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Altrusa Foundation, working together with Amity Foundation in China, is providing foster care support for 30 children, and then there are about ten children that live in the Institute.

Former director Zhu Yiling retired in February, and was replaced with former Vice-Director Zhang. Naturally, Director Zhang is familiar with the work of the Institute. His focus is to find foster families for all the children. Every child, he says, deserves the love of a foster home.

On this visit, we met with our five Hugging Grandmas (two are nurses) and visited thirty children at their foster homes.

X. is adorable, and thanks to her grandmother's meticulous care, she has gotten bigger and healthier. She has already adjusted well to her foster family and sleeps and eats regularly. X. enjoys talking to people and smiling a lot. She responds happily when people tickle her and wiggle her hands and feet. X.'s responses are normal; for example, she looks at people who are talking. She drinks milk 4-5 times a day and each time has 250 ml. She enjoys going outside with her grandmother.



Hugging Grannies and Nurses



Grandma Wang Guihua works in the handicapped children's ward in rehabilitation and education. She is currently helping a child named B., who has a cleft lip and palate. Last year, B. had correctional surgery, and Grandma Wang was there at the hospital to help him recover. When he returned to the institute, Grandma Wang continued to help him with rehabilitation, including helping him drink slowly so that he doesn't throw up. She is also helping him learn how to walk and he is getting better and better!



Rao Meixian (a Shangrao orphan that we sponsored for nursing school) is responsible for caring for the sick children and administering vaccinations, as well as watching over children in the institute. Since becoming a mother, she very attuned to the needs of young children, especially when they are upset or crying. She loves picking up the children, tickling them, making them laugh, and is a very warm-hearted person. She often takes children outside to play.



Xu Yan is a highly trained nurse, mainly responsible for the hospital ward in the institute. She looks after the children and also administers vaccinations and physical exams. The children love playing with Nurse Xu, no matter if she is working or not. When the weather is nice, she takes the children outside to play or sing songs!

Grandma Chen Liping is responsible for rehabilitation and education in the children's ward of the Institute. She is a very warm and loving grandma towards the children and they all like her very much. Grandma Chen is currently working with a child named C.C., and is helping him learn how to walk. C.C. is one year old and is mentally delayed. In his mental development, he lags behind healthy children his age. But with help from Grandma Chen, he is learning how to say simple phrases and do some exercises to improve his walking and overall strength. She often encourages him and pushes him to do his best and now C.C. loves walking! The two of them are very close and often go outside together.



Hugging Grannies



Grandma Miao is responsible for recovery and education in the children's ward. She normally takes care of P. P. has many diseases, such as a hernia, a cleft palate, and nasal stenosis, and recently had surgery on his hernia. While recovering in the hospital, Grandma Miao stayed with him to help comfort and take care of him. Because he has a cleft palate, P. needs help being fed so Grandma Miao slowly and carefully feeds him so he does not choke. When the weather is nice, they like to go outside together.

Foster child S. needs help taking care of himself, whether it's putting on clothes, eating, showering, etc. The springtime weather is getting warmer, and when the sun is out, S.'s family brings him outside to play. He loves looking around and is very curious about the outside world and the changes he sees. S. still has trouble walking but his mother helps him with exercises to strengthen his muscles, and also massages his feet. S. has a healthy appetite and sleeps well at night.



Shangrao Foster Child Faces

R.N. looks healthier than the last time we visited him. His face has filled out and his eyes are more lively than before. R.N. can understand most commonly used phrases, but cannot speak himself. He often babbles to communicate. He is

still learning how to share and act around others, for example, sharing food or toys with his family. R.N. needs help taking care of himself, including going to the bathroom. He sleeps peacefully at night.



R.W. is becoming more and more mature for his age. His grandmother is getting older now and has difficulty walking up and down stairs, so R.W. helps her move about from place to place. For fun, R.W. enjoys walking with his grandmother or playing with his friends outside. At home, he sometimes watches cartoons as well. Although R.W.'s memory is not very strong, his grandmother teaches him little things every day, to his delight.

In June of this year, J. will take the high school entrance exam. She is nervous for the upcoming test, but her grades are strong and she continues to work hard in school. She will most likely go to a really good high school because of her strong grades. J. hopes to go to the Shangrao High School, one of the best schools in the area. Her foster parents are taking care of her during this stressful time and are encouraging her to do her best!



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