

Fuzhou Social Welfare Institute

Amity Report October 2018



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

FUZHOU SWI STAFF & FACTS

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Total Number of Children
at Institute: ~130

2018 adoptions: none
since May 2018

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Altrusa Foundation, working together with Amity Foundation in China, is providing support for one foster child and two Hugging Grannies to help enrich the lives of roughly 130 children residing at the SWI.

The children's department of Fuzhou City Social Welfare Institution is temporarily in the building for the aged while the new building is under construction. The new building will also have more classrooms and activity rooms, each class and activity room with its own teacher or manager. Many of the children live in group homes called "loving families" which have a small number of children in each apartment with foster parents living with them. This year the number of loving families has increased from 5 to 15.

The work plan is mainly focused on rehabilitation and strengthening the nursing and educational aspects and they have hired staff specifically for this. Improving the staff's knowledge in rehabilitation, nursing and special education will be a major effort in 2019.



Left: Amity rep Ms. Lu with Director Fu Suhua; right, Amity rep Ms. Lu with Director Yan.



Children's building under construction.



Hugging Grannies



Hugging Grandmothers Huang Chunying (left) and Du Zaoling (right) are working partners with two and five years experience, respectively. They work in the same activity room, playing games, listening to music, doing rehabilitation exercises, and working on social skills with the kids. During our visit, a music class was a popular venue for dancing and rejoicing in rhythm, and a hide-and-seek game brought shrieks of laughter again and again.



Our Foster Child



F.X. is 19 and has cerebral palsy. She gets along well with her foster grandmother. When others talk to her, she doesn't respond, but when the foster grandmother talks to her, she. When grandmother talks to others, F.X. holds the grandmother's hand and keeps swinging it while waiting. F.X. likes to watch TV at home. Central 1 children's program is her favorite. She will clap her hands and laugh. When she listens to music, she will dance. When she is not happy at home, she throws things everywhere. When she is angry, grandmother can make her laugh, calm her down, and try to communicate with her. Most of the time when grandmother comforts her, F.X. will calm down slowly. F.X.'s appetite is very good. She eats two bowls of rice per meal and she likes meat. She sleeps well.



Temporary housing for the children who live at the SWI is in the elder house.



The gate of the SWI.

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