## CSH Support Corner – Parent & Caregiver Blog November 2022



## Enjoy socializing with friends...

Parenting a child diagnosed with autism, is not only a tough, but also a long journey. We have faced a lot of challenges and fears in every stage we go through with our child Geuel, diagnosed with autism at the age of 4 years old. Currently he is 7 years old and one of these challenges has been to help him to develop social skills, which allows him to share with other kids and adults instead of being isolated. As a parent, we would like him to be able to play with other kids, especially kids of his age.

On the second Sunday of the month of October of the current year we went to a fun place to celebrate our second child's birthday. In the place where other kids were in attendance, we suddenly observed Geuel was playing with them and interacting in each game; he was not playing alone as he used to. He also did not show the noise of the place bothered him as used to happen in other occasions in places like this. We recognize this is a result of lot of effort, persistence, patience and love provided by family, Children's Specialized Hospital and school through all the services provided to our child with the sole purpose to help him in all he needs to develop his cognitive, social skills, and so forth.

It is a blessing to be parent of a wonderful child. It is amazing to see how nervous we was about this transition and how confident our loved prince was during the entire birthday party. He shows patience, listening and follows directions, eating pizza and drinking juice with all the children around the table. We felt so happy to see how every step we have taken on behalf of our little one has contributed to his huge progress. We congratulated him at the end of the party, "Good Job, Geuel! You behaved so well and shared with your friends during the entire party."

More is yet to come!

## **Resource:**

Social Skills for the Child with Learning and Attention Issues





