

2023 Annual Report

2023 came with some exciting changes within our organization. As we look back, there were so many amazing milestones to celebrate. A few highlights include:

- More support added to our operation team
- Both our summer and winter camp were full
- Saturday respite fully subscribed
- Volunteer participation increase post pandemic
- Participated in #givingtuesday
- Increase in placement students from various institutions



Operations Team Members



Our youth program **Together we Hang** reopened in October 2023. The program incorporates various activities and life skills. Renee has made program plans that align with our mission to be inclusive to youth who have been diagnosed with autism but also stress the importance of incorporating life skills that they can use in their daily life.

FOOTPRINTS Steering Committee is pleased to be part of such an exciting period of growth. The impact on the children and youth that attend our programs regularly is allowing them to have fun and participate fully in life experiences and on their own terms. Our specially trained support counselors and volunteers learn about Autism and that each individual is unique with special qualities to allow them to aspire to do and be what they want to be. Our committee members have found it is very easy to become Passionate while working for these kids. We were fortunate to welcome 2 new members this year: Paul Bobier, Fund Development, and Shelley Phillips with Social Media. Unfortunately, Sandy Mackenzie after 14 years is leaving the committee but will be supporting us in other ways.



We are looking for community members who are passionate about helping and get involved in the governance of our organization. If you're interested, please send an email to Sandra@footprints4autism.org

| Steering Committee members | Operation Leadership Team | |
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2023 Educational Bursary winner

Congratulations to Autumn Hosein for receiving our 2023 Educational Bursary Award

“I would like to say a big thank you to FOOTPRINTS 4 Autism! Volunteering with this organization has been a transformative experience. It has taught me how to engage with children with ASD in a manner that fun, safe and enriching. The connections I have made with the children has not only enhanced my own life experiences, but has equipped me with unique insights that will carry into my journey and career as an aspiring teacher. Thank you, FOOTPRINTS, for being an instrumental part of my growth and success.”



We want to take the opportunity to thank you, our various donors, partners, volunteers and supporters, that have contributed in numerous ways towards our program.

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“My son looks forward to attending FOOTPRINTS every week. He has been attending the session a young age and still looks forward to going. Greatly appreciate the work that you guys do!” – Parent