# **Touching Lives**

Life dealt a hard blow on Adam and Annabel when they lost their mother to an illness at the age of 5 and 11. Once a family filled with joy and laughter, the siblings were left shattered and had to fend for themselves as their father was diagnosed with depression and left the home after the loss of his beloved wife.

For about a year, Annabel had to support both Adam and herself solely by her own means and survived on the occasional allowance that their father brought home. When Annabel did not receive enough allowance, the siblings had to ration the remaining food left and borrowed money from friends. At times, they went hungry without food.

A teacher from Annabel's school discovered the siblings' plight and took them in. When their case was brought to the attention of the authorities, a home visit was arranged and social workers found their home environment in disarray. Adam and Annabel were then referred to Gracehaven to receive care, guidance and support.

Over the years, Adam and Annabel have settled comfortably in Gracehaven. The Home will continue to nurture and help them lay a strong foundation of life values and skills for their future.



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Gracehaven is a residential home for children and youths who require care, protection and rehabilitation due to risk behaviours and a lack of parental supervision, mostly referred by the Ministry of Social and Family Development.

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Gracehaven places strong emphasis on aftercare for the children and youths upon their discharge. We provide ongoing support to the young people and their families in the transition period after discharge, and connect them to services within the community to provide continued support.

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