



Family Services Targeted Special Initiative

Progress Report - 2017

Further to agreement between Autism Speaks Canada and Pacific Autism Family Centre Foundation (PAFN) and the clarification in emails date Nov. 25th, 2015. The PAFN is pleased to present “reporting” on funds for 2017 which will be received in 2019 – change in payment schedule per request from Autism Speaks received in January 2018.

Autism Speaks Canada has committed \$500,000 payable in 5 annual instalments towards the “capital campaign” for the Centre located in Richmond B.C.. While the funded commitment is outstanding all work associated with the campaign are complete. The building has full occupancy and has been operational since winter 2016.

Below are some details in regards the operations of the PAFN – it should be noted that many of these undertakings are being done by the PAFN Society – for the purposes of this report we are treating all as PAFN. Also as agreed the funds being forwarded are all development funds and were expended in 2016 – so the reporting for the funds is in materials forwarded after building completed.

In hopes of getting the funds forwarded asap we have tried to provide info requested even though as suggested they would not be part of our agreed reporting.

2017 Details

Staff:

Abbe Gates	Representative
Adam White	EWC Facilitator
Altan Thomas	GO Café
Amanda Boutros	Director Finance
Angelico Romero	Caretaker
Anjela Godber	RWA Autism Outreach Manager
Brooke Straith	EWC Coordinator
Carlye McCloy-Brown	EWC Facilitator
Dawn McKenna	Executive Director
Guet Beng Ong (Jamie)	Representative
Heather Kwitkoski	Spoke Manager, Prince George
Heather Linka	Employment Specialist
Ian Garipey	Representative
Jenna Christianson-Barker	Director Strategic Partnerships & Adult Programs

Joshua Scheller	Representative
Kate Campbell	EWC Facilitator
Lucas Gates	Representative
Mollie McAllister	Family Experience Coordinator
Rebecca Farnell	EWC Coordinator
Robert Begovic	Caretaker
SF Walker	EWC Facilitator, VOA Manager
Shabnam Rowshanzamir	Representative
Sita Sahasrabudhe	EWC Facilitator
Stacey Freeman	RWA Regional Autism Manager
Veronica Hernandez	Representative

Tenants: - Collaborative Committee Members

ABLE Developmental Clinic
AIDE – Autism Intellectual Disabilities Knowledge Exchange
AIMS (Autism Integrated Medical Services)
Autism BC
Autism Information Services BC
Autism Support Network
Bounding Higher
ET Music Therapy
GO Group – Goal Oriented Employment Program
Jet – Jobs, Education & Training Adult Program
LifeLabs
Little Buddies Pediatric Therapy
Paper Planes Café
POPARD
SOAR Inclusive Preschool
UP – ESDM therapy Centre

Programs / groups / events:

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GO Group (GO Café, GO Custodial, GO Landscaping, GO Media)
Navigate Summer Camp
Take Flight Summer Camp
EmploymentWorks Canada
Ready, Willing & Able
Job Coaching
Counselling
Gamechangers – BC Lions
Behavioral Intervention, Assessment, Consultations (Gate Behavioural Services in PG)

Groups:

Voices of Autism – self Advocacy group
Connections: A Young Social Adult Club
Gaming Club (has now been combined with Connections)
Mayday Club Youth Choir for Neurodiversity
Girls Club
Pokemon Go Club
Pokemon Club Juniors
Harry Potter Club
Employment Club

Events: (includes fun/fundraising events and presentations/workshops)

Vision Screening Day (FYI Doctors)
Au Some Conference (Autism BC, Autism Canada & PAFN)
Special Children Become Special Adults: and Then What, A public lecture by Dr. Lee Wachtet (BCCH & PAFN)
World Autism Awareness Day “Light It Up Blue” celebration
Growing Together 4 Siblings – Siblings Support Day
IBM Meetings
Sexual Health Workshop Series for Adults
Nooner at the Nat
Whole Family Nutrition presentation
Show & Shine Car Show
Autism Speaks Canada Walk
Introduction to Mindfulness for Young Adults w/ASD (POPARD)
Martial Arts Camp
Happy Birds Yoga
Tech Round Table
Vancouver Resource Society Prom
Trauma Informed Practice Workshop (CLBC)
Parent to Parent Help & Support meetings (ASN)
Welcome to Autism (ASN)
The Art of Manding (iTalk Autism)
Nutrition for Autism (Whole Family Nutrition, Kate Hutchinson)
3rd Annual Disability Employment Month Forum & Tea (Avia & PAFN)
Advocacy in Action: Workshop for Special Ed Parents (BC Parents of Students w/Special Needs)
PACE Coaching & Training sessions (UBC)
BI Workshops (Autism BC)
Aging & Autism Think Tank
Vancouver Police Department – Open House
Coding Workshops (The C.O.D.E. Initiative)
Lisogar-Cocchia Family Autism Holiday Party

ACHIEVEMENTS 2017

- Opened our first 2 spokes in Prince George and Kelowna**
- **Helping to spread information and resources throughout the Province**
- **Over 35,000 followers on social Media channels (one of highest in country)**
- **Our 200 seat IT auditorium has been utilized for conferences, workshops, think tanks, etc**
- **27 people employed through GO Group equivalent to 1255 total hours of paid work**
- **7 have since been offered full time employment in community**
- **4400 hours of pre employment training completed – Worktopia**
- **325 job samplings – 812 hours of hands on employment experience**
- **316 job outcomes through Ready, Willing and Able –**
- **Hundreds of children and young adults have attended social groups**
 - **(Girl’s Club, Employment Club, Connections, Pokemon Club, Gaming Club...)**
- **245 individuals participated in Game Changer Program in partnership with BC Lions and Whitecaps**
- **159 Sensory Toolkits shared**
- **Voices of Autism – PAFN’s self advocacy advisory group established**
- **VOA speaker series (sexual health, anxiety and mental health, navigating school life....)**
- **Growing Together Sibling - hosted Sib workshop**
- **GT hosted over 400 families for Sibling Support Day**
- **Over 600 families attended Sensory Santa Holiday Party**

We hope that this provides some details as requested and we are hopeful you can forward committed funds as soon as possible.

Kind Regards

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Board Chair

Pacific Autism Family Network