

## **Family Council**

“Family: A Hub to Cheer You Up” Family Education Videos – Rise to the Challenge

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Eli : As you can see,  
my skin is rather pale  
as I suffer from albinism  
Mine is congenital

## **Challenges presented by albinism**

Eli : My eyes jerk uncontrollably  
That’s why I have roughly 1/10 of normal vision  
Also, my skin suffers  
My skin is rather pale  
so I get sunburnt easily  
There’re many inconveniences,  
say, pressing lift buttons.  
If I don’t get close to the buttons  
I can’t see the floor numbers  
Another thing is that university doesn’t have fixed seating  
My friend may have taken a certain seat  
but I won’t be able to find him  
since I can’t see clearly  
so much so that when I work in the future  
dealing with many colleagues  
will be a challenge in itself  
I currently have an internship  
with an investment bank  
There’re lots of Excel spreadsheets and figures to process  
It’s tough on the eyes for me  
The company was very nice  
for granting my application for two larger monitors  
I’m still looking for ways to turn this tight spot around

## **Family standing by me**

Eli : I studied in a mainstream kindergarten  
then in Ebenezer School & Home for

the Visually Impaired from primary one  
I returned to a mainstream secondary school in secondary two  
My family never forced me to study  
but they had expectations for me  
They care for me a lot  
Prior to the DSE  
they prepared me for my poor performance in  
any subject as the case may be  
They won't plainly say "I love you"  
but they'll show support by doing other things  
say, making me some tasty dishes  
and applying for special exam arrangements for me  
These mattered much more to me  
When it came to picking a university  
I appreciated their respect for my choice  
letting me choose freely

### **Parents' teaching and guidance**

Eli : Even for internships that I didn't fully meet the qualification criteria  
I would be thick-skinned enough to make an application  
That's how I landed this internship in the end  
Every internship is a heart's journey to me  
through which I've learnt about striving for what I want  
When I was a kid  
I was taught this by my parents  
But I only came to truly realise it  
when I was looking for a job

### **Relationship with elder brother**

Eli : We're quite close  
Even now, we do get together for a meal or a chat  
and watch movies at weekends  
Once when we were little, the whole family went to  
see the Christmas decorative lights in Central  
My family noticed how the photos I took were all out of focus  
So, they said, "Eli, take a break and

let your brother take care of the camera”  
I was studying at the Ebenezer School at the time  
The School happened to have a photography class  
and I immediately enrolled in it  
Later, I told my family that  
I was now a professional photographer  
They let me be the photographer during our following trip  
Even though the photos were still out of focus  
they gave me the chance to shoot first  
My elder brother would follow up with extra shots  
It was a memorable experience

### **Thanks for the people having kept me company**

Eli : I really want to say thank you to my family  
I’ve been quite a mischievous person since I was small  
giving my family a lot of trouble  
When I was a kid  
I would grab products from shelves for checking out one by one  
bringing about awkward scenes  
and also people’s judging looks for my family to face  
They would feel distressed  
Also, I want to thank my teachers and schoolmates  
because I need their help all the time  
for things like jotting notes and locating classrooms  
Small things like these taken together  
they end up becoming a heavy workload  
That’s why I really want to thank them