Project Page

Name of the organisation : Lay Witnesses For Christ International -UK (LWFCI-UK)

Name of the Project : **Destiny Children and Family Support Group**

1. Support 50 children with Special Needs to Learn and Connect

**Summary**

Destiny Children and Family Support Group is aiming to support 50 children with learning disabilities, providing Tutoring, Educational trips, Creative social activities for Children and Family Support for parents , carers and families who have children with special needs such as Autism, ADHD, Speech and language difficulties and other learning disabilities. This project will support 50 children with learning disabilities and their carers to have a short break by offering weekly tutoring support and social activities for children, educational trips and family day outings by providing a safe social and interactive environment for children to learn and interact with others, building confidence in social and communication skills through creative learning and play, supporting them in their school homework on how to read and write and connect with others in the communities and at the same time giving their carers/parents time for a short break as respite .

**What is the issue, problem, or challenge?**

There are 286,000 children age 0-17years with a learning disability in the UK. However, they are under-represented in post-16 education; were they still face disadvantage within the education system. The Learning and Skills Council identifies a need for better knowledge of the quality of education for mainstream disabled pupils. Children with a learning disability tend to take longer to learn and may need support to develop new skills, understand information to communicate and interact with other people. Many parents and carers of children with special needs are isolated and lonely with their children from community because of lack of social engagement and lack of affordable activities for their children locally. Children are also isolated and affected of staying indoors most of the time and not having the opportunities to play or socialize with other people outside school hours or during half terms.. Children are more socially affected because of their complex communication needs where they are lonely home due to lack of accessible child activities available for them locally. Children with special needs drain enormous amounts of time, energy, and money. Families are stressed out looking after their children without short break to relax. There is ongoing need of support groups for children and their family( children and parents in general).The lack of affordable respite services from the 24/7 challenge of caring for these children. Finding someone to watch their child for a few hours so that parent could have time for personal, marital, or family activities is a big challenge. This project will make a huge difference to parents to have a short break while their children are learning and at the same time giving children opportunity to socialize with others developing social skills and communication.

 **Solution: How will this project help solve this problem?**

Destiny Children and Family Support Group aims at preventing social isolation, deprivation, loneliness, social vulnerability and at fighting discrimination. Every child is an individual with their own needs, but with the right support children with a learning disability can lead fulfilling lives in the way they choose. Children will have access to tutoring sessions every week and receive other social assistance when necessary, such as family day outings and education trips during school holidays.

Children will benefit from our weekly tutoring and creative social activities to boost their education, social communication and understanding, learning skills, increase self-esteem, develop relationships and social skills. Children will get opportunity to meet their peers in the group learning valuable life skills, learn good behaviour and develop emotional skills. They will gain confidence by playing with other people from different back ground, develop relationships with their parents and social skills with their peers, foster discipline and teach commitment. Parents, carers and families of children with disabilities in the community will get better exposure to Family support network forum, educational trips and family outings together with their children which can inspire and nurture creativity and help children and their families to connect with each other's , the communities and learn new skills for life.

**Long-Term Impact**

The project will help the children to succeed in school, and will assist their families or carers with other social needs, so the children will grow up to be healthier and will have a better level of education. This will give them more employment prospects as adults in the future. This project will have an ongoing effect through the generations. These children will be literate, integrate socially and they will then be able to support their own children with their school work as they became adults in the future.

Beneficiaries of such services are also children's families, who mainly the majority come from the area of London borough of Bromley and Lewisham in South East London . The Charity LWFCI-UK strongly believes in the importance of education, Family support, as a factor that can make the difference in the future of one child and his/her family. This project will make a huge difference to parents to have a short break while their children are learning and at the same time giving children opportunity to socialize with others developing social skills and communication.

**Goal: £8500**

**Make your donation**

**£10** can pay for sensory equipment for children to read sensory stories to help them communicate.

**£20** can contribute toward hall hire per hour for social activities and tutorial classes

**£50** could provide an early years tutor and support worker for 2 hours afternoon teaching and supporting the children.

**£100** can contribute toward educational trips and family day outings during half terms and school holidays

£**250** can sponsor a week of the tutoring and family support programme

**£500** can pay for a 50 seats coach hire for Family Day trip to a theme park, excursion trips to visit places in England such as Museums, Aquariums, Chessington Park, London Zoo and others.

Other Amount: £

Thank you again, so much, for your amazing kindness and support for the children at Destiny Children and Family Support Group in Bromley! You are making a huge difference.

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