



SPECIAL EDUCATION FUND

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A MOTHER'S STORY

"One of the challenges we faced was discovering that our son, 10 years old at that time, had a learning disability. Our school was not staffed to serve his needs or those of any other child with learning difficulties. We were seriously discussing having to return to the United States for his health and education needs after just one year of being in Austria. It was a very bleak time for us as we looked at the future.

But then Ms. Braun was able to quickly and capably get our son the specific help he needed. My son said to me many times, 'My teacher makes it possible for me to get through' or 'Without her I would never make it'. We went from our son's tears of frustration, anger and longing to go back to the United States to literally overnight his desire to stay in Austria, an acceptance and appreciation of school and marked academic improvement in all his subjects"



SPECIAL EDUCATION AT ICSV

The need for special education for international students in Vienna is ever increasing. ICSV's special education program, for instance, has grown seven times in only two years. Homeschooling is extremely difficult in Austria and other international schools in Vienna cannot offer a full special education program and, as a result, have to turn students away. As we want to see every child grow, it is our desire to be able to offer parents and students THAT ONE place where children can discover, learn and grow, whatever their needs might be. At present, without the needed expansion of our department and the acquisition of appropriate educational material, we have to turn 80% of these students away.



“I AM
FEARFULLY
&
WONDERFULLY
MADE”
PSALM 139

OUR FUNDING NEEDS:

Our biggest need is to hire trained and qualified staff.

3 Full-time Teacher Aides:	
Salary costs for a teacher aide per annum.....	€43,930
2 Special Needs Teachers:	
Salary costs for a special needs teacher.....	€48,212
A School Psychologist:	
Salary costs for a school psychologist.....	€50,000
Speech Language Pathologist:	
Salary costs for a speech language pathologist	€50,000
Occupational Therapist (outsourced)	
Physical Therapist (outsourced)	
Total Staffing Costs.....	€328,214
All our staff have to be fully employed and therefore fall under the taxation laws. Due to a near 50% level of taxation, staffing costs in Austria are very high.	



WHAT DIFFERENCE DOES OUR SPECIAL EDUCATION PROGRAM MAKE?

The special education program makes a huge difference to the families whose children require special support. Parents take comfort in knowing someone cares and believes their child can succeed. Parents who may have to go back to their home country if they cannot find appropriate educational support are relieved they can get the required help here. Students who were previously told they were unable to learn become more confident and overcome the stigma of not being good enough.

“Our Christian standards play a huge part in helping students feel valued. Students learn that they are not a mistake. They learn that they are unique, planned designed and loved. Psalm 139 says, ‘I am fearfully and wonderfully made’. God gave them gifts and talents no one else has.

He created them for a purpose. They learn that ‘God causes all things to work together for good to those who love Him’, Romans 8:28”.
- Nicole Braun, Special Needs Education Co-ordinator for ICSV.



WHAT DO WE PROVIDE?

- Students we can help:
- Students who are at least 2 years behind or under the 15th percentile of their peers in reading, writing, and/or math
 - Students with behavioral or social skills needs

- Assessments:
- Full psychological & educational assessments every three years
 - Individualized Educational Plans for students at least 2 years behind or under the 15th percentile of their peers
 - A team of the child's parents, teachers, administration, and psychologist to set goals for the child.

- Examples of extra support we give:
- Pull-out services to help students catch up with their peers
 - Help students with behavioral problems set short-term goals
 - Provide comprehension skills in the classroom
 - Study and time-management skills training
 - Writing workshops



PLANNED
DESIGNED
LOVED

Curriculum.....	€10,000
Reading Intervention Curriculum High Interest/Low Ability Level Library Reading Fluency Program Reading Comprehension Curriculum All general education classroom books on audio Math Intervention Curriculum Writing Intervention Curriculum Updated general education classroom Social Studies/Science curriculum that has an electronic version for the iPad and an audio version	
Assessment Tools per annum.....	€500
Woodcock Johnson Test of Achievement Woodcock Johnson Test of Cognitive Ability IQ Testing	
Electronics.....	€1,800
CD Players for classroom iPad for classroom	

Total Cost for set up & running the program for 1st year:

€340,514

Once set up, 150 000€ for the first 2 years would help cover running costs and allow us to offer this service to more families, finally making this program more sustainable and less dependent on external funds.