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UPCOMING EVENTS

DAS Preschool Seminar 13 March 2023











FUNDRAISING POST-PANDEMIC

As Singapore makes its way into the post-pandemic phase, charities have quickly begun to execute fundraising plans that have been cancelled or postponed over the last two years. The decrease in donations and sponsorships during the pandemic has left many charities with lots to catch up with.

DAS needs \$2.3 million in the coming year to fund bursaries for students with dyslexia from lower income families. To ensure that bursary students continue to receive the intervention that they need, DAS and specifically the fundraising team at DAS, known as FAVOR (Fundraising, Alumni, Volunteer Management

& Outreach), have worked extra hard to keep the funds coming in. We take this opportunity to thank everyone for supporting DAS and continuing

to support our fundraising initiatives.



As the physical collection of funds were halted due to the pandemic, FAVOR launched an e-Pledge Card campaign from 1 July 2022 till 31 August 2022 on the Giving.sg fundraising platform so that we could continue donation collection across all 13 DAS learning centres virtually. We thank all donors for their donation towards this campaign. Your generosity has helped us to raise

\$89,339.10!



On 24 July 2022, DAS collaborated with Lion City Sailors Football Club on a Singapore Premier League (SPL) match played between Lion City Sailors Football Club and Tampines Rovers Football Club. Lion City Sailors Football Club pledged 100% of the ticket proceeds to DAS in support of students with dyslexia from low-

income families. Thank you to Lion City Sailors Football Club for the generous donation of \$25,500.

We would also like to thank
Tampines Rovers Football
Club for their donation of
\$5,000 in support of our
cause. Total funds
raised:

\$30,500!













E-PLEDGE CARD

DYSLEXIA ASSOCIATION

of SINGAPORE



EMBRACING DYSLEXIA FOR 30 YEARS

In celebration of 30 years of supporting students with dyslexia, DAS organised the 30th Anniversary Charity Gala Dinner - held on 7 September 2022 at St. Regis Singapore to raise funds for children with dyslexia from low-income families.

The evening was themed, "Rewrite the Stars" and we were so pleased to have our President, Mdm Halimah Yacob, as the Guest-of-Honour. Our sincere appreciation goes to all donors and sponsors for supporting this event to be a splendid success!

With your support, we successfully raised a total of \$1,157,000!

Find out more about our Gala Dinner on DAS Facebook @DyslexiaSG













LET'S HEAR FROM SOME OF OUR DAS PARENTS WHO YOU HAVE HELPED

All three of my kids have dyslexia. They had been in DAS since they were in preschool till now. I believe being in DAS is important in their learning journey to success. I truly appreciate and am thankful that we are one of the DAS bursary recipient. Although my husband and I are working, financially we are tight as DAS fees for 3 growing kids are quite high. With the help of bursaries, we can afford to enrol them in the Main Literacy Programme (MLP), Math and Prep 2 PSLE programme. This makes me feel secured and confident that my kids can do better in their studies. I would like to express my gratitude to all bursary donors for contributing to the success of children with dyslexia. You do make a difference



in their life.

Sakinah: Mother of Aufa Binte Heder Abdul Aziz DAS Tampines Learning Centre, Bursary recipient of Singapore Teochew Foundation

Le Zhi has been studying in DAS for 2 years, since the age of 6. DAS has done an excellent job teaching him. He has always loved learning at DAS and finds the lessons fun. Having the bursary is really helpful as I cannot afford to pay for Le Zhi's school fees.

Sharon Nguyen: Mother of Koh Le Zhi DAS Sengkang Learning Centre Bursary recipient of Ishk Tolaram Foundation



Your donations in 2022 has helped over

1,302 DAS

He Wei was diagnosed with dyslexia in Primary 2 and we started intervention when he was in Primary 3. He benefitted a lot from MLP and the Chinese programme. We held back on enrolling He Wei for the class due to financial issues as my husband is the main breadwinner in the family. With 4 kids and no helper, it is impossible for me to work. Thanks to all donors for allowing me to place He Wei in DAS classes. We hope more donors will be joining in for the bursary fund.



Chan Choy Peng: Mother of Ng He Wei DAS Bishan Learning Centre Bursary recipient of Singapore Teochew Foundation.

My daughter was offered to attend the iStudySmart™ programme at full bursary. We were very happy and thankful that she was offered this. We have another son who also has dyslexia attending DAS. We really felt the stretch on the dollar having to put both of our kids through the programmes. We are thankful that there are many donors out there that are helping to raise funds for DAS to help kids like my children who need the extra help to get through their daily studies. Thank you DAS for all the bursaries we received thus far. My kids are able to blossom and move ahead in life with all the help from generous donors out there Sincerely, from the bottom of a mother's heart, thank you.

Mast: Mother of Siti Hawa Najib DAS Tampines Learning Centre Bursary recipient of Lim Hoon Foundation















The Charity Transparency Awards (CTA) is an annual initiative by the Charity Council that aims to promote good governance and recognises transparency in the charity sector by acknowledging the excellent work of charities and their exemplary practices. The DAS was awarded the CTA in 2019. In 2022, the DAS was recognised once again for our good corporate governance when the Charity Council announced us as one of the winners for the Charity Transparency Award 2022!



Receiving the Charity Transparency Awards for DAS LTD, DAS ACADEMY & DAS INTERNATIONAL,

(L to R) DAS Board Member, Mr Kaka Singh, DAS Vice Chairman Mr Kevin Kwek, DAS Board

Member Ms Wong May-Lyn, DAS Chairman Mr Eric Lee, DAS CFO Ms Chai Soo Chiao &

DAS CEO Mr Lee Siang.











Hope for Children With Dyslexia! #iwishyouknew

DAS needs more than \$2.3 million a year to support our students from low-income families with bursaries.

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YOU KNOW WHO YOU IMPACT

As an institute of Public Character (IPC) we are BIG on Corporate Governance and Compliance. All funds raised for DAS are audited and reported in our financial statements.

YOU DEMONSTRATE THE IMPORTANCE OF GIVING

We can show our students how to make a positive change through a small gift of giving and they grow up to appreciate what they have.

YOU HELP TO EASE FINANCIAL BURDENS

Your support helps lower-income families and can provide their children with appropriate educational services.

YOUR GIFT IS TAX-DEDUCTIBLE

Qualifying donations to DAS enjoy a 2.5 times tax deduction.

To make this a reality, we hope you would consider donating on a monthly basis to fund the DAS Bursary Fund. This monthly donation will allow our students from low-income families to access the specialist intervention that they need and deserve. To make a monthly donation, please fill the GIRO application form on the next page.

Every dollar counts!

das.org.sg/get-involved/donate-now.html













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APPLICATION FORM FOR DONATION

To help you better understand how to donate to DAS here are some frequently asked questions (FAQs):

1. How do I get started with my GIRO, Credit / Debit Card payment method?

Complete this application form, with your customer/account number and send the form with your signature duly signed to us at:

Dyslexia Association of Singapore Limited 1 Jurong West Central 2, #05-01 Jurong Point Singapore 648886

Attention: Fundraising Department

Note: For account operated via thumbprint, please bring your NRIC / passport to your bank for the print to be taken and witnessed.

2. Will I be notified of the approval of my GIRO application?

DAS will inform you when the GIRO is approved and the effective date.

3. How long do I need to wait before my GIRO arrangement is effective?

The GIRO processing time will take about 4-6 weeks to be effected.

4. What is the minimum amount for tax deduction? Do I need to submit it for income tax?

Kindly note that donations of **\$50** and above are eligible for tax deduction. The deduction will be automatically included in your tax assessment as you have provided your Tax Reference number (e.g. NRIC/FIN/UEN). You do not need to claim the deduction in your tax form.

5. When will the GIRO deduction be made?

BANK ACCOUNT DEDUCTION

Monthly Donation:

A deduction will only be made from your bank account on the 5th of each month upon approval from the bank. The amount deducted will be reflected in your bank statement.

Yearly Donation:

A deduction will only be made from your bank account on the 5th of the month upon approval from the bank. Subsequently, the yearly deduction will be on the month based on the first donation deduction. The amount deducted will be reflected in your bank statement.

CREDIT / DEBIT CARD

Monthly Donation:

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Yearly Donation:

A deduction will only be made from the card on the 5th of the month upon receiving the donation application. Subsequently, the yearly donation will be on the month based on the first donation decuction.

6. Can I make a one time donation by cheque or PAYNOW?

CHEQUES: To be made out to "Dyslexia Association of Singapore Limited" or "DAS LTD". Kindly include your full name and NRIC/FIN at the back of the cheque to facilitate a tax exemption.

PAYNOW: Scan and Pay the QR CODE, select the **UEN No.: 202114767K**. Under UEN/Bill Reference number please enter "**DONATION <space> NRIC/FIN/UEN**" and complete this form.

7. Can I stop the donation?

Yes, you can write to us at email: donate@das.org.sg but you will need to give us at least 30 days before the next deduction date. You should also inform your bank to stop GIRO payment if applicable.









