

Dear Friends of the Association,

The Association of Friends of People with Autism "Nie z Tej Bajki" (literally "In another story world", referring to a commonly used Polish saying) is a group of parents of adolescent teenagers with autism. We are determined to fight for a decent future, with dignity and independence, for our children. This is why we took the important and unprecedented step of opening the Non-Public Special School for Work Adaptation "Nie z Tej Bajki". (This format of non-government owned school is enshrined in Polish law and the terminology is "Niepublicznej Szkoły Specjalnej Przysposabiającej do Pracy", for those who are interested in how these things are done, and we have happy to share our experience with other groups of parents in other parts of Poland who want to produce something similar for their teenagers with autism - in most cities the lack of provision is a matter of great concern.

As you will know, people with autism spectrum disorders perceive the world and think differently from so-called neurotypical people. They have large deficits in communication and social interaction. Most people with autism also experience hypersensitivity to external stimuli. All this can provoke difficult, unacceptable behaviors resulting from their misunderstanding of the world and not aggression per se. Unfortunately, this largely translates into social exclusion of this group. This is a very important reason why we have created a place that provides our students with the conditions to learn in a friendly and safe environment.

Our School is an intimate place, learning takes place in small groups under the supervision of experienced teachers and therapists, we provide everyone with due comfort and a sense of security. We have already managed to open a School and a Specialist Facility. Now the next step that lies before us is to set up a special training apartment. This will be a place that will teach our children independence, real life and allow them to enter adulthood. The idea is to mimic a standard dwelling space and teach skills necessary to exercise in order to enjoy a safe and independence home life. We decided to rent an apartment, and received a suitable offer right next to the School, so it will be an annexe to the school. However, adapting this for the needs of our students requires a large financial contribution.

Despite many difficulties, the school has already started its activity since September 2019. The main task for the school year starting September 2021 is a new apartment.

At the moment, the following works and purchases are a matter of urgency:

1. Renovation works - (replacement of old electrical installation, installation of sanitary facilities, renovation of walls with painting, renovation of floors, replacement of windows)

2. Purchase of kitchen furniture for apprenticeships.
3. Interior equipment(tables, chairs, bed racks, lighting.
4. Adaptation of the facility to the provisions of the PPO and Health and Safety

If you wish to support our initiative, we would appreciate your donations to:

BENEFICIARY - [Stowarzyszenie Przyjaciół Osób z Autyzmem „Nie z tej bajki”](#)
BANK - BOŚ S.A. ul. Żelazna 32, 00-832 Warsaw,
IBAN ACCOUNT - [PL55 1540 1287 2032 8050 7214 0002](#)
BIC/SWIFT CODE – [EBOSPLPWXXX](#)

Gifts of items usable in this project, or of volunteering to help with building and adaptation works, are also highly valuable.

On the next page you can see how the apartment looks right now.

We are most grateful for all participation in our Project, large or small.

Yours faithfully,

Kalina Zajączkowska

Chair of the Association

Magdalena Gawrysiuk

Director of the School



