



October is Autism Awareness Month in Canada
Celebrate it every day!

New Process

A letter was sent to families in August to inform everyone of some changes. The fee for Saturday respite and camp is \$30 with advance payment required by the 25th prior to your next scheduled month. Please continue to let us know in advance should your child not be able to attend a session to provide waitlist families an opportunity to participate. Thank you for your understanding and continued support of our programs. If you have any questions regarding the changes please contact your program supervisor.

Our Team Has Grown

Please join us in welcoming Catherine and Samantha to our team. You may have seen them around as both were volunteers. Tracey has returned to support client services and the development of our programs. We have two awesome placement students Kajintha and Rushana providing direct client care and operational support.



Saturday Respite Programs

Our Pickering location has limited spots available - please let others know who would be interested. Register on our

website under 'programs' page.

Our partner facilities have events on Saturdays so respite session will be closed on the following dates:

- Whitby location: October 29th
- Pickering location: November 26th

Together We Hang (TWH) Youth Social Program

We are hard at work reviewing the model to enhance the experience and value of the program to youth. While the program is on hold, Daniela will be supporting our Saturday respite programs.

Camp Great Strides

We had a successful summer camp in July and August. Our Christmas camp is scheduled for December 28, 29, 30 and January 3, 4, 5, 6 – for a total of 7 days. Camp will be held at St. Mark's United Church in Whitby with registration opening November 7th. Camps fill up fast so please sign-up as soon as possible once registration opens.



Volunteer Program

We are grateful for the passionate support that our volunteers provide. Our Bursary program is open to our volunteer Buddies

– please check Better Impact for more information on how to apply.

As a volunteer-led non-profit charity, we welcome passionate individuals that want to make a positive impact in their community. The following volunteer positions are open:

- Child/youth buddy: Training provided; supports direct client service; participates in projects/committees; and, opportunity to apply for our annual bursary.
- Steering Committee member: Governance support; commitment to attend one meeting per month; and, opportunity to participate on sub-committees.
- Bingo volunteer: Delta Bingo generously funds many aspects of our programs. Volunteers must be a minimum of 18 years of age; training provided; and, provide 2 hours at Delta Bingo in Pickering to welcome guests.

Please go to our website for more information and how to apply.



Happy Halloween to all our trick or treaters!

We will have some fun activities and games. There will also be snacks so please let your supervisor know of any allergies. Have fun and be safe!

Fundraising

We held our first ever Annual Garage Sale at Dunbarton-Fairport United Church in July. Thank you to everyone for supporting our fundraiser. Congratulations to the winners of:

- Home Depot BBQ Cooler Pack with Gift Card: Carly D.
- Aldo Purse: Jessica S.

Have ideas for fundraising? Want to get involved? Contact ourteam@footprints4autism.org to join us!



Let Us Know How We're Doing

We will be sending out surveys in November to get your input on how are programs are doing and how we can do better. Your input matters to make our programs better. Please watch out for it next month.

Connect with Us

Saturday respite: respites@footprints4autism.org
 Together We Hang: twh@footprints4autism.org
 Camp Great Strides: camp@footprints4autism.org
 Volunteer program: volunteer@footprints4autism.org
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