
Altrusa Hugging Granny Sponsorships



You can change the lives of an entire group of children through our Hugging Granny program. These wonderful volunteers work hard every day, lending a hand in understaffed orphanages in China.

They nurture infants, teach cognitive, verbal and motor skills to toddlers, and provide a family atmosphere for the children. They give special attention to handicapped children, teaching basic language skills and activities of daily living and perform physical therapy. They tutor older children and provide nursing care to ill babies and children.

They also introduce new child development concepts and methods to orphanage staff workers. In short, they work miracles every day of the week.

Who Are the Hugging Grannies?

Many are retired teachers and medical personnel. Our first four Grannies at Jiujiang included a retired pediatrician, a nurse, a special education teacher and a professional child care worker. They work with us through the Amity Foundation, which organizes and oversees this project in China.

The Grannies are volunteers but are given a stipend to help absorb the cost of travel expenses and meals. Sponsorship fees for most of the volunteer Grannies in Jiangxi province are US \$660 a year. A few of the nurses, doctors and tutors are \$990 or \$1320 per year. We'd be happy to accept donations in any amount to add to this fund. We are in great need of additional support or we will need to decrease the number of Grannies. Right now we have 49 Grannies spread between fifteen orphanages. This is down some from what we have been in the past and hopefully we won't have to cut further due to lack of support.

Hugging Grannies Work Miracles Every Day...

The staff members at the orphanage love the children, but resources are limited. Now that the Grannies are there, things are changing...

Severely ill and malnourished infants are given special attention which can be life saving, some of the Grannies even prepare special food at home and bring it. With special attention some of the severely handicapped children (such as those with severe cerebral palsy) can improve enough that a foster family is able to care for them and then the Grannies provide support and teaching to the foster families. Children with medical needs receive the nursing care they need, including those recovering from a surgery.



Toddlers who never had a chance to learn to walk are now marching happily around the room doing morning exercises. The children are learning new vocabulary words and exploring nature. The Grannies have written lesson plans and are teaching the children characters, numbers and new songs every day.

We'd like to encourage your support for our Hugging Granny program. These loving and hardworking women help bring care and attention to those children whom we're not able to get into foster care.

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