

# Shangrao Social Welfare Institute

## Peggy Gurrad's Trip Report...November, 2012

Altrusa Foundation of Longview-Kelso working together with Amity Foundation in China



### Staff

Dr Huang in photo on left.

L to R in photo on right is

Zhou Bao, Director Gao, me,  
Luo Xiaowang, Ms. Mao, Ms.  
Wang, admin person, and Vice  
Director.



Ms. Gao is the new director at Shangrao SWI and Ms. Mao is in charge of children's services. Currently, there are 60 children, most of whom are disabled, under their care. Amity/Altrusa sponsors 30 children in foster care, while 7 live at the orphanage. The foster care expenses for 12 children are handled by the SWI. One premature baby is in the hospital in Shangrao and ten children are receiving medical treatment; some in Beijing or Heifei for heart disease or cleft lip, some are in rehab or a special school for mild autism or deafness, and some are in the "Home of Hope" in Tianjin.

In 2012, Shangrao SWI processed 9 international adoptions, mostly to the US, and all of them were special needs. They had 3 adoptive families come back to visit during the year and 7 visited the year before.





# *Hugging Grannies*



## *Big Smiles!*

A very cheerful little boy with cerebral palsy who loves to laugh is enjoying his time with Hugging Granny Chen Liping.







## Giving Back...

Hugging Granny, nurse Rao Meixian, who was once an orphan, is married now and pictured here holding her son.

She tutors the children and helps them with their homework. When schools call with questions, she is their contact person.

## Happy...

This smiling young boy has had cleft lip repair, but not palate repair surgery yet.



## Healthy...

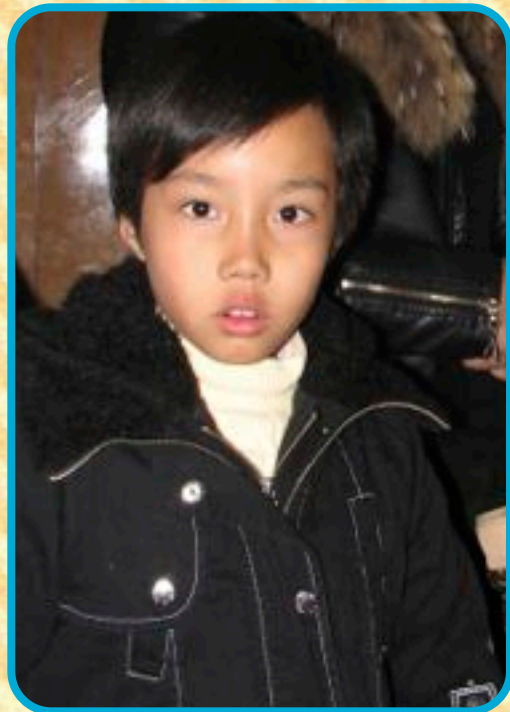
Granny Miu Sanrong holds a little boy who is healthy but lives in the orphanage because his mother is mentally ill.





## Clinic Medication Room...

Hugging Granny Nurse Xu Yan helps to prepare medication for a child.



## Medical Care

Granny Rao Meixian administers medication to RLL who has a respiratory illness. RLL had heart surgery in February and is awaiting her new adoptive family with whom she's been matched.



## Foster Care

Shangrao takes a teamwork approach to overseeing foster care. Ms. Mao is in charge, however she gets help from Ms. Wang, who is in charge of adoption affairs, and Ms. Huang, the doctor. They are very conscientious about weighing the babies as well as the older children. They are more cautious and take weights more often when a baby is premature or after a child has had surgery. All records are kept electronically in their computer.

They are eager to resume the nutrition support that we provided in the past, especially since one child was rejected for adoption due to underdevelopment. The children now receive supplements and they want them to have more protein in their diet.



### Nutrition Success Story!

It's hard to resist the smile on this little girl's face! Once rejected for adoption due to poor physical development, she is thriving now. Provided the nutrition she needed, she now enjoys walking and smiling, showing off 2 new teeth! Her foster mom says she is very clever!





### A Little Camera Shy...

Although a little camera shy, these cute little girls are happy to share the same foster mother.



### Then and Now...

A foster mother enjoys looking at photos of a child she fostered.



### Big Dreams!

RJ has a lot to be proud of...

RJ passed the exams required to get into the very prestigious Shangrao High School (picture above). She is a good student and knows English well. She must study hard, with classes 6 1/2 days a week. RJ has dreams of going to college in China and I told her that we would help her by paying for it.

RJ is very attached to her foster family and didn't want to be adopted so that she could stay with them.

Even though she's at boarding school, she goes home on the weekends and sometimes her foster parents bring her food during the week. They also buy her school supplies and clothing, so the orphanage continues to provide the foster family a stipend.



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