

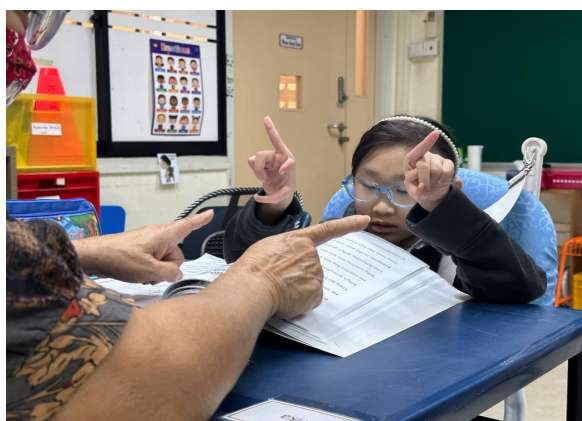
IMPACT OF SERVICES – THE SINGAPORE ASSOCIATION FOR THE DEAF

Wen Xi

Wen Xi is an 8-year-old girl born with one kidney coupled with hearing loss and deformed fingers. She is much smaller in size for her age, and also has Fanconi anemia, which is a rare bone marrow disorder. She has undergone bone marrow transplant and requires frequent hospital visits for treatment of her various medical conditions. She is unable to walk properly, and requires assistance for movement and transportation.

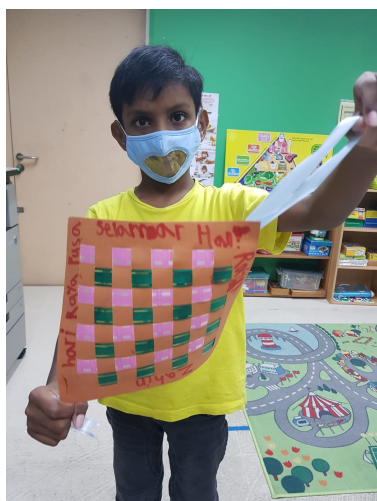
The mother brought Wen Xi to the Little Hands Bilingual Bicultural Programme, which is an early intervention project run by the Association for the Deaf (SADeaf). Despite her numerous challenges, Wen Xi enjoys painting and art, and is good at reading. At the SADeaf programme, she attends classes in phonics, English and math, and participates actively in speech and drama activities. Wen Xi also receives art therapy, and learns the Singapore Sign Language.

She has exhibited a great appetite for learning, and SADeaf's social engagement activities helps her explore new horizons. SADeaf has also helped to seek funding to alleviate the family's financial difficulties and is continuing to support their various needs.



Zahin

Zahin is a 9 year old boy born with bearing loss in both ears. The early intervention programme at SADeaf enabled him to express himself confidently in both sign language and English. The programme prepares Deaf children well for mainstream education. The financial assistance offered by SADeaf helped relieve the financial strain on the family. Zahin is now enrolled in Mayflower Primary School and is coping well and happily mingling with other children.



Mdm Parimala

50-year-old Mdm Parimala is Deaf and a client of SADeaf.

Five years ago, Mdm Parimala experienced intense psychological stress that caused her to cope maladaptively. Her son, Anan and her mother tried their best to encourage her to change her habits but faced communication difficulties in supporting her.

In 2022, they decided to reach out to the Singapore Association for the Deaf (SADeaf) to seek help in managing Mdm Parimala's psychological stress. With the support of SADeaf, Mdm Parimala was equipped with healthy coping skills. It allowed her to tap on her resilience and to flourish despite challenging times.

Through counseling and her family's continued support, Mdm Parimala is now part of a wider support system she could lean on for help. She has also since stepped up to become a key volunteer among her fellow Deaf peers, in organizing SADeaf's social programmes.



Elisa

Elisa's educational background began in 2008 at the Singapore School for the Deaf, where she initially struggled with communication due to her deafness. As a shy and reserved girl, she found it challenging to interact with others. However, through the school's support in Sign Language and Speech Therapy, Elisa has undergone a remarkable transformation. Today, she is a sociable, helpful, and vibrant young lady who has overcome her communication obstacles.

Elisa is now enrolled at SADeaf's Mountbatten Vocational School (MVS), and has been engaged in Work-Based Training at Tanglin Club as a requirement for her ITE Skills Certificate in F&B Service. Elisa has a passion for dance. She actively participates in MVS's Hip-Hop dance group, which allows her to indulge in her love for dancing.

