

YI HUANG SWI

General Information

1. **Institute Director:** Zou Zhongjian (Male)
2. **Vice- Director:** Director Yu (Female), mainly in charge of the children
3. **The number of children:** Although the number varies there are usually about 25-30 children cared for by the Social Welfare Institute. About ten children are sponsored in foster care by the SWI and right now there are about fifteen children living in the orphanage itself.
4. In 2012 ten children were adopted from the Yi Huang Social Welfare Institute. In 2013 no children have been adopted so far.

Overall Impression

Director Zou Zhongjian, previously from the County Civil Affairs Bureau, took over the Social Welfare Institute in May 2012 and has been organizing the institute since then. Although he is not so familiar with the Altrusa/Amity's projects, Director Zou really appreciates Amity's long-term help for the children in the institute and hopes to maintain the good cooperation with Amity in the future and work together to help these children who need help.

The number of children living in the Yi Huang Social Welfare Institute is about fifteen but this number is constantly changing. During the daytime, the children are in the activity room. Because there not much other room for activity the children eat and play in this activity room. Several nursing staff orphanage workers look after the children in the institute. All the children in institute are in need of the help from nursing assistants, especially those with cerebral palsy. The children with cerebral palsy need nursing assistants to help them dress, bath, eat and use the toilet.

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Sponsored Schoolchildren

Ms Luo, from Amity Foundation, visited the two children Altrusa is sponsoring is school. She first visited the Yi Huang County Special Education School that LNY attends. The first photo below shows Ms. Luo with a group of kids at this school (she is in the back of the group) and the second photo shows Ms. Luo (yellow purse) kneeling beside LNY. And the third photo is him at his school desk. He is a 8 year old boy with Down Syndrome and he transferred to this school in March. He is making friends with his new classmates and enjoys playing with them. And he is learning to recognize and write new characters and learning to do addition and subtraction.



Photo 1

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Photo 2

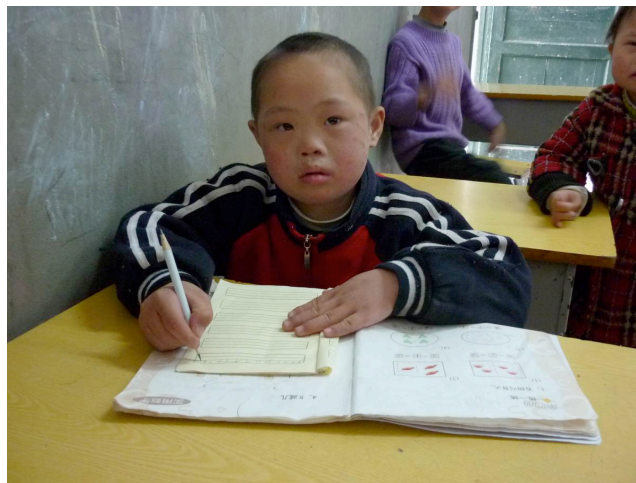


Photo 3

And then Ms. Luo visited HM (Photo 4) at Yihuang County NO.2 Middle School. She is a healthy 15 year old girl who is active with her friends and in school activities. She lives in the school dorm during the week and comes back to the orphanage during the weekends. The younger children at the orphanage are always happy to see her because she plays games with them like "hide and seek".

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Photo 4

Request for Sponsorship of Foster Children

The SWI still has some disabled children living in foster families. The living expenses of those disabled children, who live in foster families, is paid for by the orphanage but this is becoming more difficult for them with the rising costs of living. So the orphanage has asked if we could sponsor some of these children, most of whom are fostered in the rural area.