

Gladney's Superkids Program

Superkids, a humanitarian aid and child advocacy program at the Gladney Center for Adoption, has had a wonderfully productive year and continues to do amazing things for orphans in China. By providing developmental screenings, caregiver trainings and adoption advocacy on behalf of Chinese orphans, Superkids has been able to facilitate more international adoptions and improve the quality of life for hundreds of Chinese orphans. **In the past 10 months, the Superkids team has met more than 400 children in 11 orphanages throughout China with the goal of finding forever families for these children.**



This year, for the first time, we were able to make two trips to China, as well as expand the presence of Superkids into Taiwan. With a team of health care providers, early childhood development specialists, and adoption advocates, we were able to provide hands-on screenings of children with medical needs who are waiting to be adopted. We were also able to educate orphanage staff to provide developmentally supportive care and bring much needed special equipment such as wheelchairs, helmets, and weighted blankets. Most importantly we were able to get to know each waiting child on a more personal level than a paper profile could ever provide.

Following our 2015 Spring and Fall Superkids trips, we have been working tirelessly to advocate for the unforgettable children we have met. We shine their light for the world to see and give voice to their stories in hopes that a loving family will come forward. We work with prospective couples by educating them about their child's situation and providing supplementary medical information. We are there for the waiting child and for the prospective family, helping them to prepare and understand what to expect. **Last year more than 70 older and special needs orphans from China found loving permanent homes through Gladney Superkids.**

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It is only through the generous support of families like yours that we are able to do what we do. We need your continued help to sustain and grow the Superkids program. **We will have our annual fundraiser, *A Night Among the Stars*, on March 4, 2016 at Maloney & Porcelli in New York City.** Please save the date and join us in supporting the Superkids program and honoring the waiting children we advocate for.

Social Welfare Institutes Visited

Shanghai: Shanghai Children Home

Hunan Province: Changsha City #1 Social Welfare Institute

Jiangxi Province: Changsha City #1 Social Welfare Institute, Pingxiang Social Welfare Institute, Xinyu Social Welfare Institute, Yichun Social Welfare Institute, & Jian Social Welfare Institute

Fujian Province: Fuzhou City Children's Home, Gutian Social Welfare Institute, Jiaocheng Social Welfare Institute, & Shishi Social Welfare Center

Zhejiang Province: Ningbo City En Mei Children's Home

Taiwan: Catholic Social Welfare Service, Chungyi Social Welfare Foundation

