



Dear Members,

June sure has come and gone and what a blast it was!

It has been a rainy summer, while we are grateful for it and surely did not slow us down. Participating in our community events and festivals were some of our best highlights of this summer.

We thank all of our volunteers, community partners, educators, families, and individuals who showed up, shared, participated, helped make our goals and kept everyone aware and safe. To our sponsors and donors with your donations and commitment to supporting the organization surely made big impacts to the families and individuals of the autism society. We look forward to more opportunities, and we are very excited to collaborate on more projects in the future in building a community where everyone is welcome.

Now that summer is underway and lots of our members and family are celebrating culture, summer tradition and exploration. We wish everyone a fantastic and memorable time and thank you for being such an important part of our community.

Please note our main office will have varied hours during summer break. Get in touch with the Community Development Coordinator by email at community@autismrmwb.org or by phone 587-452-9334 to book appointments.

We're also excited to share that we have recently revamped our website and have been working hard to gather and organize helpful information for our community. Our goal is to make things more accessible and easier to navigate for families and individuals looking for support and opportunities. If you're looking for inclusive sports and recreation options in our region, we encourage you to take a look here: [Sports & Recreation – Autism RMWB](#)

We acknowledge that we are gathered on the traditional lands of the Cree, Dene, and Métis peoples, within the Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo. This land is part of Treaty 8 Territory, and we recognize the long history of First Nations, Métis, and Inuit peoples who have cared for and lived on this land for generations.

We honour the diverse Indigenous communities of this region, including Fort McKay First Nation, Fort McMurray First Nation, Chipewyan Prairie First Nation, Athabasca Chipewyan First Nation, Mikisew Cree First Nation, and the Métis peoples of Fort McMurray, Fort Chipewyan, Fort McKay, Conklin, and Janvier.

Community Involvement



Thank you PRIDE YMM for having us on your 10th year Opening Ceremony

Did you know that Autistic PRIDE Day is celebrated on June 18th?



Volunteering at our local SPCA to support thier Pedals for Paws 2026



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Community Involvement



Look at those smiles and wonderful crews of FMPSD.

BECAUSE
it takes a **VILLAGE**



Executive Director Tina presenting VTRA certificate



Megan at Hats off to Mental Health CMHA



VTRA Signing ceremony

you are
NOT ALONE
in this.



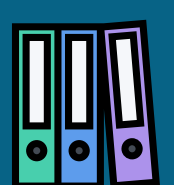
Staff during 27th Annual Family Safety Day hosted by Safe Community WB



A huge thank you to Lori Sacrey PhD Behavioural Neuroscience, for her powerful and insightful presentation on Unmasking the Lived Experience of Autistic Individuals.

Annual General Meeting

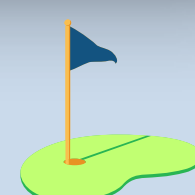
Board Members and Staff during our AGM2026



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ASRMWB Annual Report 2025



Thank you Donors !



We are grateful for all our sponsors specially Sunbelt Ledcor who held their 6th Annual Golf Tournaments to support our organization, with your generous contribution we are excited to expand our resources to rural communities and more.



Barb, Tina and Corinna during the 6th Annual Sunbelt Ledcor Charity Golf Cup



Thank you for organizing a bottle drive, a lemonade stand, monetary and food drive in support of our organization!

Small hands
change the world



Downtown Sobeys Annual Food Drive

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Caregivers Coffee

Come enjoy a cup of coffee and a light snack while connecting with parents and caregivers.



REGISTER HERE

2026 Schedule:
9:00AM - 11:00AM

September 2nd
October 21st
November 4th
December 2nd



JOIN US!

VIRTUAL CAREGIVERS COFFEE

9:00am - 10:30am

2026 Dates:

Sept 16th
Oct 28th
Nov 18th
Dec 16th

Are you a caregiver supporting someone on the autism spectrum or with diverse needs?

Join us for a relaxed, virtual gathering where you can connect with others who understand the journey.

SCAN ME



End of Session:
3 min mindfulness activity

For questions or more information, please contact:

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or

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Neurodiverse

ADULT SOCIAL GROUP

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



TUESDAYS
1:00-3:00 PM



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

PHONE: 587-452-9334

EMAIL: COMMUNITY@AUTISM RMWB.ORG

WEBSITE: WWW.AUTISM RMWB.ORG

Click on poster, to register to our Programs

INDEPENDENT Living Skills, Ages 16+

- Health and Self Care
- Personal Finance
- Household Management
- Relationships
- Community and Leisure

Our LifeSkills Program is open to any neurodiverse individuals and persons living with disabilities from the ages of 16+ to learn critical life skills and promote independent living.



For more Information
community@autismrmwb.org



CHAT N' CHILL DAY CAMP

AUG 4-7 2026 / 10:00-3:00

REGISTER HERE:

Doug Barnes Cabin
162 Tamarack Way, Fort McMurray

\$15/day

The Autism Society welcomes youth and adults 16+ to attend Day Camp 2026 and four days of fun activities! Lunch will be provided. Please note that 1:1 support is required if necessary. Please reach out if accommodations are needed. Registration is required for each event.

- Day 1: River Boating on the Syne
- Day 2: Cabin Day and Oil City Game Rig
- Day 3: Visit to Gregoire Beach
- Day 4: Visit to Vista Ridge Aerial Park

For more information, please contact:
(780)-215-7280
transitions@autismrmwb.org



PROGRAM 16+

The Transitions Program helps neurodiverse youth and adults develop life skills, build social connections, and gain confidence to thrive in their community.



- ✓ Team Building
- ✓ Transferable Skills
- ✓ Financial Literacy
- ✓ Social Cues & Conflict Resolution
- ✓ Essential Daily Living Skills
- ✓ Pathways to Success
- ✓ Pathways to Work
- ✓ Community Engagement & Volunteerism
- ✓ Health & Well-Being
- ✓ Resilience-Building

ACTIVITIES INCLUDE:

- ✓ 12-Week Learning Series
- ✓ Physical Activity & Movement
- ✓ Games & Activities Night
- ✓ Sensory-Friendly Movies
- ✓ Bowling/Swimming
- ✓ Pizza Parties with Crafts & Games

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Phone: 587-452-9334

RAISE TD UNITY AUTISM

Foundation CIBC co-operators

Transitions to Adulthood Program:

Now taking registration for September 14th cohort

The Transitions Program helps neurodiverse youth and adults develop essential life skills, build meaningful social connections, and gain the confidence they need to thrive in their community.

Three sessions a week for a duration of 12 weeks.

Social-Respite Program



About the Program

Our Social Respite Program provides respite for families of neurodiverse children in our community. As well as respite, the program offers opportunities for children to learn and practice crucial social skills that are needed to make and maintain long-term friendships.



Program Groups

KINDER
This group is for children aged 3-5 years-old (typically in ECDF/PEEP/Kindergarten). Sessions are 2hrs long with 3-4 children in group. Activities include play in Program Room & Sensory Room, swimming, parks and indoor playgrounds, walks in local community, spray parks, etc.

JUNIOR

This group is for children aged 5-8 years-old. Sessions are 2hrs long and have 3-5 children in group. Activities include play in Program Room & Sensory Room, swimming, rock-climbing, skate parks, movie theatre, trampoline park, etc.

SENIOR

This group is for youth aged 9-17 years-old. Sessions are 2hrs long and have 3-5 youth in each group. Activities include meal planning, grocery shopping, cooking, simple budgeting, household cleaning, laundry, etc.

TWEEN & TEEN

This group is for youth aged 10-17 years-old. Sessions are 2hrs long and have 3-5 youth in each group. Activities include meal planning, grocery shopping, cooking, simple budgeting, household cleaning, laundry, etc.

Why Choose Us As Your Family's Respite Provider?

- All our staff are fully screened (RCMP & IRC)
- Our Support Workers are supported by agency and liability insured
- Direct billing to FSCD available
- We take care of employee payroll (inc. WCB, CPP, EI T4s etc.)
- Staff are required to complete mandatory training (eg. First Aid & CPR)

For more details or to register:
www.autismrmwb.org

Calendars

August and September

Chat N' Chill

Every
Tuesday 1:00-3:00PM
and
Thursday 6:00-8:00 PM

AUGUST						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2		3	4	5	6	7
	CLOSED	Summer Camp 10:00-3:00	Summer Camp 10:00-4:00	Summer Camp 10:00-3:00	Summer Camp 10:00-3:00	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
		Employment Program 10:00-12:00	Team Building 10:00-12:00	Chat N' Chill 8:00-10:00	Chat N' Chill 8:00-10:00	
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
		Employment Program 10:00-12:00	Team Building 10:00-12:00	Chat N' Chill 8:00-10:00	Chat N' Chill 8:00-10:00	
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Dates, times and events are subject to change
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September						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3	4	5
		Employment Program 10:00-12:00	Life Skills: Cooking 10:00-12:00	Life Skills: Budgeting & Shopping 10:00-12:00	Employment Program 10:00-12:00	
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
	CLOSED	Employment Program 10:00-12:00	Life Skills: Budgeting & Shopping 10:00-12:00	Life Skills: Budgeting & Shopping 10:00-12:00	Employment Program 10:00-12:00	
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27	28	29	30			
	Reading Activity 10:00-12:00	Employment Program 10:00-12:00	CLOSED			

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Take a look!

Sinneave Family Foundation created a "Beginning the work experience journey" tool for parents.

Click on the link below:

https://sinneavefoundation.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/08/SFF-ParentGuide_3.0-v3.pdf

Upcoming Family Event

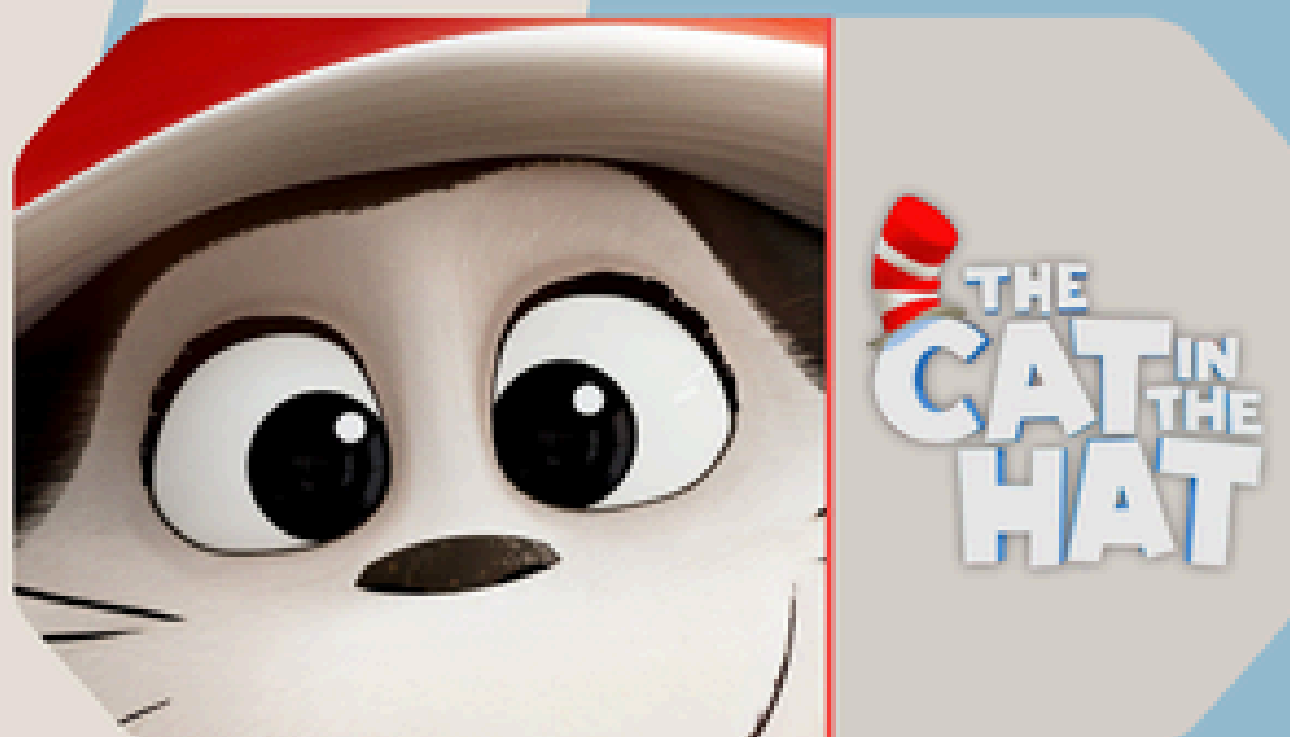


JOIN US FOR A SENSORY-FRIENDLY SCREENING OF THE CAT IN THE HAT SPONSORED BY:

Syncrude

This event is **FREE** for our member families and includes admission and concession.
Please reserve your spot through the Wild Apricot app.

**NOVEMBER 7TH, 2026
9:30 AM SHOWING**



Syncrude

Operated by **SUNCOR**

Please visit our website www.autismrmwb.org and follow us on social media to stay up to date on everything the Autism Society has to offer!

CHOZEN BREED RC

7th ANNUAL POKER RUN

WOOD BUFFALO

SAT AUG 8TH
registration begins at 1030am

\$20 PER HAND

BEST WESTERN PLUS SAWRIDGE SUITES
410 TAIGANOVA CRES

50/50 DRAW

Kickstands up at 12pm
license and registration required
ALL motorcycles welcome!
ride ending back at the hotel for silent auction
BBQ by Donation

In support of **AUTISM SOCIETY**

Sponsored by **BME**, **PRESTIGE**, **NORTHSTAR**, **FLINT**, **4G**, **WILDAPRICOT**

CONTACT A MEMBER FOR MORE DETAILS OR INFORMATION
EMT@CHOZENBREEDRC.CA

Click on poster to
REGISTER

YOU'RE INVITED

MEMBER EVENT
AWESOME KHAOS

SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 12, 2026
10:00AM-12:00PM

Enjoy a 2-hour sensory-friendly experience at Awesome Khaos with full access to all play areas. Please bring grippy socks or purchase a pair, and the restaurant will be open for purchase of food and drinks. Families and siblings are welcome, and adults must stay in the facility throughout the event.

Access to the entire facility | Trampoline Park
Food available for purchase | Rock Climbing

Location: 235 Macalpine Crescent
Fort McMurray, AB T9H 4A5
Registration cost: 13\$/child through Wild Apricot

Leslie Samson
Events & Fundraising Assistant
events@autismrmwb.org

Autism and Neurodiversity Awareness Training



This is a 2 hour training session is facilitated by the Autism Society of the RMWB. During this 2 hour session you will learn how to support individuals of all ages living with disabilities throughout their life span. Training is appropriate for caregivers, professionals, family, friends, employers and coworkers, and anyone who supports someone living with a disability, or wants to expand their knowledge of neurodiverse individuals. This training will offer a certification upon completion.

SAVE THE DATES

Sept 29th 12-2:30pm
Set 29th 6-8:30pm
Oct 27th 12-2:30pm
Nov 24th 6-8:30pm
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Nov 24th 6-8:30pm

Save your spot

Halloween October 24th 2026
11:00 to 12:30 PM
<https://autismsocietyofthermw.b.wildapricot.org/event-6764713>
12:30 to 2:00 PM
<https://autismsocietyofthermw.b.wildapricot.org/event-6764721>
2:00 to 3:30 PM
<https://autismsocietyofthermw.b.wildapricot.org/event-6764725>

MEMBER HALLOWEEN PARTY

Oct 24, UNIFOR BUILDING

TIMESLOTS:
11:00AM-12:30PM
12:30PM-2:00PM
2:00PM-3:30PM

PUMPKIN CARVING, CRAFTS, PIZZA AND MORE...

LIMITED SPOTS AVAILABLE
RESERVE A TIMESLOT ON WILDAPRICOT

10019 MacDonald Avenue

back to school

BACK-TO-SCHOOL BACKPACKS FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH WITH SPECIAL NEEDS
SPONSORED BY:

SUNCOR



COME JOIN US FOR A FUN TIME AND EXPLORE

Play ON SPACE

AUTISM SOCIETY

OCT 3RD 2026
9:30 AM - 11:30 AM
SATURDAY

2-HOUR FACILITY ACCESS WITH FRESH-MADE PIZZAS & DRINKS

MEMBER FAMILY EVENT WHERE YOU AND YOUR CHILD CAN PARADE YOUR FAVORITE COSTUME IN A SENSORY-FRIENDLY ENVIRONMENT

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Program Highlights

REGISTER NOW



Adult Chat 'N Chill golfing during our summer day Camp



Adult Life Skills Arts & Crafts Creative Expression Night

Nature walk with peers followed by ice cream celebration!



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Rural Engagement and Upcoming Events

Fort Chipewyan



Anzac

Since September 2025, we have lent out 48 Education Inclusion Bins to classrooms across our community. As we near the end of the school year, we're excited to share this milestone and grateful to the teachers who have supported this resource-sharing initiative.

UNIVERSITY OF ALBERTA **one child every child**

Listening and Learning to Improve Autism Diagnosis in Indigenous Communities

We are wanting to know the diagnosis experiences of Indigenous caregivers raising Autistic children in Alberta

Participant Criteria

Indigenous caregivers of Indigenous Autistic children assessed within the past 5 years, willing to complete a one-on-one interview (virtual, phone, or in person) to share insights on Indigenous experiences of autism diagnosis; honorarium provided (\$50 gift card).

Principal Investigator: Dr. Lonnie Zwaigenbaum
Co-Principal Investigator: Dr. Grant Bruno

If you are interested in participating, please contact
 chaynoa@ualberta.ca or gcburno@ualberta.ca

This study has been approved by the Research Ethics Board at the University of Alberta, Pro00142733

COME CONNECT WITH US!
 AUGUST 10TH 2026
ANZAC RECREATION CENTER

Newly Diagnosed Handbook
 Support & Information Resources
 Come chat with our Disability Resource Coordinator

10:00am-12:00pm

Stop by, explore our resources, and learn more about how we support individuals, families, and schools.

For questions or more information, please contact:
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 or
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COME CONNECT WITH US!
 AUG 27TH, 2026
CONKLIN MULTIPLEX

Newly Diagnosed Handbook
 Support & Information Resources
 Come chat with our Disability Resource Coordinator and Community Development Coordinator

12PM-2:30PM

Stop by, explore our resources, and learn more about how we support individuals, families, and communities.

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SENSORY PAINT & PLAY WORKSHOP JANVIER

WEDNESDAY, JULY 29, 2026
12:00-2:00PM
 @ MULTIPLEX

A FUN AND SAFE SENSORY PLAY EXPERIENCE FOR CHILDREN & YOUTH!

AGES 4 AND UP

FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE CONTACT:
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 P: 780-215-7280

Autism and Neurodiversity Related Indigenous Resources

The Autism Society of the RMWB offers Indigenous resources on autism and neurodiversity that honor cultural knowledge, promote inclusion, and support individuals, families, and communities.

Indigenous Relations Circle

The Autism Society of Alberta would like to introduce the Indigenous Relations Circle. Rooted in respect, the circles' goals are to bring together diverse perspectives on the experiences of Indigenous peoples and autism in Alberta. The circle is a central concept to Indigenous peoples across Turtle Island and the Indigenous Relations Circle will listen, learn, share, connect and advocate for Indigenous autistic people and families."

— Dr. Grant Bruno, Chair

Supporting the Mental Health of Autistic People Living in Rural and Remote Communities

This is a six-module course aimed at people in rural, remote, and northern Canada who work with or are considering working with children with special needs. Also includes a 3-part series aimed at promoting positive mental health in rural and remote communities. Together with autistic people, parents and caregivers of autistic people, and mental health professionals, the authors created various activities that include information and evidence-informed strategies that can be used at any time.

SENSORY PAINT & PLAY WORKSHOP CONKLIN

WEDNESDAY, AUG 12TH, 2026
12:00-2:00PM
 @ CONKLIN MULTIPLEX

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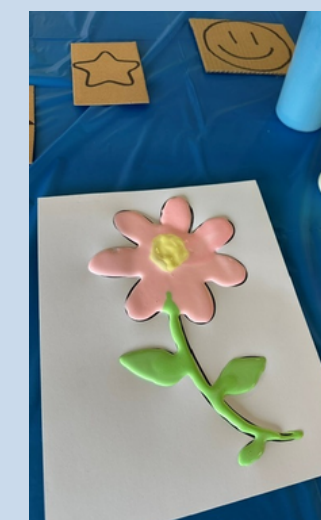
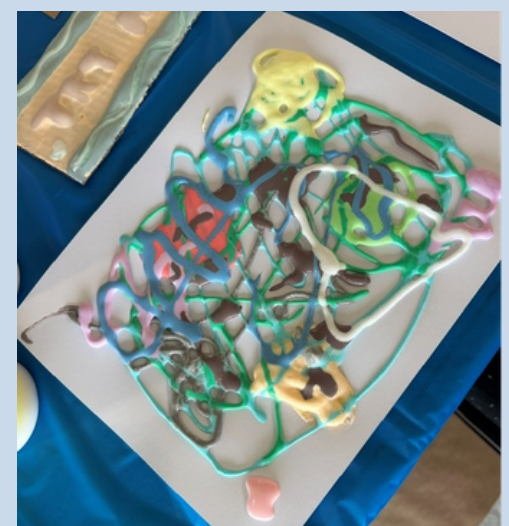
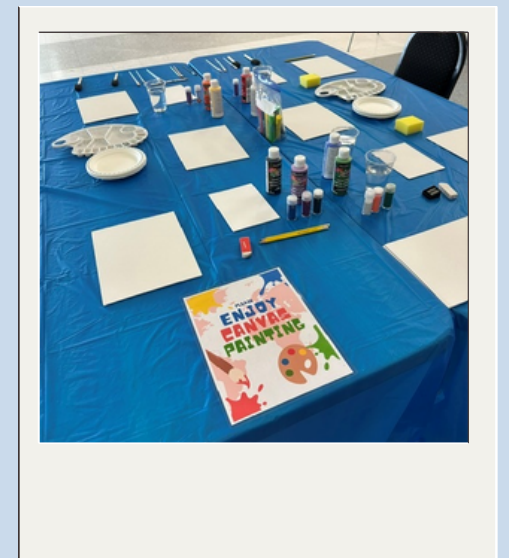
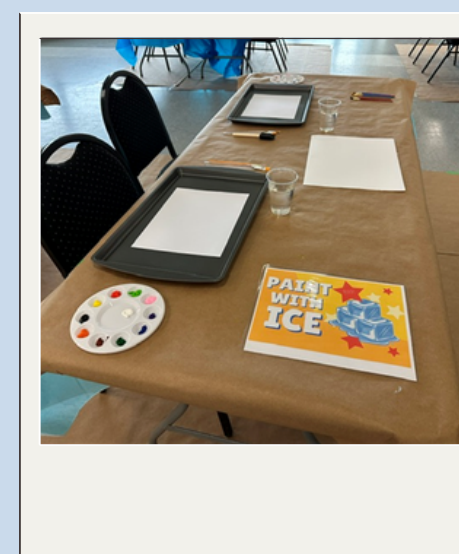
CELEBRATING 10 YEARS OF COMMUNITY IMPACT

SEPTEMBER 20TH, 2026
11:00AM TO 2:00PM
 10019 MACDONALD AVE

You're Invited to Celebrate With Us!

- FREE Community BBQ featuring beef hot dogs, hamburgers, cake, snacks, and refreshments (Gluten free options available)
- Games and Activities
- Resource Center
- Sensory Friendly Zone

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Make a one time donation or become a monthly donor!

It is largely through the generous support of our donors that we are able to offer and grow our programs and services. By contributing today, you could make special events possible, provide equipment for programs and camp, support the continued growth through our acceptance and education resource, and most of all support individuals in our community have support to inclusive and supported opportunities in our region.



For direct link to donate please click on photo.

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.

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