

## **The Journey of Maira and Her Family: Finding a Place to Grow in Joglo**

Maira is 5.2 years old. She is the second of two children. Her older brother, a boy, is currently in grade 1 of junior high school. Her mother works as a day laborer in a peanut factory in Pati, while her father previously worked as a construction worker.

Maira's birth went well. At the age of 1, Maira started to show good language development, with many words being spoken. However, after turning 2 years old, there was a significant change. She began to lose her speech and refused to communicate verbally. At 2.5 years old, Maira's parents decided to take her to the doctor to have her condition checked.

In the midst of accompanying Maira, her mother had a pregnancy that ended in a miscarriage at the age of 3 months. After the recovery period, both parents went back to work to fulfill the family's needs, including the cost of Maira's check-ups which were not fully covered by insurance. To make ends meet, they even had to borrow funds from various sources.

The year 2023 was a difficult time for Maira's family. Her father had a work accident that broke his leg, leaving him unable to work. Economic hardship and high emotional stress led to arguments in the family. Finally, both parents decided to divorce.

Currently, Maira lives with her brother and mama at her maternal grandparents' house. Meanwhile, her father migrated to Papua (4,800 km / 3,000 miles) and has not provided any news to date. Despite being a single parent, her mother is still eager to support her children. She tries her best to ensure that Maira can undergo regular therapy at the *Keluarga Sehat* or Family Health Hospital and also alternative therapy in the form of massage.

However, with limited economic conditions, her mother finds it very difficult to finance Maira's therapy and care needs. She really hopes for support from various parties so that Maira can continue to get the treatment needed for her growth and development.