



Shanggao Social Welfare Institution

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Number of Children: *16, all in foster care, 10 are supported by the Amity Foundation, 2 by the orphanage, and 4 by Holt.*

Medical: *children in orphanage are examined monthly, and foster children come for vaccinations and exams on a regular basis*

In 2013 4 children were adopted by foreign families

Hugging Granny Xinzhen



Xinzhen, (right) with a child

Hugging Granny Xinzhen is the leader of the Amity project at Shanggao; she is responsible for visiting with foster families at least once a month and compiling reports every 6 months.

During her visits she checks on the state of the family, speaking with the parents about their child, and then when possible speaks with the child, getting an understanding of their present state. When there is a problem she tries to understand the situation, and helps resolve the problem if possible, such as helping the parents and children to understand each other better. Xinzhen is well known and liked by the children and families she visits, and the families are happy to receive feedback from her. She enjoys her work and finds it an privilege to help so many children!

Hugging Granny, Ding LingLing

Meet Ding LingLing. She works at the orphanage, helping the children with physical and oral exercises and assists them so they

are comfortable. She works with LY, who has Downs Syndrome. Lingling does physical exercises, targeting his strength and motor skills. In the photo to left she is with a child who had trouble walking. She has been aiding him to boost his strength and confidence. With her help, he has gained stability and can even walk at a regular pace!.

Lingling looks forward to increasing the number and complexity of rehabilitation exercises with the children to give them the specific care they need..



Ding LingLing and LY



Amity's Shanggao Foster Care Children



Y enjoys spending time with her family. Despite her mental challenges, she loves talking and is very kind and polite; when her father comes home from work she tells him to sit and relax. Y enjoys trying on and wearing new clothes, and playing outdoors.

Little MY who has Downs Syndrome, recognizes when someone says his name. He will often reach to grasp objects, and can hold his bottle while feeding, though his legs are still weak and he cannot stand on his own. MY knows the members of his family and will laugh and giggle when he sees them. He eats 7-8 small meals a day, sleeps soundly, and is in good overall health.



MQ struggles with hydrocephalus but can now stabilize herself while walking around, and likes to play outdoors with her mother. She can recognize some speech, when her mother tells her it's time to eat, she will go sit on her stool. She is able to say a few words, mostly related to family members, and will use gestures to indicate her needs. MG especially enjoys listening to music and playing with the telephone. She has a good appetite and eats a variety of food, sleeps well, and is learning to use the toilet.

MY still requires close attention from others. She has cerebral palsy and needs to be fed by her parents, cannot control her bladder, and does not understand most speech. She will often spend her time during the day playing with other foster children. While she cannot understand everyday speech, she will recognize her family and makes noises to indicate so. Her favorite game involves clapping one's hands both together and on objects, which makes her smile and laugh. Her appetite is good and she sleeps soundly.





YX is constantly offering to help her mother do chores around the house including sweeping, washing dishes and clothes, and general cleaning. She is so diligent that whenever her mother asks if she is tired, she will answer that she is not. YX enjoys watching tv or spending time with her sister. She has developmental delays and is shy when approached by strangers and won't often talk. She has a healthy appetite and generally sleeps well.

ML is less than a month old and has been in her foster home for about a week. She still sleeps very lightly and often wakes up crying. She also cries when hungry. She eats around 8 meals a day, and sleeps soundly after being fed. She is in good overall health, though likely has a hemangioma. She only becomes upset when hungry or uncomfortable.



F is a very caring child, when we visited she greeted us with her aunt and offered us slippers to wear then gave us a big hug. While she is mentally delayed and unable to clearly express herself through talking, her body language is exceptionally expressive. F can say "father, mother," and relay basic wants. She is learning to look after herself, but she is also helpful around the house, like doing the dishes and laundry. She has a good appetite and loves milk. At school F gets along well her classmates. She especially enjoys the classes where she can sing and dance.

Little M who was born prematurely, is not overly fussy and won't cry unless she's hungry or needs to be changed. After feeding she will fall asleep; She has a healthy appetite and feeds several times a day, though she will sometimes vomit up her milk while being fed. M's eyes will follow adults' faces, she will reach for things or make a fist, and she can kick vigorously. M is developing well, is in good health, and typically sleeps soundly.





Last month MX's heart condition was checked at Nanchang, and thankfully is not very serious. She now responds well to others with various noises, and enjoys being tickled. She is able to grasp at objects, and will eat cookies that are given to her. She can walk when supported under the arms. MX has fun imitating adults she encounters. She has a good appetite, eating 3-4 meals a day, consisting of a variety of foods and generally sleeps soundly.

MP has cerebral palsy and cannot speak, so he will either cry out or make other various noises to indicate when he needs something. He recognizes people more readily including his family members, and when spoken to he will often respond accordingly. MP requires help from adults for things like using the restroom, washing, and dressing. During meals he can feed himself, but still needs some help. While home, MP likes entertaining himself in the courtyard. He sleeps well, has a good appetite, but cannot control his bowels.



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