



# REBEL TURNED ROLE MODEL

When John\* was 12 years old, life looked bleak. While his peers were focused on their PSLE preparations, he skipped two months of school due to difficulties at home.

His mother was suffering from a severe mental condition. His father was largely absent from his life. His friends couldn't relate to the issues he faced at home.

Things began to change after John was referred to Sunbeam Place, a residential home and place of safety for children.

Thanks to support from social workers there, John began to open up to others and turn his life around.

Now 21, John recently graduated from polytechnic. He's paying it forward, offering younger residents at Sunbeam Place a listening ear, so they know they're not alone.

The **OCBC-TODAY Children's Fund** focuses on the emotional needs of children from distressed homes. Donations go towards the Singapore Children's Society and its beneficiaries. It supports the cost of counselling and therapy to build up the children's self-esteem and empower them to strive towards a better future.

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\*John's name has been changed to protect his identity



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