

SHANGGAO SOCIAL WELFARE INSTITUTE

AMITY REPORT – NOVEMBER 2012

Foster Care - Amity sponsors 10 children for foster care from the Shanggao Social Welfare Institute and the Amity team met with all of the children and their foster families on this visit. In addition, there are 10 more children from this SWI sponsored for foster care by other organizations. Less than five children live in the orphanage year round. Ms. Zhou Ling is director of the Children's Ward and is Amity's primary contact at the SWI.

Tuition - In Shanggao, Amity currently sponsors 3 children for education expenses. One of these students is in high school and studying for college entrance exams. The other two students are attending early elementary school programs.



PX is a 17 year old high school student who is studying hard. She and her classmates are preparing for the college entrance exams and she is excited about the possibility of attending a college outside the province. PX spends most of her time studying, but enjoys singing when she has a bit of free time.

SM is an 18 month old girl who recently spent time at the Nanchang SWI for physical therapy to improve mobility issues related to premature birth. Her hands are becoming more flexible and she is standing up with support. SM is speaking simple phrases and has a healthy appetite!



YY is a 10 year old girl who has been living with her foster family since 2011 and is well adjusted to her foster home environment. She is quick to help her foster family around the house and is able to take care of her own daily needs. Her memory is not strong, so a foster family member goes with her outside to be sure she is safe and does not wander from home. She was able to attend primary school in the past year.

Hugging Grannies – Two Hugging Grannies are sponsored by Amity at Shanggao SWI. Both women interview foster families for the Amity project. Once a family is chosen for fostering a child, the Grannies visit and provide support to help the foster children grow and flourish in their homes.

Grandma DL has spent extra time with a foster family caring for a young boy who is recovering at home following surgery for hydrocephalus. She is able to do simple physical therapy exercises with the child and provide additional emotional comfort. She teaches and encourages the foster family to continue with exercises and checks in frequently to be sure he is progressing well in his recovery.

Grandma LX is providing support to the foster family of a young girl with many physical limitations. She is patiently working with the foster family to help them learn and continue physical and occupational therapy exercises that will improve the little girl's quality of life.



Grandma DL on the right



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