

Dear Community,

At Side by Side, we've made it our purpose to uplift young people by offering comprehensive support through a wide range of programs and services tailored to their unique needs. Every day, we work alongside youth and their families, guiding them through life's challenges and offering hope for a brighter future.

One of our programs, The Irene M. Hunt School, is a K-12 school that provides specialized programs to ensure that each student receives the personalized care and education they need to grow academically, socially, and emotionally. The school is a haven where students build resilience, regain confidence, and rediscover their potential so that they may rejoin their peers in their community schools prepared to learn and succeed.

Allow me to share with you a little about Joshua, a first grader at our Irene M. Hunt School, shown below with his sister Roma, and fathers JD and Ken.



*“Joshua definitely learns differently and engages with the world differently than other kids. With the small classes and the therapeutic environment at The Irene M. Hunt School, his needs are met. We have seen as he has grown that his needs shift, and then the care shifts. Everybody at the school on Team Joshua is committed to him. We, in our hearts, feel we found for this season of Joshua's life, the best place for his individual learning needs to be met, and his development to be observed, nurtured, and supported.” - JD, Joshua's father*

***We can't do this vital work alone. We need your help.***

In addition to The Irene M. Hunt School, your generous support allows us to provide an array of award-winning programs to Bay Area youth including:

- **Individual and group therapy sessions and psychiatry services** to address mental health challenges
- **Specialized programs** designed to support LGBTQIA+ youth, their caregivers, and their teachers
- **Family support services** that foster healing and growth beyond the classroom
- **Housing and life skills services** for transitional age youth who are aging out of the foster care system or departing the juvenile justice system

Every dollar you contribute makes a tangible difference. With your help, we can expand our reach, enhance our programs, and ensure that no Bay Area youth is left without the care they need and deserve.

**Join us today in changing lives.** Jacqueline and David Spielberg, who have been dedicated supporters of Side by Side since 1997, have generously offered to **match any donations received between now and December 31, 2024, up to \$20,000.** Whether it's a one-time gift or a

recurring donation, your support will empower youth to overcome their struggles and build a stronger, healthier future.

***Together, we can continue to stand Side by Side with the young people who need us most.***

With gratitude,



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P.S. Visit [sidebysideyouth.org](https://sidebysideyouth.org) (or use this QR code) to learn more about all of our programs throughout the Bay Area and make your donation online today. Together, we can make a lasting impact.

