

# Leping Social Welfare Institute

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working together with Amity Foundation in China



## LEPING SWI STAFF & FACTS

Director: He Yuanming

Vice-Directors: President He  
and President Li

Amity Rep: Hua Chunfang

Number of Children: 19

Number of children  
sponsored in foster care by  
Altrusa: 6

2016 Adoptions: none so far

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Altrusa Foundation, working together with Amity Foundation in China, is providing foster care support for six foster children and a Hugging Granny at Leping SWI.

The Institution is now housing 19 children. Ten are in institutional care and three are receiving surgeries sponsored by another NGO in China. During our visit, we met with all the Amity-sponsored children and Granny He Huolan, who works at the orphanage every weekday.



Top from left: Amity rep Ms. Luo; Ms. Hua, Amity Foster Care coordinator; and Hugging Granny Ms. He. Directly above is the Children's Care Building, and left is a road in the institution grounds.

## Some of Our Foster Children

LP enjoys uttering a few injections like “huh” and mimicking sounds like “dada” as well as playing with her own fingers. Though she cannot produce other words or sounds, she is able to understand one or two instructions like hand-clapping (a sign of welcome). Physically, she is still weak and can only stand for a short while. Skills like taking steps or feeding herself are still not acquired. LP definitely knows who her family is and smiles widely as they approach her. Sometimes, she enjoys their company and their arms so much as to break into heartfelt laughter. LP has good appetite. She has four to six milk meals (250 ml for each) and porridge or steam rice in soup, steamed egg, fruits, a small bowl of meat. She sleeps well every night.



LP can produce “papa” and “mama” sounds only. But she is very talkative to herself and playful with others. Her giggles are unforgettable. Her kinesthetic capacity is growing and she can take a few steps when supported by others. She is definitely very active and exploring around the house. LP has good appetite with 4 or 5 milk feedings, 250 ml for each, and can finish a small bowl of boiled rice or other staple food. She also likes steamed egg, meat broth, and various fruits. She is now feeding herself snacks! Her life has been taken in steady and peaceful steps with sound sleep every night.



LP adapted to his new foster home very quickly. The spacious yard has become his haven and all neighbors around definitely aroused his interests for brief visits and sightseeing. His speech development is still retarded, and he can only pronounce simple words like “eat, eat this.” However, he knows how to convey his intention with body language. Willing to share snacks with others, he still needs supports in daily life like dressing and cleaning. He can now put on shoes himself, though sometimes he may mistake the left with the right.

## Leping's Hugging Granny

Ms. He is in charge of visits to foster households with Ms. Hua, the project coordinator in the Institution. Their visits also include providing the households with formula milk powders. During those visits, Grandma He carefully checks the physical development and food intake of each child in foster care. She also makes decisions on necessary interventions in physical exercise or medical attention if any developmental indicators fail to fall into normal scope. Working with this little girl, Grandma He focused on social interaction to help develop language, and training to help her stand and walk independently. She also offers foster mothers advice on intervention exercises, and provides guidance and encouragement. PL, pictured here, can only manage 6 to 7 steps independently and cannot wait to sit on the floor and rest, but she's developing stamina. More follow-up exercises will definitely bring more progress.



Milk powder was accompanied by a package of biscuits on this visit!

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