

AUTISM SOCIETY

OF THE REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY OF WOOD BUFFALO



SOCIETY NEWS

With the support from the Canadian Red Cross Recovery Grant we were excited to team up with The Support Through Housing Team to support the Fort Chipewyan community. Together we built 60 sensory bags, 2 kits to build sensory rooms in the daycare and Kindergarten class, 1 set of inclusion kits, and a bin of sensory school supplies for the school.



ADULT SOCIAL GROUP PROGRAM

The Adult Social group meets every Tuesday from 12:00-2:00 pm. Check out some of the activities they have been enjoying.

Exploring Heritage Park



Spooky visit to Spirit Halloween



ADULT LIFE SKILLS

Color Me Mine



Enjoying an evening fire



YOUTH LIFE SKILLS

Learning to cook



ADULT PROGRAMS

Neurodiverse

ADULT SOCIAL GROUP

Social program for 16 years plus. The program focuses on building and maintaining friendship skills in group activities.



 **TUESDAYS**
12:00-2:00 PM

 LOWER LEVEL OF THE LOCAL 707A UNIFORM BUILDING
21B-10019 MACDONALD AVE.
FORT MCMURRAY, AB
T9H 1S9

 PHONE: 587-452-9334
 EMAIL: COMMUNITY@AUTISMRMWB.ORG
 WEBSITE: WWW.AUTISMRMWB.ORG

Neurodiverse Social Group is a Social Program for 16 years plus. The Program focuses on building and maintaining friendship skills in group activities.

Activities included:

- Pizza Party with crafts & games
- Wood Buffalo Regional Library.
- Bowling at The Alley YMM
- Sensory Friendly Movie
- Games and activities night
- Sensory time

For any questions please contact 587-452-9334 or email community@autismrmwb.org

Independent Living Skills

Ages 18-29yrs

- ✓ Health & Self-Care
- ✓ Personal Finance
- ✓ Household Management
- ✓ Relationships
- ✓ Community & Leisure



An opportunity for neurodiverse young adults to learn critical life skills to promote independent living.

Apply: 

 MORE INFO: lifeskills@autismrmwb.org 

ADULT LIFE SKILLS PROGRAM

Our LifeSkills Program is open to any neurodiverse individuals and persons living with disabilities from the ages of 12-30 to learn critical life skills and to promote independent living.

For more information please contact:
Leslie Rae Samson LifeSkills Leader
Email: lifeskills@autismrmwb.org
Phone: 587-452-9334

MEMBERSHIPS

Join the growing number of families, professionals and community members that make up the Autism Society of the RMWB.

Together we can raise awareness and bring positive changes in our community! For \$40.00 annually you have the opportunity to get involved, stay connected and help guide the strategic direction of the Autism Society of the RMWB by electing our board-level leadership at the annual general meeting. Join the growing number of families, professionals and community members that make our society.

Come and join our monthly public meeting and see what the board is all about! We are always looking for new and fresh ideas to help diversify and grow our membership! To attend a meeting email your request to autismsupport@autismrmwb.org.

Why become a member of our Society?

- Support: in the form of parent discussion groups, information sessions on various topics, information and advice on working with your child's school or simply a friendly ear on the end of a phone.
- Voting rights: when you purchase a paid membership and agree to the Society's Approved Bylaws 2020, Guiding Principles, Vision and Mission.
- Advocate: be a voice for our autism community. Help us to raise awareness and supports for people with special needs in our region.
- Opportunity: to be involved with committees, events and activities to work towards an inclusive community.

Benefits to becoming a member:

- 10% off sensory store items
- Access to newsletters and information about the society
- Unlimited access to our lending library
- Early registration for programming and special events
- Member rates for workshops, seminars, and conferences
- Discounts with community partners
- Voting rights at our Annual General Meeting and special resolution meetings
- Non-Voting Rights for professional Membership

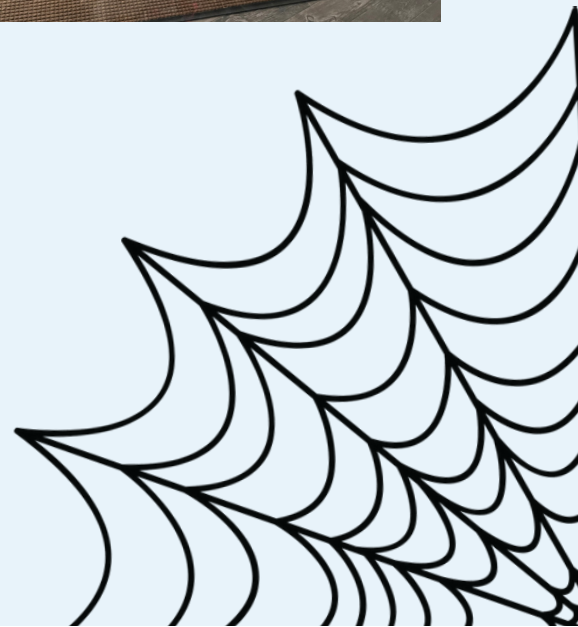
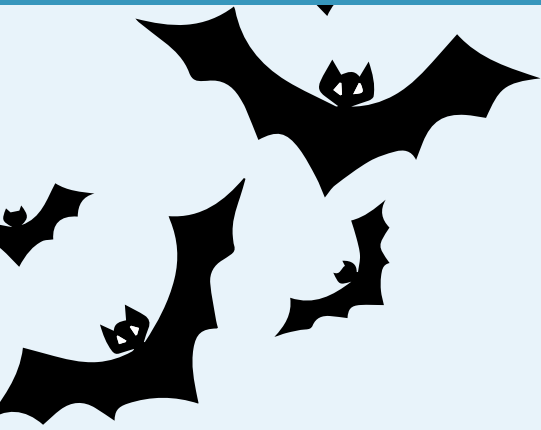
To become a member, follow the link.

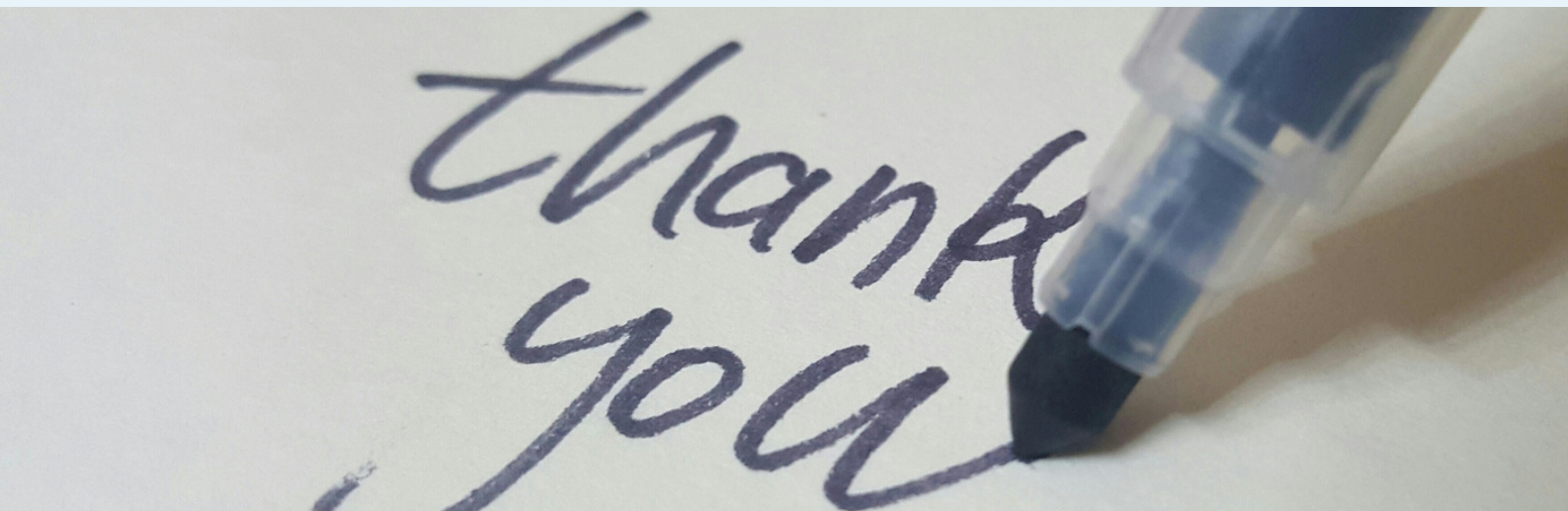
Membership – Autism RMWB

Or contact the office

587-452-9334

MEMBER HALLOWEEN PARTY





We are very excited to announce we are recipients of the Government of Canada's Community Services Recovery Fund. We want to thank the Canadian Red Cross immensely for selecting our project, Strengthening our Core Capacity. This will allow our organization to recover long-term by investing in our daily operations and human resources and furthering our mission in the RMWB region!

Creating an inclusive community through programming, support, and understanding for Autistic individuals in our region and all those living with a disability and their families across the lifespan.



Thank you to the Wood Buffalo Community Foundation for awarding us 2023 Community Grant Funding for our Transitions Program. Our Transitions Program is a mentorship program that will help persons who identify as autistic and neurodivergent individuals who are 15+ to obtain goals in Employment, Education, Financial Literacy, Social Connections, or Living Independently (Life Skills) in the community.



Thank you to the participants of the Inter Pipeline Fort McMurray Marathon who chose to support our organization in running for a reason.

FUNDRAISERS & EVENTS



Click on photo to place order



Click photo for registration link

UPCOMING SESSIONS



Click photo to register

EMPLOYMENT SUPPORT



MAS METICULON ASSESSMENT SERVICE

DO YOU WANT TO...

Support for neurodiverse individuals & people living with all types of disabilities

RECEIVE NO COST DIGITAL LITERACY TRAINING

DEVELOP YOUR GOALS

CREATE STRUCTURE AND BUILD HEALTHY HABITS

CONTRIBUTE TO YOUR COMMUNITY

STRENGTHEN YOUR COMMUNICATION SKILLS

BUILD CONFIDENCE

RECEIVE PERSONALIZED COACHING

ACCESS EMPLOYMENT, VOLUNTEER, AND/OR MENTORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

CONTACT US
AUTISM SOCIETY OF THE RMWB
Email: employment@autismrmwb.org
Phone: 780-215-7280
Website: www.autismrmwb.org

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CASE (Canadian Association for Supported Employment)
Sinneave Family Foundation



DO YOU...

- Identify as neurodiverse or as a person living with a disability?
- Have the skills but struggle to move beyond the first interview?
- Want support to achieve your career goals?

To learn more about how we can assess your employability skills and create a customized solution just for you, contact us at:

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Want to achieve your career goals?

Please reach out to Jibran Hamayun our Employment Supports Program Facilitator to find out more information for our next session on December 2nd and 3rd.

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COMMUNITY EVENTS



Christina Gordon Public School
Inclusion Advisory Committee
INCLUSION FAIR

For schools and families!

Come learn about the services that are available in RMWB!

Saturday, October 28th
11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. in the CG gym

Trick-or-treat using AAC!!!

Door Prizes!

Christina Gordon Public School Inclusion Advisory Committee

Alare welcome

"Leading the way by creating positive school experiences for children of all abilities"



Volt Hockey Fall Season

Fort McMurray
Registration Now Open!

Starting: October 23 | Monday's 4:30 - 5:30 |
at Macdonald Island Park

variety
the children's charity

VOLLEY HOCKEY CANADA

Click photo for registration information

PRESENTATIONS AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENTS

Disability Tax Credit & Registered Disability Savings Plan



**THANK YOU STEPHEN FOR PRESENTING
ON DISABILITY TAX CREDIT AND RDSP'S.
IT WAS VERY INFORMATIVE. STEPHEN
ALSO OFFERS AN ONLINE VERSION.
PLEASE EMAIL HIM AT
STEPHENS@AUTISMALBERTA.CA FOR ANY
QUESTIONS YOU MAY HAVE.**

SUPPORTING INDIVIDUALS WITH AUTISM AND NEURODIVERSITY TRANSITIONING INTO ADULTHOOD & CAREGIVING AND THE INTERSECTION OF AUTISM AND MENTAL HEALTH.



**WE WOULD LIKE TO THANK DR. DAVID NICHOLAS, HILARY NELSON
AND AMANDA DOWNEY FOR THEIR PRESENTATIONS AND PUTTING
ON THESE VERY INFORMATIVE SESSIONS.**

EDUCATION INCLUSION PROGRAM

We have been able to continue the delivery of this program through funding provided by the Community Initiative Grant from the Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo.

Thank You

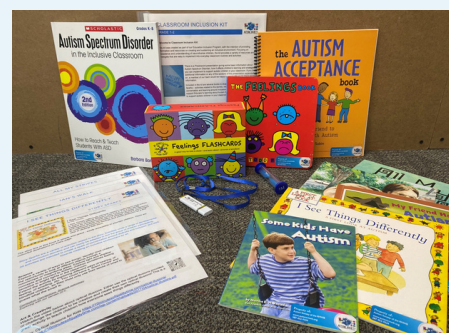
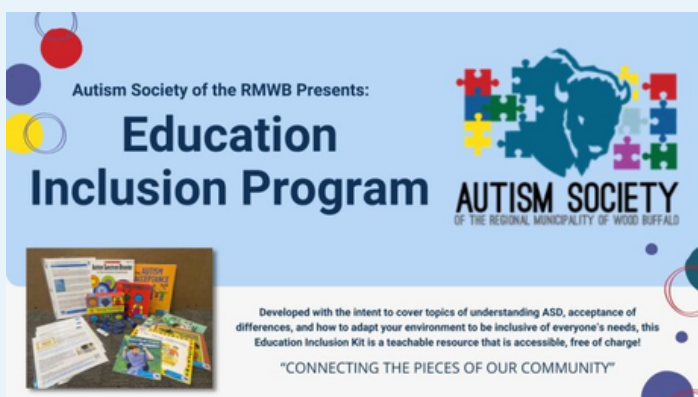


THE EDUCATION INCLUSION PROGRAM

The Education Inclusion Program, was created by the society as a lending resource that is accessible to and free of charge. It was developed with the intention of promoting and educating others about Autism Spectrum Disorder. With a focus on acceptance and understanding, it covers topics of understanding ASD, acceptance of differences, and how to adapt your environment to be inclusive of everyone's needs. Since its conception it has grown to a library of presentations that cover a range of topics for almost any organization, service provider, business, employer and family wishing to learn more about ASD acceptance and accommodations.

Our school lending bins have been created for an intended audience of early entry to grade 6. Educators can request to borrow a bin for their class. Included in the bin is a collection of books, interactive material and an informative slideshow. We

have ensured that the bins have curriculum related material that could be substituted for items in health or language arts. Reading comprehension activities, novel study material and critical thinking activities are just some of what you will find in this resource. We have also ensured to add Leader in Me language to slideshow content. It really is a "win, win". An extensive teacher recourse guide has been created for each bin and offers ideas for activities and group projects. A teacher could use as little or as much of this program as they like. The resource can be borrowed from the society office with training provided if required or requested. A presentation to the intended audience is available by our Community Development Officer as well.



Please follow the link below to request a kit:
[Education Inclusion Kit Request \(office.com\)](https://www.rmwb.ca/education-inclusion-kit-request)

NOW HIRING SOCIAL-RESPITE SUPPORT WORKERS



We are looking for motivated, caring, enthusiastic, supportive and professional members to join our team. Knowledge and previous experience supporting individuals with disabilities is essential.

**Flexible hours
part time/casual**

Email Resume to:

programdirector@autismrmwb.org

CONTACT US



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Vision

A Region where autistic Individuals and all those living with a disability, are valued and are participating members of the community. A region that recognizes that all citizens have the right to live, work and play.

Mission

We are committed to creating an inclusive community through programming, supports, and understanding for autistic individuals in our region, and all those living with a disability and their families across the lifespan.