

# Ganzhou 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  
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Adoptions in 2018: none  
so far

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Altrusa Foundation, working together with Amity Foundation in China, is providing foster care support for eight children, a nutrition program, school sponsorships for seven orphans (including college and vocational school), and five Hugging Grannies at Ganzhou SWI (two are new).



Above: Ganzhou Grannies & friends.



Left: Gan Ling, one of our previously sponsored orphans, who now works in the Children's Department, and Amity rep Ms. Luo.

## Hugging Grannies



Zhang Yimei has been working as a grandmother for three years. She works every day with these two children, who have significant behavior issues. They have improved a great deal with her persistent focus on them.



Zhou Longxiao has worked with disabled children since 2010, and is now a mentor for other grandmas. She's pictured with a boy with cerebral palsy who can now walk due to her patient rehab exercises with him.



Grandma Li Xiaomin started with us in January of this year. Previously she was a kindergarten teacher, and found that the orphanage children need special instructions, such as learning to sit in the chairs for class time.



Having just started working here, Grandma Ye Zuhong mainly serves as an assistant when Grandma Li Xiaomin gives classes. Though the work is hard, Grandma Ye still feels happy to be with all these children.

## A few of our Foster Children

Twelve-year-old Z.Q., who has cerebral palsy, has a good relationship with his foster grandma. Although he doesn't speak well, his foster grandma understands him through his emotions and body language. He goes to hug his foster grandma when in need of comfort. Z.Q. sometimes gets jealous with another foster child in the family, for both of them want to be close with grandma. Although he can manage by himself sometimes, most of the time, he depends on foster grandmother. He can walk confidently at slow speeds; if he goes too fast, he falls. Z.Q. is fond of watching cartoons.



Z.J., who has cerebral palsy and turned 13 in February, is polite. She asks guest to sit and visits with them. If the guest doesn't respond to her quickly, she happily fills in and talks the whole time. She is able to do most of her basic activities of daily living but sometimes, she needs her foster mother to help. She can recognize several fruits but not all of them. She has a good appetite. Her sleep is well and she has a good routine.

Z.M. turned 12 in April, but she still sleeps with her grandmother every night. She expresses her feelings boldly. Being happy, she hugs her foster grandma, and even in a bad mood, she also expresses her feelings to grandma, or foster grandmother can judge her emotions through her facial expressions. Despite her cerebral palsy, Z.M. is making progress in her daily life. She can wash small pieces of clothes like underwear, socks, and so on, but she is unable to wash coats and sweaters. She is learning to wash the dishes.



## Educational Scholarships



Z.X.W. will be 18 in July. She is attending vocational school to become a preschool teacher. She lives at school during the week and returns to her foster family on weekends and vacations. She has a good relationship with her foster family, and the foster mother particularly loves her and prepares delicious food for her when she is home. Z.X.W. is a good girl and helps her foster mother with housework. She is well-adjusted to school and gets on well with classmates. During vacations, she finds part-time jobs. In doing so, she believes that she can have a fulfilling life and gain some experience.

Z.X.T. will also be 18 in July. She attends Ganzhou Scientific Application College. She also lives at her school's dormitory, returning to foster family on weekends or holidays on the bus. She gets on well with other students although she tends to be introverted. Her biggest interest at school is reading. Z.X.T. has a good relationship with her foster family. The foster parents care about her life and studies very much. They call her regularly and always tell her to be safe. She is preparing for her accounting qualification certificate. Therefore, she needs much time to study.



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