

It is rightly said that every drop makes an ocean!

Our Ashiana receives no Government funding and relies exclusively on the generosity of individuals, family friends and business donors today. We can have the best intentions, but we would be nowhere without the support that would change the lives of so many youngsters for the better. Together, we can make a difference! Contribute towards building a better future for these special children who are the Gift of God.

1. *Sponsor a child's medical and schooling annually.*
2. *Sponsor an outing (including transportation, tickets, refreshments etc).*
3. *Celebrate the important days in your life by sparing a thought and moment for these beautiful children who will brighten up your day with their blessings.*

Donate: Mail your cheque to us, payable to
Our Ashiana

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OUR ASHIANA

Making a Difference

Our Ashiana
- is an endeavour towards building an empowered future for children with special needs and integrating them into the society.

Our Ashiana
strives to nurture the aspirations and dreams of children with special needs.

Our Ashiana

- is a registered NGO and a non-profit charity organisation in Ahmedabad, Gujarat, India dedicated to helping children with special needs (Autistic Spectrum Disorder, Attention Deficit Hyperactive Disorder, Down Syndrome, Dyslexia, Emotional and Behavioural Disorder, Learning Difficulties, Visually Impaired, Blind, Communication Challenges, Physical Impairment and Developmental Delays).



OUR MISSION

All children and youth deserve to have a healthy, happy childhood and a chance to be the best they can. Some need extra help because they have one or more challenges relating to their :

- Physical health
- Emotional health
- Behaviour development
- Mental health

Our Ashiana presently supports 10 children and aims to extend its services to 25 children annually.

Nearly 2 children in every 1000 child born are diagnosed with special needs. Children with Developmental Disabilities, Mental Retardation, Down Syndrome, Cerebral Palsy, Mitochondrial Disorders and Autism are categorized as children with special needs.



Our Ashiana
We work with the child's strength to overcome shortcomings. Thus we work within the challenges not against them and bridge the developmental barriers.

OUR APPROACH

Every child is an individual and has the right to be treated with respect and dignity. The challenge lies in perceiving the world through the perspective of these special children. Thus the efforts of "Our Ashiana" are focused to enable these special children to be integrated as independently as possible into the community where they rightfully belong.

Our Ashiana helps children with special needs to achieve a proficient level of self-sufficiency within their family, peer group, educational set-up and the society.

Our Ashiana strives to mould these special children into confident individuals thereby paving the way to help them become independent members of the society.

Our Ashiana is a resource and respite for parents and children with special needs empowering them with guidance and assistance.

OUR ENDEAVOURS

SUPPORT SERVICES : **Our Ashiana** renders support services like physiotherapy, speech and language therapy, modified learning environments, adapted learning devices and mobility aids will be provided based on each individual's needs.

INTEGRATION INTO MAINSTREAM WORLD : An important goal for **Our Ashiana** is to integrate children with special needs within the mainstream world. As a step to facilitate this objective, we are sponsoring day outings for groups to venues such as parks, zoos, shopping malls and cinemas with full support staff to look after their needs during these experiential curriculums.

EMPOWERING PARENTS : **Our Ashiana** aims at involving parents in designing programs and providing care for the children. Thus the parents will be empowered to take a lead role in providing care to their child.

OUR INSPIRATION

Our Ashiana's formation is inspired by Komal Vyas, a young adult diagnosed with Autism, Global Developmental Delay and Severe Learning Disabilities.

Komal is the daughter of **Our Ashiana's** Managing Trustee and founding member, Raksha Vyas who brings with her 15 years of special needs qualified teaching experience in the UK, besides a wealth of personal experience as Komal's Parent.

Our Ashiana
Will help young children in the age range from 3-18 years, spanning different backgrounds and cultures and across many conditions.

