

Jiujiang Social Welfare Institute

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



Granny Luo Huizhi having some fun with CL at Jiujiang SWI.

General Information

Institute Director: Yu Lanping

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Numbers of Children

The Institute currently houses about 140 children, the youngest of which is less than a month old. Most of the orphans have special needs and disabilities. Twenty children are in foster care that is funded by the orphanage, and five children receive Altrusa scholarships to go to schools outside of the SWI.

A note about foster children:

Altrusa does not have any foster children at the Jiujiang SWI. All of the children that were previously in foster care now live in the SWI (a decision made by the SWI director).



The New Safety Island for disabled children.



Special equipment inside the Safety Island for children in need of more intensive care.



An even bigger, better playground!

Jiujiang SWI

The SWI has been taking in a greater number of disabled children. At the same time, additional staff is being hired and the facilities are being expanded to accommodate the children. This year the SWI opened a "Safety Island" for children who need more intensive care. It contains an incubator, tables and chairs, beds, and is air-conditioned. It has been open since March and already houses 6 orphans. The orphans are also excited about the expansion of their playground, which now contains a new slide for them to play on!

Altrusa/Amity Hugging Grannies



Granny Liu Aizhen

Granny Liu Aizhen works with children to help them overcome their disabilities and aids in cognitive rehabilitation. She has been working with DD, a girl with cerebral palsy, and helping her to improve her motor and linguistic skills. Exercises are helping her become stronger, while muscle massages are making her more flexible, enabling her to handle objects better. Granny Liu Aizhen has been working at the SWI since 2012.

Granny Luo Huizhi

As a former nurse, Granny Luo Huizhi is quite knowledgeable in helping children overcome their disabilities. She constantly encourages CL to keep him focused on improving his walk. Additionally, she teaches him important skills for daily life, such as taking care of himself. After doing exercises, Granny Luo always takes the time to have fun and play with CL.



Granny Zhong Ganhong

Granny Zhong is doing physical therapy with several children who have cerebral palsy. With the children, she does exercises to build strength, improve hand-eye coordination, etc. Additionally, she helps children learn skills important for daily life, teaching them to feed themselves and maintain good hygiene. Even if a child is having trouble focusing or remembering what he/she was taught, Granny Zhong never loses her temper and patiently reinforces.

Unfortunately, Granny Zhong Yanqiu broke her leg and has taken a leave of absence from Jiujiang SWI so she can heal at home. We wish her a speedy recovery so that she can resume her work soon!

Altrusa/Amity Education Sponsorships



CJ is a 20-year-old student at the Nanchang School for the Blind. Her studies reflect her interest in the medical field, and her subjects include Traditional Chinese Medicine, acupuncture, massage, psychology, and microcomputers. She exercises daily to stay fit and studies hard, even getting together with her classmates on weekends to discuss and practice what she has learned.



CB is a sixteen-year-old boy attending the Jiujiang Fraternity School for the Deaf. He is studying a variety of subjects, including Chinese, math, computer skills, art, and sign language. Though he progresses slowly in some areas, his teachers patiently teach him and sometimes provide additional classes for students who need extra help. Besides academics, he loves physical activities, especially basketball and PE class.



CY is a 10-year-old girl enrolled at the Nanchang School for the Blind. She excels in her Chinese class and can write out characters quickly and neatly. Every morning, she wakes up early and does some exercise before going to class. This little girl can take care of herself very well, including washing her own clothes and hanging them out to dry. She loves to spend time with her classmates, playing basketball, listening to music, or simply chatting in her free time.



CH is a student at the Chengdu Institute and will be a senior in September. Her final year at the school will be busy, as she will be preparing for graduation. Currently, she is deciding if she will find a job or continue to study for a master's degree at the end of the year. The time for her to leave campus and enter the world as an adult is quickly approaching, and she feels a bit nervous. Yet, she is determined to continue studying hard so she will be prepared for the future ahead of her.

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Granny Zhong Ganhong uses a fun game of catch to improve DD's hand-eye coordination.