

RUIJIN SWI

General Information

Institute Directors: Director Liu Yang(刘杨院长)

Institute Vice-Director: Li Xiangyang (李向阳)

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

Altrusa/Amity Hugging Grannies who supervise Foster Care: Yang Feng (杨峰) and Guo Ruijuan (郭瑞娟) who make 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 43 children are in foster care, and 14 children are staying at the Shanghai Guangci Social Welfare Institute. There are an additional 6 children that stay in the institute itself.

Adoptions: Nine children were adopted in 2012 and one so far in 2013.

Overall Impression

Nearly all the children in the Ruijin SWI who can be fostered, go to foster families in the city or countryside. There they are fostered in the warm-hearted families who have the experience of taking care of children from the orphanage. The staff in the SWI first investigates the foster families to make sure that the children would do well in the families. They also visit the foster families regularly to acquire information about the children and to guide the families in taking care of children. The Altrusa/Amity Hugging Grannies will visit the children who are physically disabled and do physical therapy with them. They will teach the foster mothers these physical therapy exercises so that the mothers can help children to rehabilitate.

Interviews

Met with the two Altrusa/Amity "Hugging Grannies": Guo Ruijuan and Yang Feng and went with these "Hugging Grannies" to visit 10 foster children and their foster families. Reports (with a photo) will be sent to the sponsor of each child.

The director has asked if Altrusa Foundation could sponsor an additional five foster children. They are currently in foster care but the SWI is having difficulty paying the full stipend to the foster families without some assistance. These five children are shown below.

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Children Needing Sponsors



JM is a healthy boy who was born on May 1, 2011. He is fond of playing outdoors and can walk independently. He can understand what adults say and respond to them although he doesn't say much yet. He will point to what he wants. He is good at imitating, saying goodbye and welcome. He enjoys cartoons and sweet food. He sleeps well



JL is a girl who was born on February 5, 2012 and has a cleft palate. She now can walk when someone holds her hands. She can understand what adults say and can say *Dad, Mom and Grandma*. She is good at imitating, saying welcome and goodbye. She is fond of music and will dance when hearing the music. She has a good appetite, especially with a bowl of rice.

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Children Needing Sponsors

JM is a boy who was born on August 29, 2011 who has had surgery for congenital heart disease. He can stand when supported. When adults catch his arms, he is willing to walk forward. He can understand what adults say and will jabber to himself. He can feed himself biscuits. He will have a small bowl of rice and a 150ml-200ml of cup of milk. He sleeps well.



JM is a girl who was born on January 3, 2008 and has severe muscle weakness. She is good at speaking and even can recite the poem of Tang Dynasty as well as count numbers. She is a polite girl and can communicate using mandarin and can greet with guests who visit the foster family. She has difficulty controlling her head because of her weak muscles and has to lean on something when sitting. She can walk when she sits on the chair, moving the chair. She can eat independently and sleeps well.

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Child Needing a Sponsor



JL, a girl who was born on August 18, 2008, suffers from CP. She is in a foster family who can take care of her well. She can understand what adults say and even can say one or two words such as *eating and drinking*. She can stand by the wall and can walk a few steps when supported. The adults will feed her while she can eat snacks by her own. She will tell the foster mother if she wants to go the washroom

The cost of sponsorship is \$52 per month per child. If you are the sole sponsor for your child then this would be \$624 for the year or \$312 for a half year which you could mail to the address below or donate online or through [paypal.com](https://www.paypal.com). But you could also send it as a monthly recurring donation which can be set up with the blue "Donate Now" button at www.altrusa.info (as can one time donations) or I can send you a link to set up a monthly payment through [paypal.com](https://www.paypal.com). You can also co-sponsor one of these children with \$17, \$26 or \$35 per month and I'll find another co-sponsor for the remaining portion. Sponsors get an update with a photo twice a year. Please email peggy@gurrad.com if you can help with one of these Ruijin orphans.



A letter from the adoptive family of JY was delivered to her foster family. The foster mother was excited when she saw the pictures of Y who looks so happy. The mother thought Y must live well and remembered that she was a cute girl when she was young. The foster mother is very happy that Y has a new family who loves her.

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JL and the foster
mother Yang Xiangfa



JM and the foster
mother Yang Jiaozai



On the left is Grandma Guo
Ruijuan, right is Yang Feng

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