



## Building a brighter future

**Budget:** \$35,000 in 15 – 16 – fully funded. \$35,000 still to be raised for Year Three.

### Update:

The Entrust project allows those in our partner's care an opportunity to gain an education and/or life skills, restore dignity, pride and self-worth through learning how to be semi-independent or for some fully independent. Entrust funding goes towards educational support for over 600 children living with disability, across three centres run by our partner.

Over the last six months our partner has been focussed on integrating the education for each child with life lessons they can be taught in their residential groups and skills and developments they can work on in therapy. The teachers, carers and therapists are all working together to implement a best practice care and education strategy called "Around the child". Each child gets an individualised plan focussed on their progress, interests and areas for development.

All teachers have benefitted from the input of a teacher trainer and our partner reports an increase in the knowledge and capacity of each of the teachers.

The craft teacher illustrates this growth, and how much the teachers care for the students in their care:



*During craft classes, I am very touched by Tu Wen and Zen Fang who thread by feeling the beads; Dong Jian who is poor in fine motor skills does not stop trying; and for Tang Xun who is often playful becomes very focused and serious when during work time. He likes to work with challenges and he is overjoyed for every new task.*

*I am grateful for these students as they teach me so much as I try to teach them. They have taught me how to love and to be persistent; to wait and to understand.*

Our partner reports that your gift to them is a source of encouragement to the staff and organization, but more importantly, to the children of Changsha, Hengyang and Sanmenxia whose lives and care have been entrusted to our partner. Thank you for giving this gift!

Threading beads teaches fine motor skills



One on One teacher training