

The hope you are bringing. The lives you are changing.



“Thank you
so much for
helping my
grandson!”

In Kindergarten, Joey Was Diagnosed as Autistic Thanks To You, Today He is a Different Child!

Your Support of the HOPE *worldwide* Centre for Kids Made the Magic Happen for Joey

A Quiet Boy and a Desperate Grandma

Two years ago, a very desperate grandma and a very quiet third-grader Joey showed up at the HOPE *worldwide* Centre for Kids.

Diagnosed as autistic in kindergarten, Joey was now falling behind academically and socially.

A Slow Start

Thanks to your support that keeps the doors open at the Centre for Kids, Joey was able to come in after school every day to get some help. While he seemed to feel at ease at the centre, he initially didn't interact with anyone. His favourite thing to do after completing his homework was reading a book about dinosaurs.

He read that same book. For an entire year. It didn't matter that other kids were noisily playing around him. Joey mainly kept to himself. But gradually, he started to talk. And if you would listen, he would tell you everything he knew about dinosaurs.

“Through playing and sometimes even arguing with the other kids at the centre, Joey was learning how to communicate and cooperate.”



Thanks to you, Joey now can complete his homework, is almost caught up academically, and has friends to play with.

From Dinosaurs to Chess

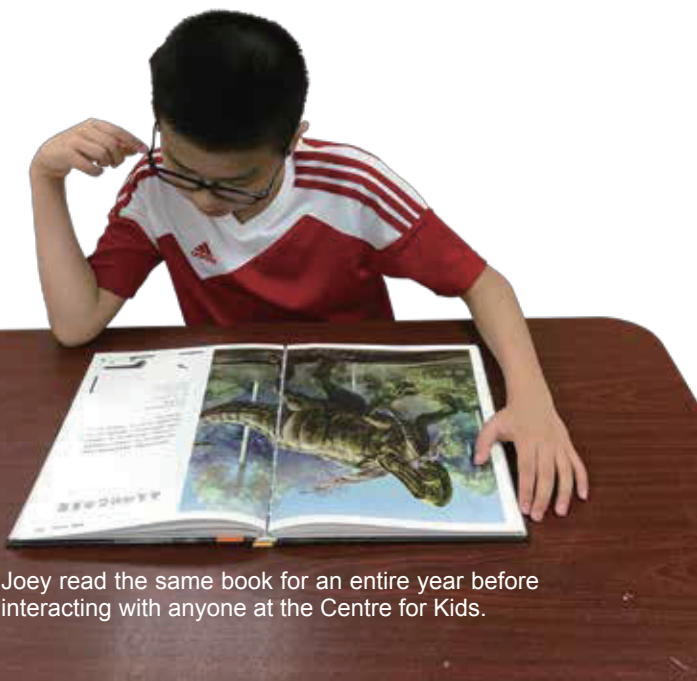
After a year, Joey discovered chess. He and some of the other kids started to play chess together. The only problem was that they often got into arguments. Because of his autism, Joey was stubborn and couldn't communicate well.

From time to time, our staff intervened to calm nerves and help resolve arguments. The fact was through it all, Joey was learning to communicate in a socially acceptable manner. He was figuring out that he needed to cooperate if he wanted other kids to play with him. Little by little, he was learning to control his emotions.

Boy and Grandma - Happy and Hopeful Because of YOU!

Today, Joey is a different child! After finishing his homework at the centre, you can see him play happily with other centre members (at times a bit too noisily!). Sometimes he pulls out the chess set and teaches some of the younger kids how to play. They call him “big brother” which delights Joey. And what about grandma? Whenever we see her, she has a smile that goes from ear to ear and also a hopeful glint in her eyes.

We are pretty sure you had put that smile and that glint there!



Joey read the same book for an entire year before interacting with anyone at the Centre for Kids.

You Can Help Them Dream Better Dreams!

Happy for Some but Anxious for Others

When the school bell rings at the end of the day, it's usually a happy time.

But for some children, it's just the beginning of a nightmare.

They are children with special educational needs such as autism, ADHD, or dyslexia.

They must navigate their way through their homework every day as well as prepare for dictation tests several times a week.

Without help, they simply fall further and further behind. Their learning and developmental needs don't go away just because the last bell of the school day rang.

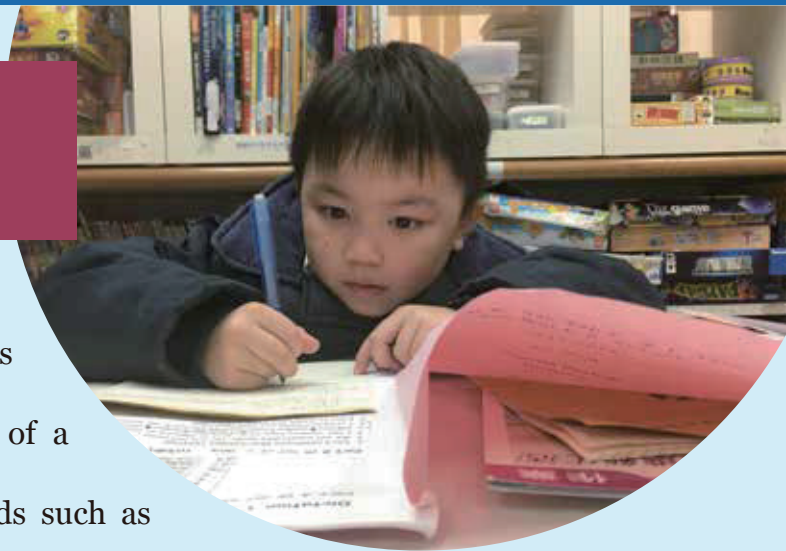
HOPE worldwide Centre for Kids – Up Until Now

For twenty-two years, thanks to you, the HOPE *worldwide* Centre for Kids has been a safe place for “normal” children from low-income families to come to after school.

Services at the centre equip them with academic skills and help them develop good character. Many children and their parents have come through these doors feeling helpless but left with confidence and a vision for a bright future.

An Additional Challenge is Upon Us

We are now faced with the additional challenge of helping children with special educational needs. According to government statistics, the number of special educational needs children enrolled in public primary schools have risen by 270% since 2011. More children such as Joey whom you read about in this newsletter are coming to the centre.



We are ready to take on an additional challenge of helping children with special educational needs. **The need is great and we can't do it without your help!**

“The learning and developmental needs of special educational needs children do not go away just because the last bell of the school day rang.”



For children with special educational needs, the last school bell of the day means the beginning of a nightmare as they must navigate their way through homework every day.

How Will We Help Them?

We are developing a comprehensive after-school academic support for the children who come to our centre. We want to equip them with the communication and cooperation skills they need to develop socially. We want to help them build good character. We want to give parents the professional support they need, sometimes even before their child is officially diagnosed.

There is a lot we want to do because the need is so great. But we simply can't do it without your help.

Your generous donation can help shorten, even end the nightmares for these children and their families. Donate today and help them dream of a brighter future!



Your Generosity Can Make all the Difference!

Children such as Joey begin their lives way behind the starting line. They have special educational needs and their families are also too poor to afford any after-school support. However, with your help they can thrive even in the face of adversity. Make the magic happen for more kids like Joey by sending a gift TODAY!

Make your cheque out to "HOPE *worldwide*" and post it to

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Your Run Their Gift

Mark your calendars! Join the HOPE *worldwide* Great Santa Night Run to raise funds for programmes at the Centre for Kids.