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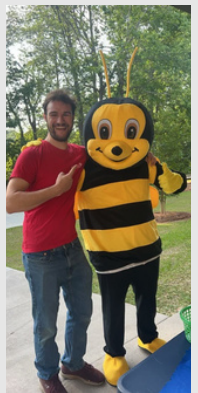
We are on Fire!

Spring brought many great activities for the Resource Center. We had many opportunities to be out spreading the word about autism awareness, especially in April, Autism Acceptance Month.



Introducing Barry the Bee, our Mascot

Barry the Bee brought delight at many of our events this spring. Spreading “Bee Kind” words, stickers and bubbles to kids, Barry became an instant sensation. Barry made many appearances over the past few months. He is a great addition to our Resource Center Team!



Farmer’s Market For Autism Acceptance Month

Each Saturday in April our team reached out to the community at the Farmer’s Market. The team provided information and talked with families about autism. The children we met at the booth were excited about the bubbles and Resource Center Bracelets, but the pinwheels were the biggest hit. Special thanks to Lora Cooper, executive director at PCA Bulloch for joining our booth and spreading the word about child abuse.



More Events During Autism Awareness Month

For the second year in a row, we had an amazing Autism Awareness Night at Tormenta Stadium. Our Mascot, Barry the Bee had a dance off with a few of the soccer fans while we shared information and giveaways. Special thanks to the staff and players at Tormenta for helping us get the word out about autism awareness.

To continue spreading awareness we were honored to speak to many of our local organizations. We were welcomed by the Jaycees, the Kiwanis Club and the Rotary Club.

We are also so grateful to the team at Eagle 97.9 and 106.5 the boro for talking with us on their morning show.



Occupant has Autism

Both the **Statesboro Police Department** and the **Bulloch County Sherriff's Office** have been so helpful in the beginning stages of our next project, The Autism Occupant Program. Funding from the Hospital Authority of Bulloch County has given us an opportunity to bring training to both agencies as well as produce Autism Occupant stickers specific to our county. Stickers will be available in the near future for families that have a member with autism in their home. SPD and BCSO have already assisted in this project by meeting with Resource Center staff and sharing what they believe is needed in a training that each agency will receive. They have also been instrumental in the development of the occupancy sticker. More information will be shared as training gets underway and the stickers become ready for distribution.



She Women's Expo



We are very excited to be part of the She Women's Expo sponsored by the Statesboro Herald, Southern Ob/Gyn and Southern Health & Wellness Center. The Expo takes place at the Venues at Ogeechee Tech on Saturday August 10, 2024. Expo hours are from 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM. We are grateful for the opportunity to share more information about autism, ADHD and anxiety with our community. We look forward to seeing you there.

How Your Donations Help!



Donations have helped us to attend many more community events, provide giveaways such as our pinwheels that help children learn to breath before a meltdown begins and be a cheerleader for those in need. Through the generosity of many we have been able to provide opportunities for families to take pictures with Santa Claus and the Easter Bunny in a setting that was autism friendly.

At many of the community events we attend visitors to our booth often wish to just talk about their life living with someone with ADHD or autism. Some look for support while others need information.

We are able to conduct trainings to support those who work with or encounter children that may have difficulties in certain situations. It is through your generosity that we continue to do this important work. If you haven't made a donation, please consider it now.



How to Use Your Pinwheel

When you're feeling mad or upset take a big deep breath to help you reset. Then blow at your pinwheel really slow and watch your pinwheel spin and go.



SHARON SHARES

I am always in awe of a parent that has a child with autism. Sometimes I wonder how they do it and other times I think about how beautiful their life can be.

I was out shopping at a neighborhood store and a child with his mother was walking through the store. He was walking on his tiptoes and holding tightly to his mother's hand. There was so much anxiety in his eyes as he looked at everything; the lights, the shelving, the items and so many people. I know how the chaos of shopping can feel to me, but for this young child it looked overwhelming.

His mom continued walking into the store, strong and confident. She held his hand, never letting go. Occasionally I would see her pull his hand up to her heart and hold it there. Clearly, she "understood the assignment". She didn't have to say a word to him. Her actions were the all the comfort he needed.

Eventually, I lost sight of them and continued on with my shopping. But the image of the mom holding her anxious child's hand over her heart stayed with me. One simple action that changed the course of their shopping trip. Just knowing her child and what he needed Brought me joy and peace. I will be forever grateful to that mom and her child for that moment.



BARRY SAYS "BEE KIND"

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Books We Love

ONE

by Kathryn Otoshi



One is a book about being excluded and bullied. As blue tries to be like the rest of the colors, red bullies blue so that he cannot. The number one shows up and stands up for blue, teaching the other colors how to do the same. This book is a colorful way to teach children about respecting and including others.

This book is available on You Tube as a read aloud:

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