

# A Very Special Walk 2007

Pledge Card Intro:

## BREAKING BARRIERS

A Very Special Walk was started in 2005 to support projects that integrate students with autism into mainstream society.

In truth, such integration is a difficult move – a multitude of barriers lie in wait, be it mental, social or physical. However, these obstacles can be overcome with a unified effort.

This year, three like-minded organizations, have come together to demonstrate that at A Very Special Walk 2007. They are:

Pathlight School, started by Autism Resource Centre (Singapore), provides a unique blend of mainstream and life skills education for students with autism;

Chong Boon Secondary School opened its doors and championed the inclusion of Pathlight School students into its community; and

01 Raffles Scouts/Gryphons Alumni, present and former scouts of Raffles Institution who have volunteered to help make A Very Special Walk 2007 happen.

Join us in our effort to overcome and break each barrier that hinder the spirit of integration of students with autism into mainstream society.

Your first barrier – consider a generous donation on this card. Thank you.

## THE BENEFICIARY

Pathlight School, started by Autism Resource Centre (Singapore), is the first school in Singapore to offer a unique blend of mainstream and life skills education for students with autism. It started operations in January 2004 with 41 students and now has expanded its enrolment to more than 250 students. An average of 40% of students receive school fees subsidy.

Pathlight School offers education options to students from the ages of 6 to 18 years. Besides academic learning, Pathlight School promotes training to integrate students with autism into mainstream society. Pathlight Café and Pathlight Design Studio provide valuable opportunities for its students to discover and hone their worklife skills. They serve as a platform to showcase the many abilities of students with autism and how, with appropriate training, they can make significant contributions to the community.

Pathlight School is located next to Chong Boon Secondary School. Their partnership has led to the creation of a new inclusion option for students with autism. Besides joint celebrations of school events such as Total Defence Day and International Friendship Day, secondary students from Pathlight School also attend classes within the premises of Chong Boon Secondary School.

This Event is to raise funds for:

Pathlight School Building Fund for the permanent purpose-built school to accommodate the growing student population.

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