

# YINGTAN SOCIAL WELFARE INSTITUTE

## SEPTEMBER 2013

### YINGTAN SWI STAFF & FACTS

*Director: Yan Zhiqiang*

*Vice Director: Zhan Jianjun*

*Amity Project  
Administrator: & Luo  
Shujun*

*Total No. of Children: 40*

*Total in Foster Care with  
Altrusa Support: 11*

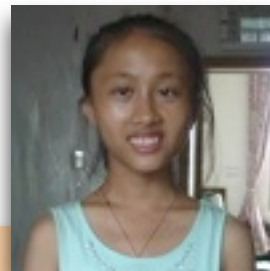
*Adoptions 2013: 2 foreign  
& 1 domestic*

## 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 11 children at Yingtan SWI. All eleven foster families were interviewed during the September visit. Mr. Yan Zhiqiang became director of the SWI in July 2013, following the retirement of long time director Zhan Xiaozhen. Mr. Yan expressed his gratitude to Amity and Altrusa Foundations for their support of the orphanage and looks forward to a continuing partnership.

Several Yingtan children are enrolled in school, with a small number of them participating in advanced programs since graduating from high school. With Altrusa support, these older students are able to pursue various technical programs.



### A FEW OF OUR CHILDREN

FA is 9 years old. Her foster mother has been very patient teaching her new vocabulary and FA is proud of her accomplishments. Although FA has cerebral palsy, she and her foster family exercise every day and her ability to walk independently has improved. She enjoys spending time with her foster mother. Some of her favorite foods include rice and sweets.

FX is now 10 years old and enjoys a good relationship with his foster family. Because of his developmental delay, he has difficulty with vocabulary and expressing himself, but understands what is said to him. He likes to play outside with friends and neighbors, and is especially interested in observing nearby cattle.

FY is 13 years old and in 6th grade. She is a serious and attentive student. FY scored well in math and language classes last year. This year, she is working hard to improve her grades and fluency in English with the help of her foster father.

FX turns 13 years old in December. She has a good relationship with her foster grandmother and enjoys helping her around the house. FX likes being outside and visiting with relatives. Her favorite foods are rice, watermelon and sweets.

## STUDENT NEWS



FD, 16 years old, is attending technical college in Hebei Province, studying electrical engineering. He started the program this fall and is excited about his education. FD is a diligent student and is getting along well with his classmates. (pictured top, right).



FN, age 21, is attending Nanchang College of Education and is studying to be a pre-school teacher. In addition to her classes, she also enjoys practicing piano, singing, painting and dancing. FN feels the weakness in her leg is improving with the dance practice. FN gets along well with her roommates and spends her weekend time with them, studying and relaxing. (pictured top, left)



FX is 18 years old and now living in a dorm. He has had to make a big adjustment to cafeteria food (nothing like his foster family's!) and is responsible for doing his own laundry. He attends classes Mon-Fri and participates in study sessions on Sat. Sun is a day for him to relax and enjoy spending time with friends. (pictured lower, right).



FJ, 30 years old, is participating in an internship program at a Yixing teapot factory. He has impressed his boss and patrons with his creativity and the quality of his work. In spite of his deafness, he has learned to communicate well with his boss. He is a diligent craftsman - often the first to arrive and last to leave. (pictured lower, left)

## HUGGING GRANNIES

There are three Hugging Grannies at Yingtan SWI supported by Altrusa contributions. Each of these women work at the orphanage six days a week. All of the Grannies help children at the SWI improve their physical strength and abilities, encourage language and communication skills, and provide emotional comfort and support. With the Grannies' attention, children at the SWI are making progress with walking, stair climbing, personal care and language development. There is also a physician available to the children and elderly residents of the SWI Mon - Fri. Dr. Wang is pictured below, on the far right.



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