



ST. ANDREW'S  
AUTISM CENTRE

# DONOR GUIDE

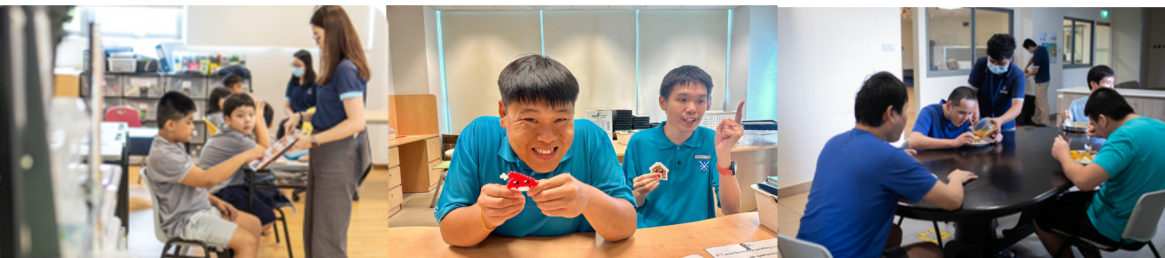


# 2025

Your giving makes a difference.

# AUTISM LASTS A LIFETIME.

At St. Andrew's Autism Centre (SAAC), we believe that every person with autism deserves the highest quality of life possible. Our vision is to enable persons with autism to lead dignified and meaningful lives.



SAAC serves those with moderate to severe autism, many of whom require lifelong support. Autism does not have a cure, and families often face much uncertainty about their children's future - they are often unable to care for themselves, secure employment, or participate in the community. SAAC stands in that gap, providing essential long-term care, structured programmes and a safe environment where persons with autism can grow and thrive.

## In 2024, we have touched the lives of 471 SAAC beneficiaries and their families.



**316**

Special School  
Students



**121**

Day Activity Centre  
Clients



**34**

Adult Home  
Residents



**46%**

Beneficiaries trained  
in vocational skills



**100%**

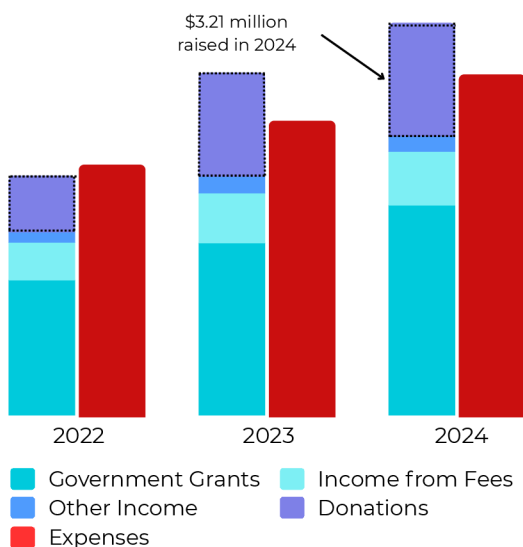
Beneficiaries served to  
experience dignity and  
meaning in life



**16%**

Beneficiaries on  
financial assistance

# INCOME & EXPENDITURE



The cost of providing high-quality care, education and training for persons with autism exceeds the government funding and fees that SAAC receives.

Donors play a crucial role in bridging this gap, ensuring that SAAC's services remain financially sustainable, while enabling our beneficiaries to lead dignified and meaningful lives.

In the last two years, the generosity of our donors has allowed us to pilot necessary initiatives to enhance the quality of life of our beneficiaries. But more has to be done.

Sustaining and expanding these initiatives require continuous support. Without ongoing donations, these essential programmes and progress we've made could be at risk. Every contribution helps us not only to keep these programmes running but also to reach more individuals with autism who need them.

## FOCUS IN 2025

- ✓ Empowering persons with autism to discover dignity through work
- ✓ Creating a nurturing environment for our clients to grow, learn and thrive
- ✓ Supporting growth of adults with autism who are unable to access Day Activity Centres
- ✓ Providing respite for caregivers facing burn-out
- ✓ Training and equipping staff to better care for our clients

# DIGNITY OF WORK



Dignity of Work (DoW) is SAAC's initiative to make supported employment more accessible to persons with moderate autism.

We are creating opportunities to engage persons with moderate autism in meaningful activities that build confidence, independence, and a sense of purpose. For those unable to access sheltered workshops and supported employment, our DoW urban farming and baking programmes provide structured, hands-on experiences that develop practical skills while fostering self-worth.

Funding required: \$250,000 per programme per year to cover operational and coaching fees, as well as providing stipend to our clients.

# INTEGRATED PLAY SPACES

Integrated Play Spaces are key to enhancing the quality of life for our junior students (ages 7–12) by developing motor, sensory, and communication skills in an outdoor setting. Featuring balance beams, climbing walls, and sensory gardens, the play space aims to foster pro-social behaviors and provide a calming space for emotional regulation.

Our senior students (ages 13–18) will benefit from an integrated sports area, giving them access to sports like bocchia, basketball and futsal. This inclusive space promotes physical activity, teamwork and social interaction, offering a dynamic and adaptable recreational environment.

Funding Required: \$500,000 for space development.





# SAAH ACCESSIBILITY FUND

50% of residents living in St. Andrew's Adult Home (SAAH) require financial assistance. Caregivers for individuals with high support needs often cannot work as they must provide 24/7 care. This means many parents do not have savings. Many residents come from such low-income families with single or no income.

The SAAH Accessibility Fund offers families peace of mind, ensuring their loved ones can live in a safe space with professional services, even if they cannot afford it. The Fund is fully supported by individual and corporate donors.

**Funding Required:** The number of families in need is increasing, and SAAC needs \$350,000/year for the SAAH Accessibility Fund.



## TRANSITIONAL CARE



The Transitional Care Programme (TCP) provides respite care for parents of individuals with moderate to severe autism who are awaiting placement in DACs. With limited DAC vacancies, these individuals face risks of functional and cognitive regression and social isolation.

TCP will operate from 9am - 3pm during DAC's holidays. Each session accommodates 12 clients and features curated activities and engagement to maintain and reinforce adaptive daily living skills and purposeful engagement, addressing both health and social needs.

**Funding Required:** \$70,000/year to cover the cost of programme and activities.

# SAVE THESE DATES!

*Blessed to be a Blessing*

by The Christian Orchestra, for St. Andrew's Autism Centre

Celebrating 20 years of enabling persons with autism to lead dignified and meaningful lives.

2 & 3 May 7pm 📍 St. Andrew's Cathedral



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purchase tickets

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contact us at [giving@saac.org.sg](mailto:giving@saac.org.sg)



**1 November 2025, Saturday**  
**8am - 12pm**  
**Gardens By the Bay**



## UNDERSTAND

## ACCEPT

## EMBRACE

Walk of a Lifetime serves as an important community advocacy platform, bringing together individuals, families, and supporters to raise awareness about autism and foster a better understanding of the unique challenges faced by those on the spectrum.

The event will invite members of the public to walk alongside those with autism, encouraging them to take active steps towards a more inclusive society where persons with autism are better understood, supported, and integrated into all aspects of daily life.

# SUPPORT OUR WORK



## DONATE

Your donations are eligible for 250% tax deduction. Scan the QR code to donate now.



## VOLUNTEER

Give time or share your skills. Scan the QR code to sign up as a volunteer.



## ADVOCATE

Share more about persons with autism in your private and professional capacities.

Consider mentioning SAAC and the work we do at your next dinner with family and friends.

# BE OUR PARTNER

As an organisation, your support can profoundly impact the lives of our beneficiaries, creating a tangible difference in their well-being. Here's how your organisation can partner us:

- Forge strategic partnerships to effectively fulfil your CSR objectives.
- Extend support through corporate donations, whether as a one-time contribution or recurring support.
- Nominate SAAC as your designated charity for the year, aligning your philanthropic efforts with our cause.
- Consider providing matching funds for our fundraising campaigns, doubling the impact of your contribution.
- Facilitate connections with local businesses interested in supporting SAAC or individuals with autism, expanding our network of support and resources.

Contact us at [giving@saac.org.sg](mailto:giving@saac.org.sg) to find out more.







**Autism lasts a lifetime.**  
**No one should take that journey alone.**



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