

The Importance of Raising Awareness

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Growing up, I absolutely adored reading newspapers. The feeling of holding a large paper intrigued me even more to read it. One Thursday, while reading a newspaper, I came across an article stating that someone from our town was diagnosed with dyslexia. This news spread like wildfire, as people weren't sure whether it was true or just a false alarm. Unfortunately, at that time, we barely had the resources to prove otherwise. As a result, this issue was brushed off, just like that!

After a few years, technology advanced greatly, and more health issues began to be treated. People were finally getting the help they needed. There used to be doubts about the existence of the dyslexia. In truth, scientists and doctors found that it's a reading disorder that can develop in people at any time, often following a certain type of injury. It came as a huge shock to the town. To own up, the government funded programmes and treatments to help those affected.

As the years went by, dyslexia became more widely recognised, and people with dyslexia received treatment. However, I noticed that the cost of treatment for dyslexia is very high. It seems there is no affordable way for low-income individuals to improve or even show progress with their condition. At that moment, I thought people should be considerate and wise enough to help those in need. An idea then came to me: rather than being a bystander, we can contribute and help.

Firstly, I started by posting facts about the condition on social media. Afterwards, I began passing out flyers and holding public talks every week. With the great support of my friends and family, thousands of people became aware and even contacted investors to fund my 'school' dedicated to helping people with dyslexia. Although we faced many rejections, in the end, we received an offer!

Currently, we are guiding students with dyslexia day by day. Without the encouragement and contributions of the community, none of this would have been possible. Numerous families have shown us gratitude and love through cards and gifts. If I can do it, why not give it a try? Being diagnosed with a learning disability is terrifying. But if we work together, everything becomes possible. I am beyond thankful for such a responsive community, and I'm more than grateful to contribute to helping people lead better lives. I believe we should expect nothing, but appreciate everything.