

Ruijin Social Welfare Institute Report

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General Information

Institute Director:
Liu Yang

Institute Vice-Director
Li Xiangyang

Head of the Children's
Division
Liu Ting

Head of Amity Foster
Care

Yang Feng
Guo Ruijuan
(make unscheduled visits to the Institute's foster families)

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.

Number of Children: Almost 40 children are sponsored in foster care by Ruijin Social Welfare Institute and one by Altrusa. Four children live in the Ruijin Social Welfare Institute itself as their condition is not yet stable enough for foster care. Fourteen children are staying at the Shanghai Guangci Social Welfare Institute.

Overall impression

The building of Ruijin Social Welfare Institute has been decorated basically as shown in the pictures. On the first floor are offices for the staff, children activities rooms, classrooms for children with special needs, and rehabilitation rooms. On the second floor is the children's ward room. There are 4 children in the institute at present that are taken care of by nursing staff.



Children's activity room



Children's ward room

Foster children: Some of the children changed foster families at this time because the foster families don't want to take care of those kids anymore. Children are getting used to the new families after changing and will set up relationships with a new family. Now they can get used to the new foster family and get on well with the family members. These projects are sponsored by Altrusa International Foundation of Longview-Kelso.

Interviews

Met with 2 Amity Altrusa Hugging Grandmas. Guo Ruijuan and Yang Feng who work together at the orphanage. They are responsible for interviewing the foster families, teaching them how to do physical therapy and

strengthening exercises as well as give medical exams to the children. Some of the children have recently changed foster homes, so the Grandmas have been paying special attention to how they are adjusting to their new families and environments.



Grandma Yang



Grandma Guo Ruijuan

Altrusa's Amity Foster Care (& Education) Sponsorship Projects For Orphanage Children

M, who is almost one year old has a harelip and cleft palate. Not only can she stand independently but also can walk a few steps by herself. She can use a spoon to eat, but she will throw out a little food. She cannot speak too much except for the word, "grandma". She cannot express anything using language, instead, she uses actions and body language. She can imitate well that she can simulate the behav-

ior of saying goodbye and welcome. She likes to watch cartoons so much that she will jump excitedly when she is happy. She has a good appetite and can eat a whole bowl of rice and has two or three meals a day. She sleeps well and lives a regular life. She can go to the rest room independently.

