

Fuzhou Social Welfare Institute

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



FG is a five year old foster child with cerebral palsy.

General Information

Institute Director: Zhou Ling

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Numbers of Children

A total of about 120 orphans are under the care of the Fuzhou SWI. The Institute currently has about 50 children living in the SWI itself. 60 children live in foster homes, 11 of which are sponsored by Altrusa. Two children receive Altrusa education scholarships and go to schools outside of the SWI.

Adoptions!!

In the first few months of 2014, two children were adopted domestically from Fuzhou SWI.



FN, an 8 year old blind girl, is happy in her foster family in Fuzhou.

Update on Renovations

The SWI's internal and external renovations have almost been completed. Additional staff members have been hired to ensure that the orphan's needs are met. The orphanage is awaiting the delivery of a few more pieces of rehabilitation equipment before opening their new rehab center, which has been under construction since last May. Upon completion of the renovations, the SWI will be able to accept disabled children from other orphanages that do not have the proper rehab facilities. This is great news, as more children will now have access to and benefit from physical therapy, speech therapy, etc.



The soon to be completed rehabilitation center.

Altrusa/Amity Hugging Grannies

Granny Liu Pinghua

Liu Pinghua has over a decade of experience working at Fuzhou SWI. She collaborates with her colleague, Granny Zaoling, sharing her vast knowledge of rehabilitation techniques. For quite some time now, has been working with PP, a child with a leg deformity that makes it difficult for him to sit or use his legs for support. Granny Pinghua does walking exercises with him, all the while giving gentle reminders and encouragement to help him build strength. With Granny Pinghua's loving care, PP has not only gotten stronger, but has also gained confidence.



Granny Du Zaoling

Granny Du Zaoling began working at the SWI in late 2013 and is gradually growing accustomed to her responsibilities at the orphanage. She looks to Granny Pinghua as a mentor, but also relies on her experiences from her previous profession as a nurse. In the picture at left she is working with YY, helping to expand her vocabulary and clarify her pronunciation. Additionally, she does physical exercises with YY to improve her balance and build strength.



Eleven foster families were visited. An individual report and photo of each child will be sent to their sponsor, but photos of a few of them are included below.



FX is a fifteen year old girl with cerebral palsy. She loves to spend time outdoors, especially with her foster grandparents. While her vocabulary isn't fully developed, she is still learning and using new words. She is making progress in looking after herself and knows to listen to traffic police to safely cross the street.



FJ is a 2 year old girl with hydrocephalus, meningocele, and club foot. Despite her many health conditions, she is a child who loves to laugh, especially when held by her foster grandmother. She can understand simple words and is starting to make cooing sounds. She likes to grasp biscuits in her tiny hands and munch on them.



FC is a 3 year old boy with cerebral palsy. He has improved a lot, both mentally and physically. Now, he is able to walk by himself. Additionally, his vocabulary has expanded and he is growing to be a very polite little boy. He loves to play outside, especially with his foster grandmother.

Altrusa/Amity Education Sponsorships



FS is a 10 year old boy who is deaf. He is receiving sponsorship to attend the Fuzhou Linchuan Special Education School. FS is very smart; he is ranked at the top of the class for writing and his fluency and vocabulary surpasses that of his peers. He gets along well with his classmates and always looks forward to playing with them at recess. Art is one of his hobbies and he is very serious about painting. As he is growing older, FS is becoming more independent and has been learning to do his own laundry and wash his own dishes after eating.



FW is a 16-year-old boy who is deaf and is attending the Fuzhou Linchuan district Special School with funds from Altrusa. He is actively involved in school activities and gets along very well with his classmates. His grades are excellent, especially in mathematics. While he is less strong in his language courses, he remains studious and uses a dictionary to look up unfamiliar words. FW participates in sports, but is especially drawn to art. Painting gives him great joy. He is very talented, and his artwork was recently displayed in an art exhibit that showcased local students' work.



FM is a 2 year old foster child with hydrocephalus and cerebral palsy.

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