

PERSATUAN KEBAJIKAN SRI EDEN SELANGOR DAN KUALA LUMPUR

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TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

Dear Sir /Madam

RE: APPEAL FOR DONATIONS

Thank you for your kind enquiry with regards to the needs of our Centre.

Our Society runs a centre named, PUSAT JAGAAN KANAK-KANAK ISTIMEWA SRI EDEN. This Centre was set up to cater to the needs of Children with Learning Difficulties.

There are 32 children ranging from 3 years – 16 years of age, presently attending the Centre's programs. Many of these children are already school going, majority of whom are attending Kelas Khas in regular schools. A few of them are being integrated into the regular classes. All these children have difficulties in learning and need specialized teaching methods to achieve understanding in academic subjects and basic living skills.

Such children comprise of children diagnosed with various disabilities or conditions such as:

- 1) Autism
- 2) ADD (Attention Deficit Disorder)
- 3) ADHD (Attention Deficit/ Hyperactive Disorder)
- 4) Dyslexia
- 5) Down's Syndrome
- 6) Dyspraxia
- 7) Mental Retardation
- 8) Cerebral Palsy
- 9) Speech Delay
- 10) Deafness
- 11) Emotional Disturbances
- 12) Global Developmental Delay
- 12) Other syndromes and/or other causes unexplainable by medical investigations.

These children have various degrees of learning difficulties and behavioural problems that inhibits their learning process. Negative behaviours such as temper tantrums, kicking, biting, crying excessively, head banging, screaming, running in an uncontrolled manner, self-

stimulating activities for eg. tongue sticking, flicking of hands, body rocking, (to name a few), manipulative and demanding behaviours, have to be intervened, conditioned and shaped in order that the child will respond in an appropriate manner. This requires time and a great deal of effort from trained and skilled staff to handle these situations.

Due to their varying conditions, Individualized Education Plans have to be set up for each and every child. These children have to be taught also, Living and Social skills, Communication skills and Self-Care. Apart from the Academic teaching, our training includes Creative learning through Structured Gym Exercises, Music & Movement, Drama, Fun Games and Art & Craft.

In order to cope with the work involved, all these requires a considerable workforce that only enables one teacher to manage 2 or a maximum of 3 children at any one time. At present the Centre employs 4 Main Teachers and 4 Assistant Teachers.

Specialized equipment and teaching aids are also required to induce learning and this involves costs in obtaining them.

Due to these reasons, costs of operating a Centre such as this are high.

At present, the Centre is funded by contributions given by the children's parents and well-wishers. We have to appeal for donations from caring people like your goodself/corporation, to help us to keep this work continuing.

With the donations received, we hope to be able to achieve the following:-

1) **Staffing**

To provide adequate skilled and trained staff to manage the growing numbers of such children seeking help from the Centre.

The numbers of such children are constantly on the rise and without sufficient funds we will not be able to take these children in.

2) **Children's Attendance**

In order to achieve positive results in these children, it requires intensive training. Some of these children only attends the Centre 2 or 3 times a week for 2 hourly sessions each time. This is insufficient time to work with the children and progress is slow.

It is our hope that with sufficient funds we will be able to employ more staff so that these children can attend the Centre daily for 5 times a week to maximize on the Centre's programmes.

3) **Sponsorship of Children**

We also hope that sponsors will be able to 'adopt' a child for a year. Each sponsorship is at RM 300 per month. This would greatly alleviate some parent's financial burden as these children requires attending other therapies at other private centres too.

4) **Sponsorship of Therapist's salary**

In working with special needs childrener, there are a lot of unseen underlying issues in relation with the connection of the physique to the brain and vice-versa that inhibits the learning process. These issues require specialists in Occupational Therapy, Psychologists, Physiotherapists, etc. to identify them. Employing these therapists to work as a multi-disciplinary team would be the ideal approach to work with these special needs children. At this moment, we are unable to employ any of these Therapists due to lack of funds.

We hope that there will be sponsors who will be willing to adopt these Therapists monthly salaries so that we can provide what is appropriate and necessary in our work with these children.

5) **Transportation**

Due to transportation problems, some of these children's parents are only able to send their children in 2 or 3 times a week only. There are also some cases of children having to drop out of the Centre due to unavailability of transport to the Centre.

It is our hoped that we can raise enough funds to purchase a van too to pick up these children daily to the Centre.

Families of these children suffer great distresss, uncertainties, hopelessness and homes have broken up due to the stresses caused with having such a child.

Please help us to give these children the help they need in order to 'normalize' them and to give them a hope and a future. With training and intervention, there is a possibility of turning them into independent and functionable individuals so that they can be integrated into Society.

With whatever donations you can make, whether big or small, ***YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE!***

Help us and together let us make this nation to be 'A CARING SOCIETY'.

Thanking you for your kind consideration and looking forward to your favourable reply.

Should you require any further enquiries, please do not hesitate to contact Mrs Aimee Chan, Honorary Secretary/Principal of the Centre, at 012-235 2000.

Thank you.

Yours sincerely

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Ron Hee Yoon Choy', written over a horizontal line.

RON HEE YOON CHOY
President