

AUTISM SOCIETY

OF THE REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY OF WOOD BUFFALO



SOCIETY NEWS



It is hard to believe that we have wrapped up the year 2023! We are extremely happy with the growth of our supports, resources, and programs. We made a positive impact on the community and we only hope to keep building on that in the coming years. Thank you to all our families, participants, and community members for supporting us so we can continue to service our region.

We are excited to be gearing up for April's Autism Awareness month. Watch for all the information coming out about the events.



Get your T-Shirts now for Anti Bullying Day and Autism Awareness.

T-shirts are for sale online, click poster to link.

Autism Society of the RMWB
Sticker Campaign
\$1.00 or by donation



In Support of Autism Awareness and
Acceptance Month

All funds raised support your local autism society programs and services. For more information, please contact Danielle, Community Development Officer

Phone: 587-452-9334

Email: community@autismrmwb.org

Charitable Registration # 707604492RR0001

Get your Autism Awareness stickers or Pins now! Available in our store online, click poster to purchase. If you would like to be a part of our sticker campaign and spreading awareness please reach out to Danielle Lidstone- Community Development Officer. Email: community@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?

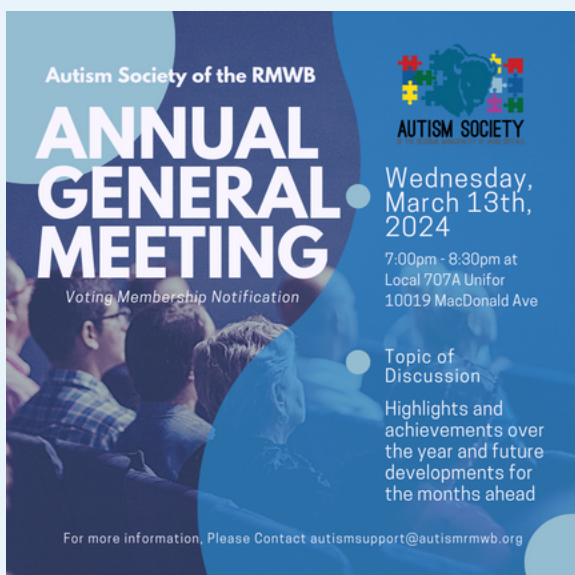
- Support: in the form of parent discussion groups, information sessions on various topics, information and advice on working with your child's school or simply a friendly ear on the end of a phone.
- Voting rights: when you purchase a paid membership and agree to the Society's Approved Bylaws 2020, 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

2024 Annual General Meeting



Voting membership, you are invited to attend the Annual General Meeting of the Autism Society of the RMWB.

We will be discussing our highlights and achievements over the year as well as discussing our future developments for the months ahead.

The meeting has in person and virtual options; please register to be sent a Zoom link, in person meeting will be at 10019 MacDonald Ave main board room. If you have any questions please email, autismsupport@autismrmwb.org

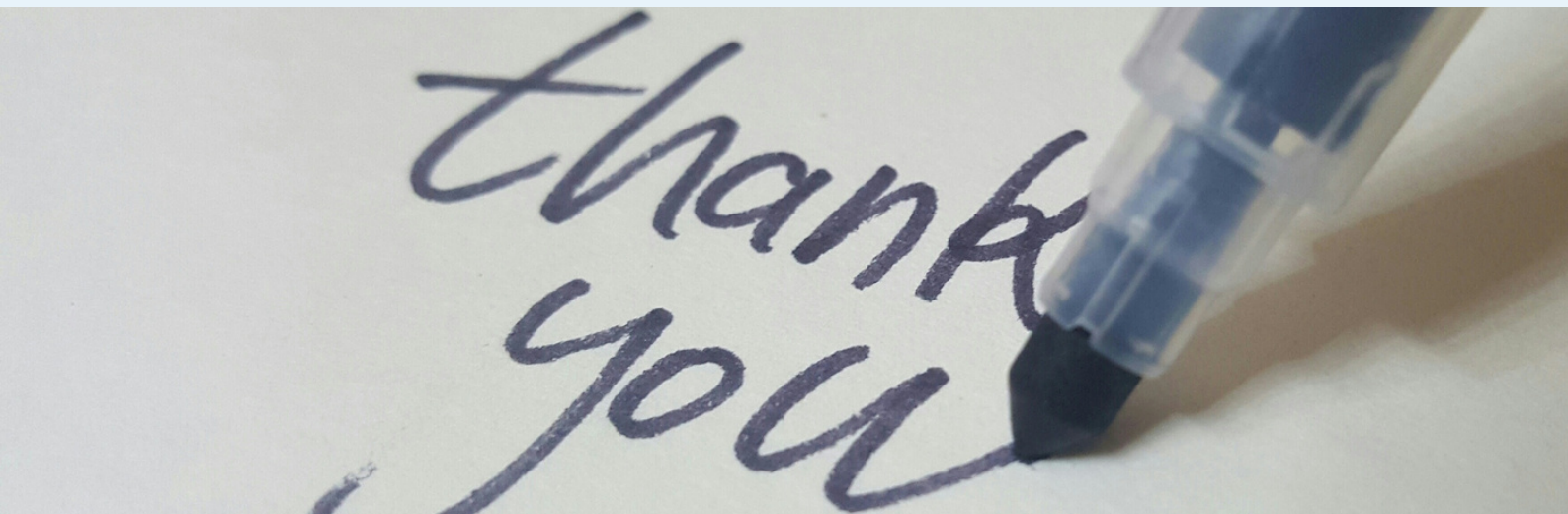
MEMBER CHRISTMAS PARTY

Thank you to all our members who joined us for our annual Christmas Party. We love putting on these special events for families. A big Thank-you to Santa for making a visit.



Thank- You BGC
for allowing us to
use your space.





Thank-You ELS for Autism Canada for choosing us as a recipient for your grant. This grant will help provide meaningful employment opportunities for our clients.



Congratulations to our President, Corinna Angel-Marry Pitzel, as the recipient of the Alberta Blue Cross 75th Anniversary Community Wellbeing grant program; the grant is well deserved for her hard work and dedication to our organization. Thank you Alberta Blue Cross for recognizing the outstanding work Corinna is doing.



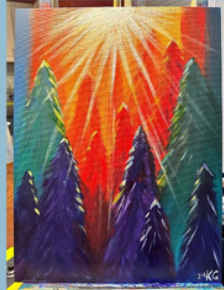
We are immensely grateful to the Wood Buffalo Community Foundations for awarding us 2023 Community Grant Funding for our Transitions Program.

UPCOMING SESSIONS & EVENTS



COMMUNITY PAINT NIGHT Tickets On Sale Now!

Join us as artist
Krista Anne guides
us through painting a
16x20 canvas. This is
a fun evening out,
supplies, food, and
non alcoholic
beverages included
with ticket.



Date: Feb 3rd, 2024
Time: 5:00-8:00 PM
Location: 10019 MacDonald Ave- Unifor Building
Ticket: \$25.00
Tickets can be purchased through Eventbrite:
<https://www.eventbrite.ca/myevent?eid=798942678057>

For more information please contact:
Danielle Lidstone- Community Development Officer
Phone: 587-452-9334
Email: community@autismrmwb.org

Click poster to register

**SENSORY FRIENDLY
Easter Egg Hunt**

In partnership with Play On Space, please join us for a sensory friendly Easter egg hunt and play time. Lots of prizes to be won, please bring a basket for the hunt.

LOCATION: PLAY ON SPACE
DATE: MARCH 17, 2024
TIME: 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM
TICKETS \$10.00

PLEASE REGISTER THROUGH WILD APRICOT
[HTTPS://AUTISMSOCIETYOFHERMWB.WILDAPRICOT.ORG/EVENT-5572864](https://AUTISMSOCIETYOFHERMWB.WILDAPRICOT.ORG/EVENT-5572864)

For more information or questions please contact,
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Play ON SPACE

Click poster to register

Caregivers Coffee

A group for caregivers of neurodiverse individuals to come together to socialize, learn about resources and supports, and take time for themselves.
Beverages and snacks provided.

Time:

First Tuesday of the month, 9:30 AM- 11:00 AM
Third Thursday of the month, 12:00 PM- 1:30 PM
Schedule is also posted on Wild Apricot.

Location:


Autism Society Office
5B-10019 MacDonald Ave



For questions or more information please contact:
Danielle Lidstone- Community Development Officer
Phone: 587-452-9334
Email: community@autismrmwb.org
or
Barb Fitzpatrick- Family Resource Coordinator
Phone: 780-215-2459
Email: barbaraf@autismalberta.ca

HAPPY FAMILY DAY

CELEBRATE WITH A SENSORY FRIENDLY MOVIE

 Monday February 19th
From 2:00 to 4:00pm

 Local 707 Unifor
Hall - 10019
MacDonald Ave

Featuring Movie:
Orion and the Dark, with
popcorn, and snacks.
Bring your PJs and
blankets.

[REGISTER NOW](#) 



Click poster to register

ADULT PROGRAMS



EMPLOYMENT PROGRAM

Are you a neurodiverse individual or a person living with a disability and looking for employment?

ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS

- ✓ Digital Training
- ✓ One to One Coaching
- ✓ Person-centered Tools
- ✓ Employability Skill Evaluations
- ✓ Develop Goals
- ✓ Build Healthy Working Relationships

REQUIREMENTS:
Neurodiverse individuals and persons living with disabilities from the ages of 16+

APPLY NOW

Jibran Hamayun
Employment Supports Facilitator
Email: employment@autismrmwb.org
Phone: 780-215-7280

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Employment Program

Identify as neurodiverse or as a person living with a disability?

Want to achieve your career goals?

Now accepting applications.

For more information
please contact:

Jibran Hamayun- Employment Supports Program Facilitator

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Phone: 780-215-7280



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 UNIFOR BUILDING
218-10019 MACDONALD AVE.
FORT MCMURRAY, AB
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PHONE: 587-452-9334
EMAIL: COMMUNITY@AUTISMRMWB.ORG
WEBSITE: WWW.AUTISMRMWB.ORG

AUTISM SOCIETY

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

ADULT LIFE SKILLS PROGRAM

Our Life Skills 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 Life Skills Leader Email:

lifeskills@autismrmwb.org

Phone: 587-452-9334



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: 

WOOD BUFFALO COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

MORE INFO:
lifeskills@autismrmwb.org

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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

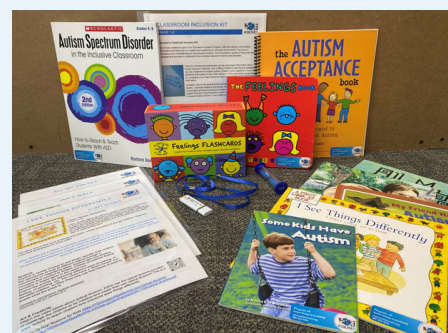
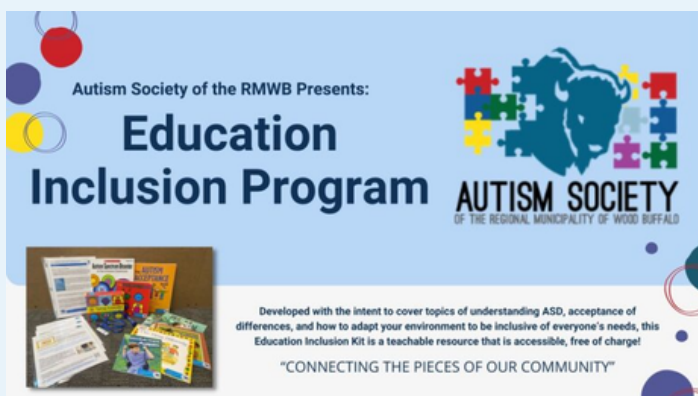


THE EDUCATION INCLUSION PROGRAM

The Education Inclusion Program, was created by the society as a lending resource that is accessible to and free of charge. It is 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 bellow to request a kit:
[Education Inclusion Kit Request \(office.com\)](https://www.office.com)

NOW HIRING



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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Website: www.autismrmwb.org

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.