

Ruijin Social Welfare Institute

Amity Report March 2018



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

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Total Number of
Children: 33

Adoptions in 2018: 3
domestic adoptions so far

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Altrusa Foundation, working together with Amity Foundation in China, is providing two Hugging Grannies and foster care support for seven of the 12 children in foster care at the Ruijin SWI. Fourteen other children reside in the SWI, and seven are at the Shangai Guangci Welfare Institute.

Currently, parts of several buildings are being refurbished to create the new rehabilitation facilities. Once completed (hopefully in the second half of 2018), children from nearby county and city welfare institutions will be accepted for rehabilitation training.



From right: Grandmother Yang Feng; Amity rep Ms. Luo; Grandmother Yang Qiong.



SOME OF OUR RUIJIN FOSTER KIDS



J.D. is three and a half, and has started. At first, she did not want to go to the kindergarten, but gradually she came to enjoy it. Since she went to kindergarten, she does not cry any more when faced with strangers, is brave to sing in public, and can talk with strangers. She enjoys singing children's songs and sings at home. She can recite Tang poetry and short passages from books, although she may not understand its meaning. On the way home from kindergarten, she tells her foster grandmother what happened in school that day. We're looking for sponsors to keep her funded for school.

J.D. turned two in January. She can hold and grasp things with her hands, but

she throws them down after a minute. She can stand with support under her armpits. She cannot take a step on her own initiative, but will take few steps under the help and encouragement of foster mother. J.D. can burble. When other foster kids sit beside her, she babbles and giggles at her. She is familiar with the members of her foster family. When she sees them returning home, she stares and smiles at them. J.D. has a good appetite. She eats a bowl of rice once, and also eats vegetables, eggs, meat, and fruits.



J.D., one and a half, returned from Shanghai after having testicular surgery on March 9. Because of cerebral palsy, his right brain is in palsy and his hearing has some trouble, for he does not respond well to sound. Due to his age, the hospital cannot check it, but he will have a hearing examination when he gets a bit older. He can stand with help, but he stands up on the tip of his feet. He can grasp and hold things with his left hand and can take biscuits to feed himself with left hand. He babbles, and smiles when seeing others smiling. He can eat soft rice, porridge, and a small bowl of noodles. He also eats meat soup, fruit, and eggs. He drinks 150ml milk twice or three times a day.



HUGGING GRANNIES

Grandma Yang Feng (below left) and grandma Yang Qiong (right) are partners. They regularly visit the foster families several times each month. They assess children's growth rates and emotional health and help foster families solve difficulties in raising a child. For the foster children who need rehab exercises, the grandmothers help them exercise and coach the foster mothers on how to guide their children's physical rehabilitation. Back at the SWI, both grandmas confer with the teachers, help with rehab exercises, and most importantly, play with the children to shower them with affection.



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