



Hadar Special Needs School

**MANY
OPPORTUNITIES
FOR SUPPORT**

\ Who you will help

The Hadar School was established in 2000 to provide a proper educational framework for children with special needs in the Gaza area. The school welcomes children with autism and other complex physical, emotional, intellectual and cognitive disabilities. Students learn core subjects and also receive specialized therapies (speech, physio, occupational and music/art therapy). Hadar's vision is that every child realizes their right to education in a way that suits their unique abilities and potential.

The school operates 5 days a week, including through emergency times and lockdowns. It currently serves 38 students with school, 3 meals a day and before - and after-school care. This is crucial to alleviate the burden on parents as primary

caregivers, meaning they can maintain a regular income, have a break, and/or support other family members' needs.

The waitlist for Hadar is long and continues to grow. There is an obvious urgent need to increase the school's capacity as well as amenities to provide much-needed services.

\ Location

Hadar School is in Sderot, 2km from the Gaza border.



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\ Your donation will fund

The proposed new school complex will accommodate 80 students. 10 classrooms will each have a smartboard, computers and tablets, relaxation area, and bathroom. Every 2 classrooms will share a small rocket-proof outdoor yard. The school will also expand its common areas with a larger greenhouse and garden, multi-sensory room, life skills apartment, VR room for sensory therapy, science and robotics room, library and bicycle track that runs around the school.

\ Life Skills Apartment

Managing one's home is a central part of living independently. This apartment - a living room, small kitchen, dining area, bathroom and shower, bedroom and laundry room - will allow students to learn cooking, cleaning, laundry, hygiene, food storage, and other house skills. This is a crucial step for students transitioning from school to independent life.

Total Project Cost: \$165,000

\ Kitchen

Since children with autism are picky eaters, Hadar has a team of professionals that help each child cope with their eating difficulties. This is extremely important for life as an independent adult and is a huge relief for parents who can then offer a wider range of meals to their family. All students also receive 3 meals a day, prepared in this kitchen.

Total Project Cost: \$385,000



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\ Classrooms

The proposed new school complex will nearly double the school's capacity, expanding to 10 classrooms divided into three wings. One for students ages 6-10, the second for students ages 11-14, the third for older students ages 15-21. The classrooms will be specifically designed for the needs of the students, including a smart-board, ergonomic tables and chairs, a separate room for one-on-one learning with a teacher's aid,

Dedication Opportunity for One Classroom: \$55,000 CAD

\ Robotics Lab

The robotics program at Hadar began four years ago, in cooperation with the local Science Center, and has discovered a number of students who are extremely talented at designing and building robots. The program develops technical skills that can help them with their professional development. The robotic lab will enable students with a moderate functioning autism to experiment with designing and building robots. Students will also host a robotics fair within the school (with their parents) and participate in the municipal robotics event. The robotics lab will provide robotics kits, computers, tables and tools specifically designed for the students.

Dedication Opportunity for Robotics Lab: \$71,500 CAD

