

# SHANGRAO SOCIAL WELFARE INSTITUTE AMITY REPORT - OCTOBER 2013

### SHANGRAO SWI STAFF & FACTS

Director: Gao Yanfei

Vice Directors: Zhang Yuanzhang & Wang Yuanzhang

Amity Contact: Mao Lizhen

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Total No of Children: 55

Total in Foster Care with Amity Support: 21

Adoptions in 2013: 4

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

#### HIGHLIGHTS

Altrusa Foundation, working together with Amity Foundation in China, is providing foster care support for twenty one children from the Shangrao SWI. All twenty one foster families were interviewed during the October visit. Additionally, a member of the medical staff visits with each of the children 4 times a month, and foster parents are provided with educational support and information on physical and mental development.

#### A FEW OF OUR FOSTER CHILDREN

RL turns 1 in January. She was born prematurely and has overcome her initial malnutrition with her foster family's attention. She is beginning to say simple words, waves hello and goodbye, and has started taking a few steps. RL likes a variety of foods and is now in good health.

RR is 5 years old and has a cognitive delay. She is beginning to communicate more effectively with her foster family using simple phrases and gestures. RR enjoys playing outdoors and dancing. She sleeps soundly, eats well and is improving her self care skills.

RF turns 1 in March and was malnourished when she came to her foster family. She has since thrived with their care and attention. RF is developing well, both physically and mentally. She giggles, is playful and is standing with help. She sleeps soundly and has a healthy appetite.

RZ is 8 yrs old and has cerebral palsy. His language skills are improving and he is speaking simple phrases and learning songs. RZ's favorite activities are playing outside and watching cartoons. He has learned to feed and dress himself.







#### **HUGGING GRANNIES PROGRAM**





With Altrusa and Amity support, there are five Hugging Grannies at Shangrao SWI. These women all work Monday through Friday, full days. Three of the Grannies (pictured below) are responsible for assisting children with physical and educational activities, as well as feeding those who need help. Each of theses Grannies is able to provide some of the one on one attention that all children need to thrive.

The other two Grannies at Shangrao SWI have medical backgrounds. Ju Liping (pictured top, left) is a nurse and attends to both the children living at the SWI and foster children who are brought to the SWI for routine care. Rao Meixiang (pictured bottom, left) is a nursing school graduate and is also available to provide routine care, as well as accompany children to the hospital when necessary. It is a pleasure to note that Meixiang was able to enroll and graduate from nursing school with Altrusa support. She is a former orphan of Shangrao SWI.

When time permits, both of the nurses are available to tutor and play with the children living at Shangrao SWI.







Chen Liping



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