

Shangrao Social Welfare Institute

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General Information

Institute Vice-Director:
Vice-Director Zhang,

Vice-Director Wang

Assistant Director in
charge of Children's
Services: Mao
Lizhen

Director Zhang, and
the resident nurse visit
the foster homes to
deliver milk powder
and administer physical
exams and vaccinations)

Number of Children:
Amity sponsors 30
children, and about
10 children live in the
orphanage. The orphanage
also sponsors 20 children
in foster families.



RN 2 years with Cerebral Palsy

Overall impression

The orphanage has many children with physical or mental disabilities, especially children with Cerebral Palsy and developmental delay. The foster families who care for these the children are wonderful caretakers and provide warm environments for them to grow up in.

Although many of the children have difficulty taking care of their personal needs, the foster families are very understanding and do everything in their power to help them.

Interviews

Met with three
"Hugging Grannies"
and two nurses.

Interviewed thirty
children at their foster
homes.



RR 5 years old is blind



RN 7 years old with Cerebral Palsy



RZ 5 years old with minimal Cerebral

These are only
a few of the 30
children with various
disabilities that are
sponsored in foster
care by Altrusa at
the Shangrao SWI.

An individual
report on
each child will
be sent to their
sponsor.



RZ 4 years with spinal bifida

Altrusa's Amity Hugging Grannie's Projects For Orphanage Children

Grandma Miu Sanrong is in charge of physical therapy and rehabilitation as well as teaching basic knowledge to children at the orphanage. Today, Grandma Miu was working with a child, Y teaching him how to walk. Before, Y could not walk by himself but thanks to his exercising with GrandMiu, he can walk forward to different places. Although his walking is not very steady, Y can walk to different rooms in the orphanage and go outside too. Y loves to go outside to walk around especially with the nice weather so Grandma Miu will often bring him outside. His language ability is also improving and he enjoys talking to Grandma Miu. They get along very well together and enjoy spending time together.



Grandma Chen Liping is in charge of physical therapy and rehabilitation as well as teaching basic knowledge to the children at the orphanage. When we visited the orphanage, the weather was very nice, so Grandma Chen brought Y outside to play with him. Y is able to stand and move around very well and even run a short ways! Grandma Chen and Y love to play and talk together. Grandma Chen is teaching Y simple phrases and characters. He can call out to different people and gesture with his limbs to communicate. Whenever Y is upset and cries, Grandma Chen can always calm him down and comfort him.

Grandma Wang Guihua is in charge of physical therapy and rehabilitation at the orphanage. She also teaches the children basic knowledge as well. This time when we visited, Grandma Wang was helping a child with physical therapy through massage and muscle relaxation. This child has Cerebral Palsy and has difficulty moving his legs. He cannot stand by himself, so Grandma Wang is helping him strengthen his legs through exercise. At first it was difficult for him to stretch and strengthen his legs but Grandma Wang has been patient and he is slowly improving. They are close to each other and he especially likes it when Grandma Wang tickles him!



Two of the Hugging Grannies sponsored by Altrusa International Foundation of Longview-Kelso are nurses and help the children in the orphanage clinic

These projects are being sponsored by “Altrusa International Foundation of Longview-Kelso”

Nurse Rao Meishan is in charge of seeing to the sick and giving injections and vaccinations at the orphanage. When the weather is nice, Nurse Rao takes the children outside to play. Pictured below is a child named H, who Nurse Rao went outside with to enjoy the fresh air. H language is improving, especially since she originally had a cleft lip and palate, although her pronunciation is not always clear. Nurse Rao helps to correct her pronunciation when they are talking to each other.



Nurse Xu Yan is a nurse at the orphanage. She is responsible for seeing to the sick, dispensing necessary medications, and giving out vaccinations. When she is finished with her nursing duties, Nurse Xu goes to play with the children. The children often like to go find her to play if she is not busy. On the day we visited, Nurse Xu was treating a child who was developing a fever. She gave the child medicine to bring her temperature down and he is now doing better, especially since Nurse Xu gave him a small treat afterwards! Since the weather is now drier, she is making sure all the children at the orphanage drink more water so as to not get dehydrated.



Some of our Sponsored Foster Children

Reports on individual orphans are sent to their sponsors



RS needs help from adults to take care of her every day needs, such as getting dressed, showering, etc. She can do some simple things like put on her own shoes. She does not often talk except to family members and uses gestures to communicate if she is feeling shy. She often goes over to the neighbors' houses on her own to play and knows the way home. She is also learning how to do simple chores around the house, such as help her Altrusa sponsored hugging grannie sweep, wash clothes, etc.



This 6 year old has cerebral palsy, but in spite of that her spirits have improved considerably since last time. She is much happier with her foster family and they take especially good care of her.



This beautiful young girl has left her job and is back at home to take care of her foster grandfather, who is sick and needs help. She is his primary caretaker and sees to his needs every day. She is hoping that he will recover soon from his illness. In her free time, she enjoys reading books and hopes to study further to obtain a new nursing position.

Foster Care For Orphanage Children



RN can walk more steadily than before and can still run a short distance. When going up and down stairs, he is a little slower than usual.

Thanks to her foster mother's care, RL has grown into a plump, healthy child. She loves to smile and laugh at everything, especially if someone tickles her. She enjoys going to exciting places and playing outside.



RJ is developmentally delayed, but thanks to her Altrusa sponsored foster grandmother, she can do more things than before.



Foster Care/school needs for Orphanage Children



RY, at 11 years old, even with Glaucoma, is able to take care of herself very well and even helps her family around the house. She enjoys playing outside with her classmates or neighbors and gets along well with children her age.

We still need \$290 of \$540 for schooling for RY who is also deaf, at the Shangrao Special Education School

This young lady is now in her first year (10th grade) at Shangrao high. Since the school is far from her home, she lives at the school during the week and goes home to her foster family on the weekends and during the holidays. Her foster family will make her delicious foods on her breaks and take her to buy school supplies, and they also visit her at the school when they have time. There is a lot of pressure from the school to do well, but she is getting very good grades in her classes. She also gets along well with her classmates and they often study together or go out to have fun. There is still a need of \$778 for funding for her schooling at Shangrao High School



This young man is continuing to improve his self-care abilities and is also getting along well with his foster family, especially his Altrusa sponsored foster grandmother. He has had surgery due to a deformity with his eyes and attends the Shangrao Special Education School which is sponsored by the Altrusa Foundation.