

Hengfeng Social Welfare Institute

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



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2016 adoptions: none
so far, three foreign
families visited the
Institute in March.

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Altrusa Foundation, working together with Amity Foundation in China, is providing foster care support for six children from the Hengfeng SWI. During this visit, we visited all six foster families. There are also four children with disabilities who live at the orphanage. The Institute hopes to purchase rehabilitation equipment and open a rehab facility this year.



Amity rep Ms. Luo (left) with Vice Director
Liu Haiyun, at the entrance to the facility.



Our Foster Children



CY is 14, and was born with heart disease. Although she does not have much verbal communication with adults, she speaks to her foster mother and responds to all her questions. When she doesn't know how to answer a question, she smiles. She can understand adults' words, and reacts correspondingly. She also speaks when playing with other children. She likes to play outside and has a good ability to manage herself. She can finish her own business and help her foster mother with some housework, like sweeping the floor and organizing the table. She has a good appetite and she sleeps well.

XC will be 13 in December, and has cerebral palsy. She is making slow progress in managing her life. She can now eat by herself; she can keep her clothes and table clean, and she always finishes all the food in the bowl. Whenever she wants more food, she gives the bowl to her foster family and places the spoon on her hand, indicating that she wants more food. When she feels full, she gives the bowl and spoon to her foster family. She can go to the bathroom by herself, but she still can't take a shower or put on clothes on her own. She knows how to undress. She understands some of the adults' words but can't express herself with language or body language. When she wants something, she screams.



CX is 11, and a high fever impaired her cognitive functions. She can use single Chinese characters in daily life, but is unable to write them. Moreover, she can basically deliver the messages that others can understand. For instance, when I visited her this time, she used her thumbs and forefingers to form two circles and placed them over her eyes. Then she pointed at me, indicating that I was wearing glasses. Her foster mother responds to all her needs and demands. CX still needs help with brushing her teeth, washing her face, dressing, and taking a shower. She can eat on her own and has a bowl of rice for each meal. She is not a choosy eater. She sleeps well.



Hengfeng Foster Children



XC, 11, was born with heart disease. She still loves to play outside and is quite familiar with the neighbors. She can come back on her own when playing outside every day. She can also communicate with others in clear language. She particularly enjoys talking to children of her age. She can basically manage her life and help her foster grandmother with some house work, like hanging the clothes after her foster grandmother washes them. She also knows it is necessary to wring out the clothes first and then make them flat before hanging them. She knows how to organize things, like putting her family's shoes at the right positions. She has a good appetite and has a small bowl of rice for each meal.

Each time we visit LC, she says "Hey! I can sing!" LC is 11 this month, and has a deformed right eye and some cognitive impairment. She is always very happy to sing nursery rhymes. Sometimes her foster grandmother teaches her poetry from the Tang Dynasty. In the beginning she reads them with her grandmother, and later she can recite on her own. Whenever she encounters difficulty with reciting the poetry, her grandmother reminds her. She still needs her grandmother to walk with her now. She is also learning how to put on clothes and her grandmother is helping her with this. She can put on shoes by herself but can't distinguish the front and the back. She has a good appetite and has a small bowl of rice for each meal. She is not a picky eater.



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