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# Ganzhou Zhanggong Social Welfare Institute Report

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

## General Info

**Institute Director:** Ding Kelang

**Secretary:** Jiang Hong

**Institute Vice-Directors:** Xie Hong (in charge of the Children's Department)

**Foster Family Director:** Xie Jingming (Foster Deputy Director) and Qian Weiping

**Amity Liason, Head of the Children's Department:** Su Li

**Number of Children:** ~38 children in the orphanage, and 16 funded by Amity in foster care. There are 12 children currently living at the Guangci Welfare Institute in Shanghai

**Adoptions:** 4 children have been adopted since January, 2014.

**Healthcare:** Children receive physical examinations every 6 months and the foster children regularly go to the health clinic for immunizations.



Group photo at the Ganzhou Zhanggong SWI with the Hugging Grannies & children, and Ms. Luo from Amity in the back middle

## Overall Impression

The Institute realigned the staff in June. Now, Xie Hong is the Vice Director and is also in charge of the Children's Department. As she has previous experience working with children, she always keeps the children's best interests in mind. Xie Hong is very grateful to Altrusa and Amity Foundations for supporting the Social Welfare Institute for so many years. She believes that the Altrusa Foster Projects have given many children happiness and love with their new families.

The Hugging Granny Project has also given the Social Welfare Institute children an opportunity to receive loving care. The children enjoy having spending time with the grannies and having their assistance.

The Nutrition Programs have successfully informed the grandmothers of the children's dietary needs. They provide the children with nutritious foods to help achieve healthy lifestyles!

## Visit with Children in Nutrition Programs



This young girl consumes six servings of milk powder every day (each serving is 200ml) and one egg. She can also eat small bowls of rice, vegetables, a small bowl of meat broth, and a small amount of fruit. Her hand strength and mobility are relatively good, and she can now feed herself small amounts of food. She can also say “ah, ah” and respond with other noises.

This young girl has four servings of milk powder every day (each serving is 200ml). She also eats a small bowl of rice, meat, vegetables, some fruit, and an egg every day. She can respond quickly and can mimic saying “goodbye.” She welcomes movement and busy activity and likes listening to music while dancing. Although both of her feet are disabled, she can walk independently and very quickly. She likes to play with her friends, and can feed herself with a spoon. Her sleeping habits are very good.



## Amity Grandma Projects For Orphanage Children

In July Granny Zhong Leiyuan fell and injured her leg. Once her leg is recovered, will resume her Grandmother work. In the meantime her sister, Zhong Liede is filling in for her.

Previously Zhong Leide worked at a nursery school and has always enjoyed working with children. She has deep respect and sincerity for her work with the children at the SWI. She is becoming accustomed to working with the children, and in return the children are becoming more familiar with her. The children like being held by her, and playing with her—she makes them laugh happily.



The young girl Granny Xiao Houying is playing with is a very cute and likeable child. The grandmothers often play with her, teach her how to dance, or lead her in saying different expressions. Recently, the girl has enjoyed playing with building blocks, and, with the help of the grandmothers, she can build a larger structure. After many days of building with the grandmother's help, she can slowly build structures

Granny Zhong Xiaoli is helping a young girl practice standing exercises. The girl has down syndrome and her overall health is very weak. Her legs are weak, but she practices strengthening them by lifting her legs up and then bending them down. Practicing standing exercises with her takes a lot of time, but the grandmothers are always helping her and hope that she will progress.



## Amity Grandma Projects For Orphanage Children Cont'd

Granny Zhou Longxiao teaches children important self-care activities. She also teaches the children how to sing songs and guides the children to play games together. In this photo she is helping a mentally retarded child. She is extremely patient in working with him, and helps him repeatedly. With her help, he recently learned how to button a shirt. They practiced over and over again, until finally he learned how to do it. Although his actions are very slow, he is always very happy. His buttoning abilities are improving with practice.



## Amity's Foster Care (& Education) Sponsorship Projects For Orphanage Children



This teenage girl is a third year student at the Ganzhou Nursing School. She majored in foreign nursing in junior college and interned at the orphanage hospital this summer. At her internship, she made rounds in the children's wards everyday and performed standard nursing duties, including administering injections and writing prescriptions. She finished this internship when school opened in September, and will soon get another internship in Gan Zhou hospital of traditional Chinese medicine.

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Here are a few of the children we're sponsoring in foster care and/or school. (An individual report will be sent to the sponsor of each child under our support.)



This 14-year-old girl is pictured with her mother. She accompanies her mother to the market to buy food and to the supermarket to buy everyday items. She and her foster family have a very strong relationship, and she is most close to her mother. This fall she will be 7<sup>th</sup> grade, and she expects to also overcome challenges and establish serious study habits.

This young girl will begin school as a second grade student. Over the summer she enjoyed playing with her friends, and when her mother had free time, they would play outside or go to the market, grocery store, or playground together. Over the summer she practiced writing characters, reading books. Overall, she leads a happy life.



This girl loves to play outside, and in the evening her mother plays with her. She enjoys spending time with her friends and gets along well with others; she is an excellent sharer. Her language expressions are improving, and she enjoys singing, and making her family laugh, sometimes by dancing in funny ways. Her appetite is good, she sleeps soundly, and her life is happy.

