Special Hope Network exists to bring glory to God by creating a world where all kids are valued. We impact communities by improving care for kids with intellectual disabilities. This starts by equipping families and caregivers to provide these children with a loving home, holistic health care, and exceptional education and therapies. Because we believe every child deserves access to these essentials, we open Community Care Centers where parents can learn and grow alongside their child!

In Zambia, accessibility to care for children with intellectual disabilities is very low, and in Lusaka, facilities and programs offering necessary therapies and education are few and far between. Kids who have disabilities are often left incredibly marginalized and vulnerable, and without a community of support, families are unsure how to care for their child.

Learn more at specialhopenetwork.org or find us on Facebook and Instagram!
Children and families are served at Special Hope Community Care Centers (CCCs) which are located in various compounds—overcrowded, impoverished communities—throughout the city of Lusaka, Zambia. Community Care Centers provide a safe space for families to be supported and encouraged, carry each other’s burdens, and celebrate each other’s victories. Special Hope educational staff teach families about their child’s specific disabilities, and provide disability-specific therapies to each child, including training on how to implement therapies at home. Special Hope social workers advise families on how to navigate the health care system, and secure necessary medications for their children.

The Gift of Sponsorship

Because of your partnership, more families in the Special Hope community are able to join Community Care Centers—learning and growing alongside their child. You are providing families with accessible and centralized medical and educational resources, and a community of support to empower them as they learn to meet their child’s needs at home. You are reminding parents that they are not alone, they are seen, and they are loved!

$50/mo = Families equipped to better care for their children

Your monthly donation allows families to receive the following support:

- Parent Training
- Child-Specific Education Goals
- Communication Support
- Motor and Mobility Exercises
- Academic Skills and Activities
- Nutrition Support & Information
- Feeding and Swallowing Guidance
- Health Guidance and Advocacy
- Regular Home Visits
- Medications
- CCC Transportation
- Food Packages
- Safe Space to Learn
- Community of Families
- Holistic Care

Your impact changes the lives of the families we serve, and we believe sponsorship will change yours as well!

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Resource Center Scholarships

The Special Hope Network Resource Center (RC) is an education center for children with intellectual and developmental disabilities. The learning center is for students whose families are able to invest in specialized education plans. Special Hope Network staff create individual plans for each student in attendance at the RC. These plans include set goals based on the specific abilities of each student. Plans are communicated to the caregivers, along with progress updates throughout the year.

There are four different programs to meet the needs of students:

- Autism program focusing on communication, independence, and academic readiness
- Functional skills program for children over 8 years old focusing on self-care, daily living, and practical academic skills
- Academic groups program providing extra attention and support to children as they practice reading, writing, and mathematics.
- Essential skills program for children with physical disabilities (in addition to intellectual disabilities), focusing on mobility, basic concepts, and communication

Your Role

Many children are in need of the specialized education that the Resource Center offers, but not all families can afford the Resource Center. Rather than leave these children without education that meets their specific needs, Special Hope Network has worked hard to offer reduced rates. Unfortunately, having too many students attend the RC at a reduced rate makes it difficult for Special Hope to retain qualified and passionate staff, as well provide students with high quality supplies and resources. The Special Hope Network scholarship program makes specialized education at the Resource Center accessible to more children in need!

$1,000 = A child in need attends SHN Resource Center for 1 school year!

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GivingTuesday is the Tuesday after Thanksgiving, and it’s a day that focuses on global generosity! GivingTuesday was created in 2012 as a simple idea: a day that encourages people to do good. Over the past several years, it has grown into a global movement that inspires hundreds of millions of people to give, collaborate, and celebrate generosity. Every act of generosity counts and everyone has something to give!

Special Hope Network (SHN) participates in GivingTuesday by asking donors and partners to spread the word about SHN. This can look like sending an email to a friend about what’s happening at SHN, posting on social media about why they invest in Special Hope children or families, or by sharing their favorite Special Hope post and picture. Many of our donors have hearts for children with disabilities and understand the great need to create supportive and inclusive communities for these vulnerable children.

GivingTuesday is also the perfect day to host a mini event to raise support for Special Hope Network. Ask your community to donate baked goods and host a bake sale where all proceeds go towards the care and wellness of the vulnerable children with disabilities in Zambia!

Your Role

Inspire others to spread hope by partnering with Special Hope Network on GivingTuesday! The Special Hope team will create content to be shared and used on GivingTuesday, but we need your help to make sure the content is shared, and as many individuals as possible are invited to join the movement. Help us inspire more partners to support Special Hope children and families.

Special Hope Network GivingTuesday
Generous hearts are touched + children's lives are forever changed!
Family Fun Event

Family fun events give families the opportunity to bond together and with other families, while supporting the families and children of Special Hope Network. These events have low operational costs, and require families to pay a small participation fee, which is donated directly to the work of Special Hope Network.

The below list includes a few examples of what a successful family fun event can look like. Have your own ideas? Share them with us!

- Family Game Night
- Family Movie Night
- Silent Auction
- Talent Show
- Bake Sale
- Trivia
- Field Day
- Family Picture Day
- Family Fun Run
- Used Book Sale
- Read-a-thon
- Group Fitness Class

Serving as Event Host

As a Special Hope Network Ambassador, we ask that you host these family fun events in partnership with our team. Our team will provide you with all operational resources, a donation portal, and material to spread the word about your event! If you’re ready to host an event, let us know, and together we’ll brainstorm the steps needed to get the event scheduled, planned, and ready to launch!

Family Fun Event = More children with disabilities reached!

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