

Shangrao 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: ~ 34 (often
changes)

2018 adoptions: Since
April there have been 2
foreign, 2 domestic
adoptions

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Altrusa Foundation, working together with Amity Foundation in China, is providing educational support for three orphans (one at university and two in special ed schools) and five Hugging Grannies at Shangrao SWI.

The construction work of the new Children's Building is still underway, and the children who live at the SWI are temporarily housed in a group family care model in the Shangrao Elderly Service Center (Chun Hua Hospital). The staff and Hugging Grannies visit these children regularly. Two of the children are to be adopted soon. Four children have transferred to the Hefei SWI in Anhui province and four are receiving treatment at Beijing Hope House and Aiyou Foundation.

Currently we aren't sponsoring any children in foster care, as the neighborhood they had been staying in is being demolished. One of the foster kids has gone to the other Shangrao orphanage (where the "Ling" children are). The others are at the Shangrao Elderly Service Center. They are familiar with the Hugging Grannies as they had visited them often in their foster homes, and continued visits from these Grannies have helped them transition to their new living situation.

Temporary
facilities at the
eldercare
building.



From left: Assistant Dean Zhang Weishun;
Amity representatives Yang Lu and Wang
Xuelian

Hugging Grannies



Li Fei is a nurse who has worked with us for nearly one year. She takes care of children who are ill, and uses her rehabilitation and nursing knowledge to help all of them. Today she was working with R.R., who is blind. As they worked, they chatted about how he is adapting to his new family.

Grandmother Wang Manju has worked with us for nearly three years. Recently she's been spending a lot of time with several children who had to move to new residences, helping them adapt, giving lots of reassurance, and making sure they continue their rehabilitation efforts.



Rao Meixian was an orphan herself, and now a nursing school graduate. She visits children in several different places, bringing medicines and clothes and giving help of various kinds. She knows each child's history, medical needs, and levels of development, giving them a stable source of affection and connection.



Our Students



R.Y. is 16 years old and has glaucoma. She attends the Shangrao Special Education School. Her teacher likes her very much and says that R.Y. listens carefully in class and does her homework conscientiously after class. She also previews the lessons and does homework ahead of time. She also serves as the commissary in charge of physical labor this semester and urges the duty student to clean the classroom before leaving every day. Under her leadership, the students labor more actively and the classroom is cleaner than before. R.Y. is now able to communicate with teachers and classmates in sign language, and her sign language communication is becoming more and more proficient.



Fourteen-year-old R.F. attends the Shangrao Xinzhou Deaf-mute and Mentally Handicapped Children Rehabilitation Association. When asked about his learning progress, the school principal told us that because the school has only one Braille teacher and the teacher was on maternity leave, the Braille class was suspended temporarily, but he still practices writing Braille. This semester he also has mathematics, Chinese, PE, handicraft, reading, and other subjects. R.F. is growing up and taking care of himself more. He has a pleasant personality and likes to communicate with others. Even if his classmates criticize him, he interacts kindly, smiling and being polite to them.

Our University Student



R.J. is 22 now, attending the Guangxi University Of Foreign Languages to learn French. She would like to continue on to graduate school after college, but knows she will probably have to start work right away. Like most young people her age, she's a little scared about finding work after graduation. But first she has two more years of college, during which she hopes to travel to France. She writes to thank all the donors who support her, vowing to "be a pillar of society instead of a burden. I want to be all your pride. I want to be a disseminator of French culture and a transmitter of love."

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