



## Autism In Mind Children's Charity

Autism In Mind Children's Charity (AIM) was founded in 2011 by Suki Choi who wanted to give children with autism an equal opportunity in life. It started with just one child. When Suki first started her daycare business in Markham, she was approached by a mother who had 3 children with autism, two of them very severe, and was on the government waitlist for autism therapy for 4 years. Moved by their situation, Suki organized a fundraiser. The response from the community and the daycare parents was so generous, Suki knew they could do even more.

Suki and a team of volunteers began fundraising on behalf of other local families, to help their children access professional therapy. They also began organizing free Social Saturdays for children with autism. The momentum of these small acts of kindness gathered. Within just a few years, AIM became a Canadian registered charity and one of Markham's leading service providers for children with autism.

Autism in Mind Children's Charity (AIM) is a registered Canadian charity focused on offering best-in-class professional services to families regardless of financial ability. We focus on creating partnerships within the community to increase awareness and build support by encouraging our community to accept children of all abilities. We strive to walk in shoes of the people we serve and those with whom we work.

Our programs are designed and managed by certified professionals, supported by volunteers/students, and funded by generous corporate and private donors. Our goal is to bring communities together by providing a wealth of services to children, youth, and families built upon acceptance, compassion, dedication, community, and opportunity. We ensure to create a safe and enriched space for children and youth of various neurodevelopmental, behavioural, and emotional abilities. AIM also supports families through parent coaching, workshops, and behaviour consultation services to promote growth without boundaries. Our services include ABA/IBI, OT, SLP, social skills programs, school readiness, executive functioning groups, emotional regulation groups, psychological assessment, and counselling services. AIM takes pride in a multidisciplinary approach to intervention to ensure holistic care.



Our **CARE** (Community Autism Resource Education) program embodies our values of **acceptance, community, compassion, dedication, and opportunity** by offering **free community services and programs** such as free social groups, parent/staff training, free SLP/OT assessment, psychoeducational/diagnostic assessment.

**C** - **Collaborate** with community partners and offers tools and programs to better serve children with ASD



**A** - **Allow** an equal opportunity for children with ASD

**R** - **Resources** provided by AIM for quality ASD services



**E** - **Education** for families, teachers and support staff

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