families new physical therapy exercises to improve strength and muscle coordination. She interviews the families and tracks the progress of the children. For the past few months, Grandma Yang has been keeping track of JM, a child who is only a few months old. Due to the harsh Jiangxi winter weather, Grandma Yang has taken special care to wrap JM in warm cloths. JM recently arrived to her new foster home and is starting to respond to her surroundings. Grandma Yang is working with the family to increase her health and happiness.



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