



abacus

achieving with autism

**gifts and
donations
wishlist**

ACHIEVING WITH AUTISM

Abacus Learning Centre opened in 2008 when a group of parents and supporters shared an inspired vision to open one of Australia's first centre-based early intervention services.

Since then, we have helped hundreds of families access life-changing one-to-one therapy for their children that seems a lot like play for our students, who love Abacus.

Our mission is to continue helping autistic children connect, communicate and learn by providing therapy in their pivotal early learning years, where brain development is at a rapid pace and opportunities for learning are vast.

The work we do not only impacts the student but it enables many families see a future of work and community participation that they couldn't imagine before. In fact, the majority of our students attend mainstream schools upon completion of our programs and need less supports across their lifetime.

A former Abacus parent and board member who recently retired after seven years of voluntary service said in his farewell message "there is an intangible magic that happens at Abacus, it's what sets them apart and always will. Abacus has changed my family's life in ways we could never entirely express."



GIFTS THAT KEEP GIVING

We have big dreams and great people who do their best to make them a reality. Abacus is the epitome of a for-purpose organisation that was built for the people, by the people. Abacus certainly wouldn't be where it is today, without the belief and contributions of our supporters.

Why does a registered NDIS provider need donations?

We understand that families pay a considerable amount to access our service and you would assume that the NDIS adequately covers the cost of providing centre-based therapy.

Unfortunately, our model, whilst representing best practice, is extremely high cost with almost 90% of our income going to wages. This is due to the 1:1 intensity of intervention, the number of clinical staff overseeing each child's customised program, our extensive in-house training programs as well as the physical space required for play-based therapy.

Where do donations go?

Abacus runs very efficiently with minimal support staff and we make sure every donation counts, in the last 12 months all gifts have been used to improve our facilities and provide therapy toys and equipment.

Are my donations tax deductible?

Abacus Learning Centre is a registered charity with DGR status (Deductible Gift Recipient) and gifts of \$2 and over are tax deductible.

A donated gift must be either money, property or financial assets like shares.

If you purchase property and within 12 months donate it to a deductible gift recipient (DGR), you may be able to claim a tax deduction.

Unfortunately, in-kind (non-monetary) donations of goods are generally unable to be claimed as a deduction.

It's also important to note that donated time (volunteering) is not tax-deductible, but if the volunteer purchased goods to help complete the job, those things would be tax-deductible (upon presentation of third party receipts). For example, if a volunteer offers to re-paint a nonprofit's facility, the time is not deductible, but the paint and other supplies are.



GOODS NEEDED



Outdoor Playground Equipment needed for our Discovery Centre (no higher than 200mm)



Shade Sails needed for our new playground and above our swing set at our Foundation Centre



Outdoor Patio Blinds need to be replaced at our Foundation Centre



Outdoor Plants needed for our garden areas



Commercial Grade Carpet Tiles (approx. 145 sqm) needed for our play areas and offices in our Foundation Centre



Laptops needed for our clinical team to continue their great work



SERVICES NEEDED



Roofing (approx. 102 sqm) needs to be replaced in a rusted section at our Foundation Centre



Cladding (approx. 74 sqm), guttering and worn downpipes need replacing at the front of our Foundation Centre



Our Foundation Centre verandah requires sanding and repainting



Many of our high traffic areas need plasterboard repairs and painting



Installation of screening around our toilet block and bin area at our Foundation Centre



Broken asphalt at our Discovery Centre needs to be repaired



HELP US REACH OUR GOALS

As a registered charity, Abacus relies on the generosity of others, whether this be donations or in-kind contributions. Every act of kindness has a ripple effect and supports our efforts to provide a better learning and working environment for our students and staff.

Donating gifts in-kind

Gifts in kind and pro-bono services play an important role in helping us to keep our centre operating. We are truly grateful for every organisation and person that supports us in this way.

We welcome donations of goods, services or volunteer work to support the projects on our wishlist.

If you think you might be able to help, we would love to hear from you!

Workplace giving

Workplace giving is a joint relationship between employers, employees and not-for-profits. Individuals contribute a portion of their pre-tax salary to not-for-profits and receive the tax benefit straight away. Employers often match employee contributions to help make an even bigger impact.

Get in touch with our team for more information about how your organisation could partner with Abacus to provide hope, joy and inclusion for autistic people.

Making a financial contribution

Abacus is proud to partner with Shout For Good powered by ANZ Bank.



Shout is a zero commission digital fundraising platform that is on a mission to change the way the world gives.

Your online donation can be made via the QR code above and will make a world of difference to autistic children.

Alternatively, donations can be sent via cheque or money order made payable to Abacus Learning Centre.

Mail to: PO Box 266 Hastings VIC 3915

Direct deposits can also be made to our Abacus Learning Centre fundraising account at Bendigo Bank.

BSB: 633 000 Account Number: 149880593

Please email contribute@abacuslearning.org.au with your details so we can send you a tax-deductible receipt.

A WORTHY CAUSE

When families find Abacus they often feel lost and in need of our help. They are always relieved to find someone who listens, often describing their first meeting with Abacus as a warm hug. We work hard to build a dedicated team to support each child. This includes our clinical team of Early Childhood Educators and Therapists who are overseen by an amazing senior clinical leadership group, including a registered BCBA practitioner.

We regularly have students start with us who aren't able to speak, but they leave Abacus happy, talking and enjoying life. Our team are hopeful of being able to continue growing our service to help many more families.

Contact us today to learn more about how we can all make a difference in a child's life. Together, we'll pave the way for a future filled with promise and achievement.

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