



Home For Life

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Home For Autistic Young Adults



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ALUT - who are we?

ALUT - The Israeli Society for Autistic Children is a non-profit association, established by parents about 40 years ago, dedicated to care of their autistic children. ALUT is directed by parents and public figures, and operated by professionals and volunteers.

ALUT helps each child and adult diagnosed with autism, and is committed to promoting their rights and providing them the best care and services.

ALUT established and operates diagnostic centers for, supports educational, establishes and operates Homes for Life, occupation centers and leisure facilities, 6 family centers that support families whose children were diagnosed with Autism.

ALUT promotes research and development of advance treatments for autism, is a prime center of information about , and promotes activities that enhance awareness of autism.

What is Autism?

Autism belongs to the group of neuro-developmental disorders knzeas of development: social skills, verbal and communicative behavior, and discrepancy between fields of interest.

Autism is considered to be one of the most severe and complex developmental disorders. Nowadays it strikes more than one percent of the children population.

Common characteristics of the majority of children with autism:

Speech disorders or complete inability to speak.

Communication disorders and irregular responses to the environment.

Indications of anxiety or tension as a result of a slight change in the surroundings, obsessive behavior etc.

Intellectual development deficit (in some cases, this is accompanied by a normal to high level of special creative talents).

Hypersensitivity or impaired sensitivity of various senses.

Recurrent body motions or movements with objects (for self stimulation).

Outbursts of anger, at times for no apparent reason.

Hyperactivity to an extreme and permanent unrest, or lack of activity to an extreme and complete isolation.

What is a "Home for Life"?

A "Home for Life" is a residence for people with autism, located in a residential area, which offers its residents a lifestyle as similar as possible to that of a normal family life within the community. The home serves as a supportive, instructive familiar environment. Life there offers its members the opportunity for acquiring daily functioning skills. Activity at the Home gears members to function independently insofar as possible, and encourages each and every one of them to fulfill his/her basic needs: personal hygiene, tidying up the house, working in the kitchen, etc. An individual program is adapted for each individual, according to his or her age, needs, aptitudes in various art fields (drawing, music, etc.), and occupational therapy requirements. Residence in a Home for Life is organized in groups, similar in size to families, so each individual receives a personal care. Homes for Life are designed and built to serve its tenants for the rest of their lives. The residents welfare and dignity is given top priority. ALUT takes a holistic approach looking at the autistic person as a whole individual, with physical, emotional and intellectual needs. It is essential that the environment be clear and coherent to the residents, while at the same time providing them with interesting experiences to encourage their active participation in day-to-day life.

A New Home for Life in Modi'in

The young city of Modi'in has already more than two hundreds Children and adults with Autism. The city recognized the need and allocated a 1 acre property, in a residential neighborhood, for ALUT to establish a Home for Life. The Home, 1400 square meters, will be built on a ground overlooking a beautiful landscape, located in green surroundings. This special location will enable members some independence and an opportunity to integrate into the community. The Home for Life in Modi'in will accommodate between 24-27 autistic teenagers and adults with various degrees of functioning ability.

Design

A great deal of thought has been put into the design of the Home, based on the extensive experience ALUT has acquired over the 40 years of establishing and operating such Homes, 18 to date, all across Israel. Members will dwell in three wings, each housing 'a family' of 8-9 residents. Each wing will function as an entirely autonomous unit, containing a kitchen, dining room, living room, and individual bedrooms and bathrooms. Additionally, the Home will include a central area serving all three houses and acting as a link between them. This area will contain a few common services: an office, activity hall, treatment rooms and a gym. In addition, residential units will be built for the Home Manager and for volunteers.

How much will it cost?

Projected building cost: \$3,000,000.

Cost of equipment based on previous experience: \$72,000.

- With a single donation – you can help us make a dream come true!
- With one donation – an autistic child could be assured to have a home for life.
- A single donation from you – and the entire world of both the child and his family could improve dramatically.
- The children and families are counting on you!

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