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January 18, 2012 – Tomorrow's Voices hosted their first workshop of 2012 with **"Teaching Adaptive Behaviours To Youth With Disabilities"**. This workshop provided attendees information on adaptive behaviours involved in everyday life. It included feeding, eating, toileting, self care, personal and community safety and other skills people need to function in our communities. This workshop hosted parents, teachers and allied health professional.

February 14, 2012 - **The Kardias Club held a Valentine's Day fundraiser.** The event was a success with over 150 in attendance with \$8,384 in donations raised to assist with our centre's operating costs. The event also helped us to further promote autism awareness.



February 15, 2012 – Tomorrow's Voices hosted the workshop **"The Latest Research into the Causes of Autism and Research Based Best Practices for Autism Treatment"**. Participants of this workshop gained an in-depth understanding of the medical, genetic and environmental causes for autism and got the latest scientific research of effective treatments. This workshop hosted parents, teachers and allied health professional.

February 26, 2012 - Tomorrow's Voices participated in the **Centre on Philanthropy's Walk the Walk.** Participating gave an opportunity for the public to learn about autism and we also raised \$700 for Tomorrow's Voices programmes.

March 21, 2012 – Tomorrow's Voices hosted the workshop **"Effective Treatments for Youth with Aggressive, Disruptive and Self Injurious Behaviours"**. Participants learned how to physically manage kids with dangerous behaviours in order to keep you, themselves and others safe? Participants viewed crisis prevention techniques, and left with a bag of tools to help create a safer learning environment for you their students.



March 27 – 29, 2012 – **Staff Overseas Training in Non-violent Crisis Prevention Intervention** – Tomorrow's Voices sent Assistant VB Therapist, Omar Dill to Orlando, Florida for training to become a Certified Instructor in Non-violent Crisis Prevention Intervention. The program is considered the worldwide standard for crisis prevention and intervention training. With a core philosophy of providing for the care, welfare, safety, and security of everyone involved in a crisis situation, the program's proven strategies give human service providers and educators the skills to safely and effectively respond to anxious, hostile, or violent behaviour while balancing the responsibilities of care. Mr. Dill passed all exams pertaining to the Instructor Certification and is now able to train all of the Tomorrow's Voices staff, parents and volunteers in Non-violent Crisis Prevention Intervention strategies.

March 29, 2012 – **Tomorrow's Voices Royal Gazette Special Feature** – For the fourth year in a row the Royal Gazette featured our services, staff and accomplishments in the field of autism and developmental disabilities. The three-page spread further highlighted how Tomorrow's Voices' services are making a much needed impact in the Bermuda community.




March 31, 2012 – **Argus Health Expo 2012** – Tomorrow's Voices hosted a booth at the Argus Health Expo to highlight our services, staff, volunteer opportunities, training workshops and summer program. Throughout the day hundreds of attendees visited our booth to ask questions and learn how we impact those with autism and developmental disabilities. Those who visited our booth left with a wealth of knowledge as well as an autism awareness bracelet as a keepsake.

April 1, 2012 – **Launch of New Tomorrow's Voices Website - www.tomorrowsvoices.bm** - Hip! Fun! More Interactive! Long in the making we launched our new website highlighting pages dedicated to our staff, Board of Directors, services, events, photographs, video footage, ongoing training opportunities, etc. Join us in celebrating our new website to keep the public informed about our Centre and our services to the community!



April 1 to April 30, 2012 – **"Eat! Shop! Give!" 2012 Fundraiser** – During the entire month of April the community were able to take advantage of fantastic discounts & promotions from over 50 participating merchants when they donated \$10 for their Eat Shop Give card 2012. This fundraiser, now in its third year, saw donations made for over 775 card allowing Tomorrow's Voices to raise approximately \$8,000 in funds to assist us in continuing our programmes and services.



April 1 to April 30, 2012 – “Giant Autism Puzzle Pieces” Window Display – Over 15 participating merchants island-wide decorated their shop fronts with our giant puzzle pieces in support of Autism Awareness month this year. This added exposure of the puzzle pieces provided the community with facts on Autism and in doing so created another venue for Autism Awareness.

April 2, 2012 – “The Ladies Room” with Nikita - HOTT 1075 @ 11am – Nikita, the popular radio host of Hott 1075’s “The Ladies Room” adopted Tomorrow’s Voices as her charity for the month of April. During that month Nikita hosted Director, Dr. Kimberly Mills as well as Co-founder and Board Chair, Thea Furbert. During April radio listeners were able to find out about the services of Tomorrow’s Voices, facts about Autism, as well as all of the wonderful events Tomorrow’s Voices hosted during the month of April to celebrate Autism Awareness Month.



April 18, 2012 – Tomorrow’s Voices hosted the workshop “**Practical Application of Verbal Behaviour Techniques**”. Last year Tomorrow’s Voices exposed attendees to the philosophies surrounding B.F. Skinner’s Analysis of Verbal Behaviour (VB) and attendees had the opportunity to practice with implementing those techniques in natural environments. April’s workshop reintroduced VB topics, and helped attendees reinforce the skills they learned last year by allowing them to practice using these skill in practical ways that applied to their specific classroom or instructional setting.



April 28, 2012 – Nature Trail Clean Up for Autism Awareness Month – The Tomorrow’s Voices Saturday Social Skills Group hosted a Nature Trail Clean Up on the nature trail between Sommersal Road and Cleveland County Field in celebration of Autism Awareness month and as a way of giving back to the Smith’s community. The days saw over 40 volunteers including Nikita Robinson and her family. Tomorrow’s Voices partnered with Keep Bermuda Beautiful in the cleanup. Come join in as our special needs kids and their typically developing peers participate in their Saturday Social Skills Group while also giving back to the Bermuda community.

April 28, 2012 – “Get Puzzled” Scavenger Hunt Fundraiser - The Day After Tomorrow (DATs) group of “young” supporters hosted the First Annual “Get Puzzled” Scavenger Hunt through out the City of Hamilton to raise funds for Tomorrow’s Voices. The hunt saw up to 15 teams of 4 participate and was a great success. The DATs were able to raise \$700 from this great fundraiser.



April 30, 2012 – Autism Awareness Month End @ East Broadway – Tomorrow’s Voices staff, volunteers, board members and supporters celebrated the end of Autism Awareness month by displaying puzzles and large signs about Autism Awareness on East Broadway.

May 1, 2012 – Tomorrow’s Voices Moves into Hamilton – After a year of searching for properties that would be more central and be able to facilitate the day-to-day services of the centre better, the Board approved to partner with The Sunshine League and as a result, we currently share space in their building located on King Street.

May 8, 2012 – Bermuda College Training - “**An Overview of High Incidence Disabilities**” – Dr. Kimberly Mills, Director of Tomorrow’s Voices conducted a 2 hour workshop for the faculty of Bermuda College to assist them in facilitating current and future students attending the College that may have disabilities.

May 16, 2012 – Tomorrow’s Voices hosted the workshop “**Assistive Technology in Educational Settings**”. Attendees of this workshop were able to explore the world of assistive technology and the benefit of assistive technological devices in the classroom, home and community environments. Participants received a broad overview of the various different types of assistive technology devices, software’s and tools and saw examples of the devices being used in natural environments.

June 1, 2012 – Tomorrow’s Voices Charity Happy Hour @ Ferrari Bar – In partnership with the Ferrari Bar, TV hosted a Charity Happy Hour to raise funds for the Centre. The event saw over 70 attendees stop by the Bar to have cocktails and to purchase raffles. During the event 10 great prizes donated by local stores and restaurants were raffled off to lucky winners.



August 17, 2012 – Tomorrow’s Voices Magic Mike Fundraiser – Tomorrow’s Voices held another successful fundraiser with the premier showing of Magic Mike at the Speciality Cinema. Over 150 ladies came out to sip cocktails, win raffles and premier the sure to excite movie. Attendees raved about enjoying the event and can’t wait to participate at our next fundraising event.



August 2012 – Tomorrow’s Voices Van on the Road – The van so graciously donated by Bermuda Cancer and Health was transfer tested and now is useable by TV to transfer staff and materials to all the events and training TV conducts throughout the year.



September 5 & 6, 2012 – Carbone Clinic Conducts In-House Consultation and Training – Tomorrow’s Voices overseas consultant, Ms Marietta Janecky, BCAB

conducted two days of staff training, program evaluations and client reviews. The two day consultation provided the TV team with the ability to move forward and provide top rate services to our clients and the community.



September 29, 2012 – Tomorrow’s Voices 2nd Annual “Bounce For Autism” Fun Day – TV hosted their 2nd Annual “Bounce For Autism” Fun Day at the Southampton Ranges Sports Club again this year. Over 250 children and their parents attended the event which featured Minister of Health, Zane DeSilva, the The PHC Majorettes, water slides, bouncy castles and a number of other bouncy activities. The day turned out to be entertaining for the entire family.

October 13, 2012 – Anything Is Possible event with speakers Mr. Sean Barron and Ms. Barbara Protopapa – A couple who consider themselves recovered from Autism. Attendees heard the couple share their compelling and inspiring stories of navigating through childhood, adolescence and their teenage years with Autism to become adults “healed” from autism because it no longer adversely affects their day to day lives. The event was a great inspiratuion for families affected by this disorder.

October 22, 2012 – Tomorrow’s Voices 5th Anniversary – TV Celebrated 5 years of providing services to Bermuda’s children, educators, parents, health professionals and community.

November 23, 2012 – Centre on Philanthropy “Community Day” – As a part of the Centre on Philanthropy’s Community Day TV hosted 8 staff from Deloitte & Touche Ltd who volunteered their day to paint our outside playhouse, and indoor walls. The staff were treated to a tour of the Centre and a small introduction on how Tomorrow’s Voices assists the community through autism intervention

December 4, 2012 – Catlin Charity Christmas Tree Event – In early December Tomorrow’s Voices participated in the Catlin Charity Christmas Tree event. Board members, staff and volunteers pulled together to create decorations and decorate a TV Christmas tree that would be memorable to the Bermuda community. Although the Tomorrow’s Voices tree didn’t win the event we did receive numerous compliments on the decorations and glittery autism puzzle pieces. We were also very please to receive a \$500 donation from Catlin for participating in the event.

