

Wanzai Social Welfare Institute

Amity Report, June 2018

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



WANZAI SWI STAFF & FACTS

Director: Bao Juyong

Institute Vice Directors:
Zeng Duanfa, Chen QiuHong

Amity Liason (from Children's
Dept Staff): Guo Yeping

Total Number of Children:
less than 20

2018 Adoptions: none so far

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Altrusa Foundation, working together with Amity Foundation in China, is providing foster care support for two children and school sponsorship for one orphan.

The number varies, but the orphanage is usually responsible for less than 20 children. Most children in the Social Welfare Institute are disabled. It is difficult to find foster families able to care for severe conditions, so 14 of these children are living in the SWI itself. Children who need to undergo rehabilitation exercises are sent to other professional rehabilitation centers for this.

The welfare institution leadership has a staff adjustment in April. The new director is Bao Juyong, who transferred from the Civil Affairs Bureau. The new Vice-director is Chen QiuHong, former Welfare executive director, now head of the Children's Dept. Bao Juyong expressed his gratitude to Altrusa and hopes our partnership will remain strong and grow.



Above: Amity rep Ms. Luo with Bao Juyong in front of the Executive Office Building.



Left: refurbished Children's Building.

Our Foster Children

(We also sponsor both for school)



Fifteen-year-old WJ, who has Down Syndrome, gets along well with his classmates at school. They like watching TV, chatting, or playing games together during lunch break. He actively participates in school activities, and performs well in labor class or on duty. We know from the teacher that WJ did not study hard last semester. He can't pay attention in class and cannot finish his homework by himself unless supervised and urged by his teacher. WJ is taken to school and picked up by his foster grandmother every day. He does not take classes on weekends and takes a rest at home. He likes to play outdoors or goes to square with his foster grandmother at night after dinner. WJ can express simple daily language, but not very clearly.

Twelve-year-old W.J., who was born hydrocephalic, is going to have exams soon, then the summer vacation is coming up. He is getting thinner than the last time we saw him. The family is trying to guide what he eats and eat less. W.J. goes to school on foot, because that is a good exercise opportunity for him. It is not a short distance for him to walk every day, but it is interesting for him to walk with his friends. W.J. gets along well with his classmates and is actively involved in school activities. He has a good appetite, as before, and can eat two large bowls of rice for every meal. He also likes to eat snacks. He sleeps well.



Our Graduating College Student

Y.M., 19, will graduate in June from the Jiangxi Civil Affairs College where she majored in nursing, and go back to school to get her diploma in July. After graduation, she wants to stay in the place where she works now as an intern, an eldercare center in Nanjing. When she first started her internship, she felt impatient, exhausted, and was afraid of becoming dirty. After a period of training, she has grown up a lot. Although her shifts are 12 hours long and she often feels tired, she never gives up and tries to adjust herself when tired. For instance, she takes a good rest in the house during the break time, or chats and eats with her colleagues and friends in order to achieve work-life balance.



At present, she shares a room the elder care center provides, but she will rent her own house after her internship turns into a job. Y.M. wants to convey her thanks to her sponsor and Altrusa. She's very grateful for the help over the years, and she will never forget; she'll treat her life and job well and be a happy and zealous person!

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