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BERMUDA AUTISM EARLY INTERVENTION CENTRE

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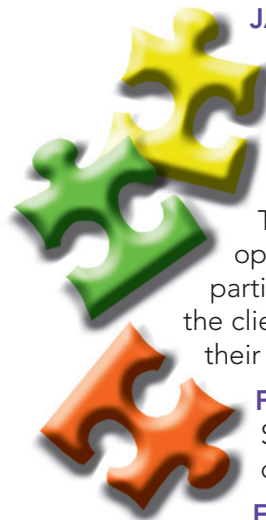
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JAN 10&24; FEB 14&28; MAR 14&28; APRIL 11&25; MAY 9; JUNE 13&27; SEPT 12&26; OCT 10& 24, NOV 14&28; DEC 12, 2015 – Saturday Social Skills

- We have held 18 Social Skills groups since the start of the year on the 2nd and 4th Saturday of each month. The Social Skills group which runs from 9am to 1pm on Saturdays has hosted a number of children with autism and developmental disabilities as well as students without disabilities. The Social Skills group provides those with developmental disabilities the opportunity to work on social skills, functional skills and language skills while participating in outings with their typical peers. This group also gives parents of the clients respite time to facilitate things they may have to do, while knowing that their children are being supervised by skilled staff and volunteers.



FEBRUARY 5TH, 2015 – Tomorrow's Voices meet with Ministry of Education Officials – Senior Staff and TV Board Chair met with the Ministry of Education to discuss partnership and cross-agency collaboration.

FEBRUARY 7TH, 2015 – Tomorrow's Voices Presentation to the Mirror's Programme. Senior Staff presented an overview of our services to the Mirrors Programme. The presentation provided a breakdown of our In-house programme, Social Skills programme and Consultation services. From the presentation, the Mirror's Programme chose Tomorrow's Voices to be their Charity for the year.

FEBRUARY 17TH, 2015 – Tomorrow's Voices Parent Support Group. The parent support group provided 8 families with information on strategies to assist them in working with their children on the spectrum. Parents took away a number of strategies they could use in the home environment as well as heard stories from experienced parents on how they can advocate for their children in learning environments.

FEBRUARY 19TH, 2015 – Tomorrow's Voices attends Collaborative Meeting with Child and Adolescent Services. Tomorrow's Voices Senior Therapists along with other professionals in the Autism community met to discuss what services exist in Bermuda for children on the spectrum as well as to updated on the numbers of children getting services or waiting to receive diagnostic testing and assessments.

MARCH 5TH, 2015 – Tomorrow's Voices Participates in "The Ladies Room" World Book Day. Volunteers from World Book Day came to Tomorrow's Voices to read to the clients and staff. Clients sat quietly while volunteers entertained them with picture books and reading. Wonderful books were also donated to our clients for their reading.

MARCH 18TH, 2015 – Tomorrow's Voices hosts its first Training Institute workshop of 2015 entitled "Tomorrow's Voices – Who Are We?" This workshop presented by our Senior Therapists provided attendees with an overview of Tomorrow's Voices services, methods of therapy, myths about what we do and examples of our therapy via video. This workshop hosted parents, teachers and allied health professionals.

MARCH 26TH, 2015 – Tomorrow's Voices Royal Gazette Special Feature. For the seventh year in a row the Royal Gazette Special Featured highlighted 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 difference in the Bermuda community. The supplement featured Staff at Tomorrow's Voices and Parent Testimonies from our Summer Camp and Saturday Social Skills Group.

APRIL 1ST TO 30TH 2015 – Tomorrow's Voices Autism Awareness Month Activities – Tomorrow's Voices hosted 6 events during April 2015 to highlight our services and fundraise for our Centre. Please see attached Calendar of Events listing the events we hosted for the Month of April.



APRIL 1ST, 2015 – "The Ladies Room" with Nikita - Nikita, the popular radio host of Hott 107.5's "The Ladies Room" adopted Tomorrow's Voices as her charity for the month of April again this year. During the month of April, Nikita hosted Cofounder and Board Chair, Thea Furbert as well as staff member Emma Martin. 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 was hosting during the month of April to celebrate Autism Awareness Month.

APRIL 11TH, 2015 – Tomorrow's Voices Saturday Social Skills Group Gives Back During Autism Awareness Month - Tomorrow's Voices facilitated this special Social Skills Group by giving back to the Seniors in the community. Staff, clients and volunteers

visited Westmeath Residential & Nursing Care Home during this day, giving out special baskets filled with cookies and Easter cards made by the children who receive services at Tomorrow's Voices. The residents of Westmeath enjoyed the special visit and so did our clients and staff.



APRIL 15TH, 2015 – Tomorrow's Voices workshop **"In Touch With Autism"**. The workshop touched on the subject of Autism, including the history, symptoms and the most current research on treatments and causes. The workshop hosted parents, teachers and health professionals.

APRIL 17TH, 2015 – **"Autism Tags It" Tomorrow's Voices Tag Day** - Tomorrow's Voices hosted its 2nd Annual Tag Day with volunteers stationed throughout the City of Hamilton distributing Autism Ribbons and Tags for small donations to the Charity. The day saw hundreds of people in the community donating to this worthy cause.

APRIL 24TH, 2015 – **"Autism Rocks Socks" Charity Fundraiser** - Tomorrow's Voices hosted their 2nd Annual Autism Rocks Socks fundraiser. Participants were encouraged to have fun while showing support for our Charity. Companies and Schools were invited to participate in our unique fundraiser by wearing crazy, fun socks on this day and donating \$5 to Tomorrow's Voices. 14 companies and 6 schools participated to raise funds for our Centre.



APRIL 25TH, 2015 – **Saturday Social Skills** - Tomorrow's Voices facilitated our bi-monthly social skills group. The programme was designed to build pro-social behaviours and increase the functional life and daily living skills. Young people are exposed to centre-based fun and therapeutic activities along with community outings and exploration.

APRIL 30TH, 2015 – **Workshop for Onion Patch Academy Staff** - Senior therapists provided a 1 hour workshop to the Staff of Onion Patch Academy entitled "Natural Environment Teaching & Effective Teaching Procedures". 13 staff attended the workshop specifically developed for their team.



MAY 8TH, 2015 – **"Open House" at Tomorrow's Voices Autism Centre** - Tomorrow's Voices opened its doors and invited donors, parents and the public to come and visit our centre and to see exactly how we provide our services. The day saw visits from Tomorrow's Voices Donors as well as Teachers from Government schools. The Minister of Health, Seniors and Environment, The Hon Jeanne Atherden, JP, MP as well as the Minister of Education, The Hon R. Wayne Scott, JP, MP were present on the day to have a tour of the facility and observe clients receiving therapy. All those that attended were very impressed with the quality of services provided to our clients.

MAY 21ST, 2015 – **Workshop for Onion Patch Academy Staff** - Senior therapists provided a 1 hour workshop to the Staff of Onion Patch Academy entitled "Managing Challenging Behaviors & Effectively Working With Groups". 10 staff attended the workshop specifically developed for their team.

JUNE 6TH, 2015 – **"Get Puzzled Car Rally Scavenger Hunt" Fundraiser** - The Day After Tomorrow (DATs) group of "young" Tomorrow's Voices' supporters hosted their 4th Annual "Get Puzzled" Scavenger Hunt. The evening saw teams seek out clues from within and on the outskirts of Hamilton ending the night at Robin Hood. The Team winning the 2015 event was Team Tomorrow's Voices beating out 10 other teams. The event was a great success with the DATs donating the raised funds to Tomorrow's Voices.

JUNE 2015 – **Senior Therapist Natasha Pedro-Petty Becomes a BCBA** - After countless hours of study and supervision, Senior Therapist Natasha Pedro-Petty was successful in taking and passing her Board Certification exam from the Association for Behavior Analysis International (ABAI) to make her the 3rd of only three Board Certified Behavior Analyst (BCBA) registered in Bermuda and from our understanding the first Bermudian to achieve this certification. Tomorrow's Voices now has two BCBA's leading our Clinical Centre using evidence-based approaches to principles of behaviour in order to meaningfully improve socially significant behaviours for children with Autism Spectrum Disorders and Developmental Disabilities.

JUNE 6TH, 2015 – **Mirror's Programme Fun Day** - As a special treat to our clients the Mirror's Programme hosted a Fun Day fundraiser for our staff and clients at TN Tatem Middle School. Although there was rain on the day the Mirror's volunteers provided fun games and a bouncy castle for our clients to enjoy. The children had a wonderful time at the event.

JUNE 7TH, 2015 – **Tomorrow's Voices Host a Booth at the Centre on Philanthropy's Allied World Family Community Day** – Board members and staff hosted the booth during the day and provided information to parents and children attending the community day. The day saw lots of attendees whom visited our booth to learn about our Centre and to participate in our Autism Questions Games to win great prizes.



JULY 6TH TO AUGUST 21ST, 2015 – **Tomorrow's Voices Summer Camp Programme** -

Tomorrow's Voices hosted their Summer Camp program for the Seventh consecutive year. The Summer Camp program served 14 children with various abilities ranging from Autism to Developmental Disabilities to Down Syndrome. Students aged 2 to 23 years participated in weekly outings, water play, cooking, language games, outdoor sports and many other activities that challenged them to have a happy and healthy summer.



SEPTEMBER 23RD, 2015 – Tomorrow's Voices workshop **"ABA: Autism And Beyond"**. Attendees of this workshop learned how ABA is not only used as a very effective treatment for autism but also how the principals of ABA are used in other environments including the workplace, the penal system, with animals, and other everyday arenas. The workshop was attended by parents, teachers and health professionals.

SEPTEMBER 26TH, 2015 – Tomorrow's Voices **5th Annual "Bounce For Autism" Fun Day** – We hosted our 5th Annual community fun day at the Southampton Rangers Sports Club. Over 400 children and their parents attended the event which featured a speech from the Minister of Health, Seniors and the Environment, The Hon Jeanne Atherden, JP, MP. The event also expanded this year to host performances from Bermuda Gymnastic and Jump 2BFit Bermyn Bouncers which children were able to participate in. Attendees also enjoyed a performance from the PHC Majorettes and having fun in bouncy castles and a number of other bouncy activities. The day turned out to be entertaining for the entire family.



OCTOBER 22ND, 2015 – Tomorrow's Voices **8th Anniversary** – We hit another milestone and celebrated 8 years of providing services to Bermuda's children, parents, educators, allied health professionals and the community. With over 40,000 hours of therapy provided to children in the community, Tomorrow's Voices continues to support those children, families and friends struggling with Autism Spectrum Disorders and Developmental Disabilities.

OCTOBER 29TH, 2015 – Tomorrow's Voices workshop **"Daily Living Skills: Moving Towards Independence"**. This training was hosted by Tomorrow's Voices Senior Therapists and Mr. Moffat Makomo, Occupational Therapist at Child and Adolescent Services. Attendees of this workshop learned strategies and tools to improve independence in areas that ultimately lead to a better quality of life for clients and their families. The workshop was well attended by parents, teachers and health professionals.

NOVEMBER 7TH, 2015 – Tomorrow's Voices **Host Booth at the Learning Disabilities Association of Bermuda's Education Expo** – Tomorrow's Voices staff hosted a booth at the Education Expo and provided information about our Centre to attendees. Those who visited our booth were also able to participate in a fun game on Autism to win prizes.



NOVEMBER 27TH, 2015 – Tomorrow's Voices **In-house Professional Development for Westmeath Staff** – Tomorrow's Voices senior staff provided 2 hours of In-house professional development for 2 staff of Westmeath Seniors Home. The training provided the staff with an Introduction to Verbal Behavior Analysis and they were presented with professional development certificates at the end of their training.

DECEMBER 3RD, 2015 – Tomorrow's Voices **Participated in the UN International Day of Persons with Disabilities**. Staff and Board members gathered along Trimingham Hill, East Broadway and Barnes Corner with other Bermuda Charities in celebration of this very important day. Displaying Autism puzzle pieces and waving to morning traffic to show our solidarity for the Special needs population and to remind our country about the importance of inclusion.

