

Fengcheng Social Welfare Institute

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

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Total Number of Children:
30

2018 adoptions: none so
far

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Altrusa Foundation, working together with Amity Foundation in China, is providing foster care support for eight children at Fengcheng.

Currently, no children live in the orphanage itself. Of the 30 children the SWI is responsible for, 13 are in foster care and 17 are fostered in social welfare institutions in Beijing and Hebei. Children in foster families are regularly visited by staff of the Welfare Institute, and new children are found foster families immediately. Foster families are visited regularly to assess well-being and problem-solve.



From left: Zhou Chunlian and Jin Ying, staff from the Social Welfare Institution who visit foster families; Ms. Luo, our Amity rep.

Our Foster Children



F.C. was sent to this foster family not long after she was born, and her family members take good care of her. She is four years old and has a brain injury; she is emotionally bonded with her foster family. She laughs when her name is called by foster mother and when she plays with family members. Still a bit shy, she does not laugh if strangers interact with her. F.C. cannot sit independently or grasp objects. She cannot understand grown-ups or talk, except to utter sounds like “uh”, “oh”, and the like.

F.C., 12, has a brain injury. He has lived in this foster family for many years, and is therefore very familiar with the life and the living environment here. Though living in the countryside, he finds plenty of places to play. For example, he usually plays in his

neighbor’s house, in the farmland, and in the ancestral hall. Once playing outside, he does not come back home until dinner time. The spring festival is the biggest day in the whole year; people hang red lanterns, set off firecrackers, visit their relatives and eat with them. F.C. is especially happy when his foster grandma takes him out and visits the relatives.



F.C. is five, and is epileptic. She can walk independently yet not very quickly at home, for she may accidentally fall over. She cannot yet express herself in complete sentences. Only with another child (now adopted) does F.C. utters some words other people cannot understand. She likes eating snacks. Normally her foster mother gives her some snacks to eat, but sometimes she also searches for the snack in the cupboard by herself.

Our Foster Children



F.C.'s weight and height is increasing gradually with time, despite cerebral palsy. However, she needs to be fully taken care of by adults in things as to eating meals, getting dressed, taking showers, going to the bathroom and so forth. She cannot express herself in complete sentences, but simply utters meaningless vowels and syllables. She is poor in her response capability and sometimes cannot understand others' words. She cannot stretch out her hands to catch or grasp anything, but her legs are a bit stronger compared with last time, being able to stand on her own (leaning on objects) for about 12 minutes. She mainly eats soft food such as rice, noodles, steamed eggs, bananas, etc.

At eight, F.X. can understand some things, although she cannot speak due to cerebral palsy. As her foster grandmother often takes her to visit their neighbors, she is familiar with many neighbors and smiles at them every time she sees them. As she fell not long ago, she now walks very slowly and carefully, sometimes with the help of her foster grandma, especially when walking slopes and steps. F.X. needs to be taken care of by her foster grandmother in daily life activities like getting dressed, taking showers, washing face, brushing teeth, and so forth.



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