

# GRATEFUL STORY OF MY FAMILY COMPETITION

## 「最感謝家人的事」大募集

### 公開組（高級） – 亞軍

### Open Category (Senior) – First Runner-Up

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#### **Being There to Love and Guide along the Way**

We have two endearing boys aged 6 and 2 respectively. Our elder son, Sebastian, was born to be special! He has a rare disease called Williams Syndrome and he has led us down a very unique path and bring us to a totally different world.

Sebastian was diagnosed with a heart condition when he was 4 months old which was traumatic enough for us. However, that was just the beginning of our journey, he was also suspected to have Williams Syndrome which has much more implications and the impact is lifelong. It was finally being confirmed after 10 months of wait. Sebastian has experienced developmental delay at early age and required physiotherapy, occupational therapy, speech therapy and more... We hope Sebastian can fully maximize the golden age of learning, so we searched for all possible options, looking for the right trainings for him during his 2 years of wait before he was admitted into Pak Tin Pre-school Centre, run by SAHK, a place catered for children with special needs.

A few months ago, Sebastian has been through his second open heart surgery. Watching Sebastian going through surgery is not only heartbreaking for us, it is also a test of our mental and physical strength. I still remember Sebastian's dad, Patrick, left the hospital every morning before 6 am and got ready to go to work. He would then returned to hospital around 9 pm bringing me dinner and take over the overnight shift staying with Sebastian, so that I could have a break and get a few hours of rest. It truly shows how much he loves and care about his family and touches my heart.

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We share the same value, principles and goals. We realize Sebastian's weaknesses and recognize his strengths and we are very much aligned on the direction of his education. Despite the ideas from different parties suggesting us to send Sebastian to a mainstream kindergarten, we feel that allowing him go to the Pre-school Centre as per the assessment result is a right decision. It helps Sebastian lay down a strong foundation and prepare him for the future challenges. We truly believe that special school will be a better fit for Sebastian and it will provide him with a nurturing environment to help unlock his full potential. Our common goal is to help Sebastian live a happy life and be able to contribute to the society in the future.

All the issues and experiences we have been through have made us not only a stronger person but a stronger family as a whole. I know that it is not an easy task for parents, especially dads, to accept the fact of their children having certain kind of special condition and requires a lot of commitment. I am very lucky to have a loving husband who is also a devoted dad for our boys.

I want to thank him for his understanding and his unconditional love for our boys!

I want to thank him for his trust and respect on all the decisions we made all along!

I want to thank him for his support and comfort on the good days and bad days!

I want to thank him for his positive attitude that enlighten me always!

"Thank YOU for keeping the family happy and most importantly...in HARMONY!"

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