

Our accompanying CwDs just started and we are carrying out more meaningful activities to support CwDs in learning within and outside the classrooms.

We hope that, with our companion, caregivers and teachers are able to support their children in gaining more life skills and knowledge.





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The Story of

OUR BETTER ANGELS
PROJECT





## **ABOUT US**

Lawrence S. Ting Foundation (LSTF) was established in 2005 as a local non-profit organization in Vietnam



### **Project**

## **OUR BETTER ANGELS**

There are more than **670,000 children** with disabilities (CwDs) in Vietnam but unfortunately, public attention and support to them is far less than needed.

Our foundation, therefore, starts implementing this Our Better Angels project to pave a way for these children in accessing basic quality education.

These children with special needs gain an equal opportunity to unlock their potential and embark on their learning journey as many other kids are doing.

Let's continue to understand how we are supporting these CWDs and feel free to check our website to further understand our work.





#### **Teacher**

**TRAINING** 

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Teachers were trained to become certificated professionals in teaching children with Intellectual Disabilities or Autism.







These teachers spent **300 hours** to go through training contents including:

- Theories of children and CwDs' psychology
- Various practices on early interventions, how to improve social skills, motor skill, literacy, communications and others.



#### Ms. Dinh Thi Thu Phong

Teacher of Children with Intellectual Disabilities class – Grade 1 - Soc Trang Special School

In the course, the trainers always delivered the knowledge in combination with sharing personal experiences, and also provided a wide variety of materials (videos, images, documents, etc.) in a systematic structure to us. This is the first time ever my knowledge has been expanded with such useful information.

The methods of teaching and playing with children are very updated and interesting. Surely, my students will make more progress after I integrate these teaching

methods into my daily classes.











# **DIGITAL LIBRARY**

Established the 1st Digital library for CwDs in Vietnam with more than

700

supplementary learning materials available



This Digital Library is accessible anywhere for CwDs and their caregivers in Vietnam. CwDs are enhancing their life skills, cognitive abilities (colors, size, shapes, etc.) or reading picture books.

Meanwhile, through online demonstration of interactive activities, teachers can organize games for CwDs to have comprehensive development in physical, language, social-emotional, aesthetic aspects.

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#### Ms. Do Thi Thom

Teacher of Children with Intellectual Disabilities class – Grade 2 An Giang Special School

Due to their disability types' characteristics, students with developmental disabilities get distracted easily so we are applying the suggested activities for children in the Digital library to make the sessions more interesting and all of them are very excited, they always tell us "Teacher, your games are very funny", "when are we playing again, teacher?". I am very happy to hear that.

#### **Awareness**

## **RAISING**

Conducted assessments for

#### 436 students

with disabilities

The assessments aim at helping caregivers to understand the type and degree of disability of their children with hearing and developmental disabilities as well as to support teachers in better understanding and facilitating CwDs.

Medical doctors classified disability types and levels; and then pedagogy experts specializing in CwDs provided practical recommendations to both caregivers and teachers in understanding, accompanying and engaging CwDs.







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Ms. Tran Kieu Phuong Thu, 48 years old

Mother of student with Intellectual Disabilities - Grade 1 - Dong Thap school

After coming to the assessment, I felt very glad because my child was examined by a doctor and I was given detailed advice by teachers on how to educate and take care of my kid, and what his strengths are, etc. The knowledge that I received during the assessment day is really useful.

At home, I apply it in teaching my son and accompanying him, then he also knows how to help me with the housework. I'm

happy and grateful that the Lawrence

S. Ting Foundation and the school organized this assessment to help me better understand his status and level of disability, and how to teach him appropriately.

I think parents have to be patient and work harder with their children although it is difficult. I also hope that parents like me can accompany their children all the time.

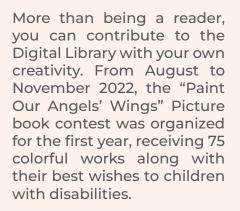
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#### **Contest**

## **PICTURE** BOOK

Join hands in building the Digital Library through "Paint Our Angels' Wings" Picture book Contest.







"Dreams and imaginative worlds, all children have, though languages different."

When these stories are "translated" into appropriate languages to "our better angels" then uploaded to the Digital Library, many wonderful and creative worlds will be also unlocked to them.







