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IMPACT REPORT 2018

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MESSAGE FROM OUR BOARD PRESIDENT AND CEO

From the foundation of our practice, Geneva Centre for Autism facilitates inclusion and creates opportunities for individuals with autism spectrum disorder (ASD) and families by supporting entire communities. This 2018 Impact Report provides a look inside our programming as well as its application in everyday life.

Over the past year, we extended our services and increased accessibility by offering programs at more locations and incorporated technology to enhance each individual's ability to participate. We partnered with community and cultural organizations to ensure families have access to both critical support and accommodations to enjoy every facet of life. We reached further to support families around the world by training professionals both online and in person through our international Training Institute.

If you are not directly impacted by autism, you may not be familiar with our clinical services that directly support 3,000 families in Toronto. You may not recognize

the behind the scenes support role we play in the community, including the workforce, education, and cultural institutions. One thing is for sure, as part of the community, you benefit from inclusion for people with autism. We thank you for the centre stage or behind the scenes role that you play. Please reach out to Geneva Centre for Autism if you would like to learn more or get involved.

Sincerely,
Judy Welikovitch and Abe Evreniadis

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President, Board of Directors

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Abe Evreniadis'.

Chief Executive Officer





OUR MISSION

Our mission is to empower individuals with Autism Spectrum Disorder, and their families, to fully participate in their communities. We do this by providing direct support for families as well as professional training to share best practices around the world.

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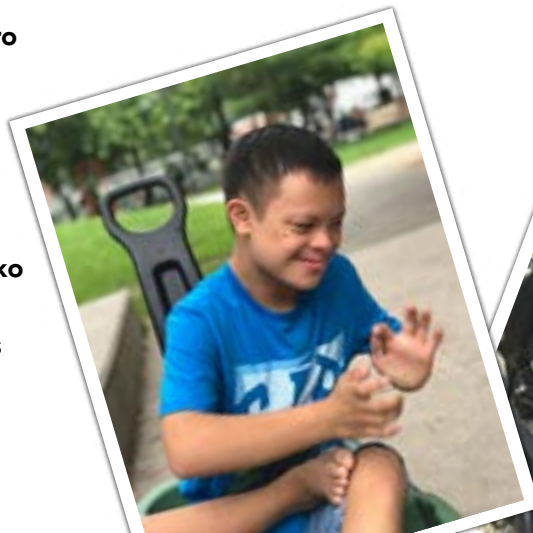
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Anyone can come to us at any time. Whether you're a parent of a child who was recently diagnosed, or you want to support your son or daughter at school, or if you're an individual with autism who wants to enter the workforce, we can help.

Renita Paranjape, Senior Director, GCA



Lucius with Sashini, Social Skills Team Lead

There have been few other organizations that have made my son feel as understood and appreciated as Geneva Centre staff do.

Kate, mom of Lucius, age 13

The eating strategies workshop was excellent. It felt so wonderful after each mom shared their stories about their children. It was very emotional, at least for me because for once, I did not feel alone.

Parent, workshop participant



West End Location Gets a New Home!



Tricks and Tips for an Inclusive Halloween!

Every year, GCA staff give young children in our programming a safe and stress free Halloween. For many, it is their first time Trick or Treating. Watch these tips from our Instructor Therapist team to provide an inclusive Halloween in your neighbourhood.



SUPPORT FOR EVERY INDIVIDUAL AND FAMILY

Big Break camp participants, ages 8-14, receive Camp Certificates with a snapshot of their own brain waves. These are recorded while they observe emotions in the acting game application. Geneva Centre for Autism and Ryerson Smart Labs provide this program in partnership to help children with autism understand and express emotions through acting, singing, and fun games.



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Geneva Centre for Autism is a proud partner in Toronto Autism Services



Thanks to the Ontario Trillium Foundation! PEERS program expansion now welcomes ages 4-29



Facing your Fears

I learned multiple different techniques to face my fears slowly and head-on. Helpful thoughts and deep breathing have especially helped me throughout the past 14 weeks, and will for the rest of my life.

Participant, age 14



Expanded Program for the Education and Enrichment of Relationship Skills (PEERS)

Thanks to funding from the Ontario Trillium Foundation, GCA is helping **420** children and youth with autism to improve social and emotional skills in the evidence-based PEERS program. It is made accessible to all families by removing financial and logistical barriers. The program is offered at convenient locations throughout Toronto at no cost and free child care is provided for siblings.

I can't thank your team enough for the hard work of preparing JP, age 24, for her trip this summer. We had no major episodes or washroom issues and she looked forward to shows at the theatre. Several vacationers on the cruise commended JP and said it gave them hope they could bring their own adult children and family members that they felt guilty leaving at home. JP made lots of friends with strangers and staff and we can't wait to take her again! All that you do, and you do so well, is not just for your clients but also their families and circles.

Shaz, JP's Mom



Geneva Centre for Autism's Pathways of Extended Learning program moved into its new training hub at 164 Merton Street! The remodel provides a fully equipped, multi-disciplinary learning Centre for technical and practical training. The new facility is designed to optimize learning and experiential opportunities for participants in all streams of the program: **Culinary, Business Administration, and Life Skills.**



Employers and Employees Enjoy the Benefits of Inclusive Hiring.



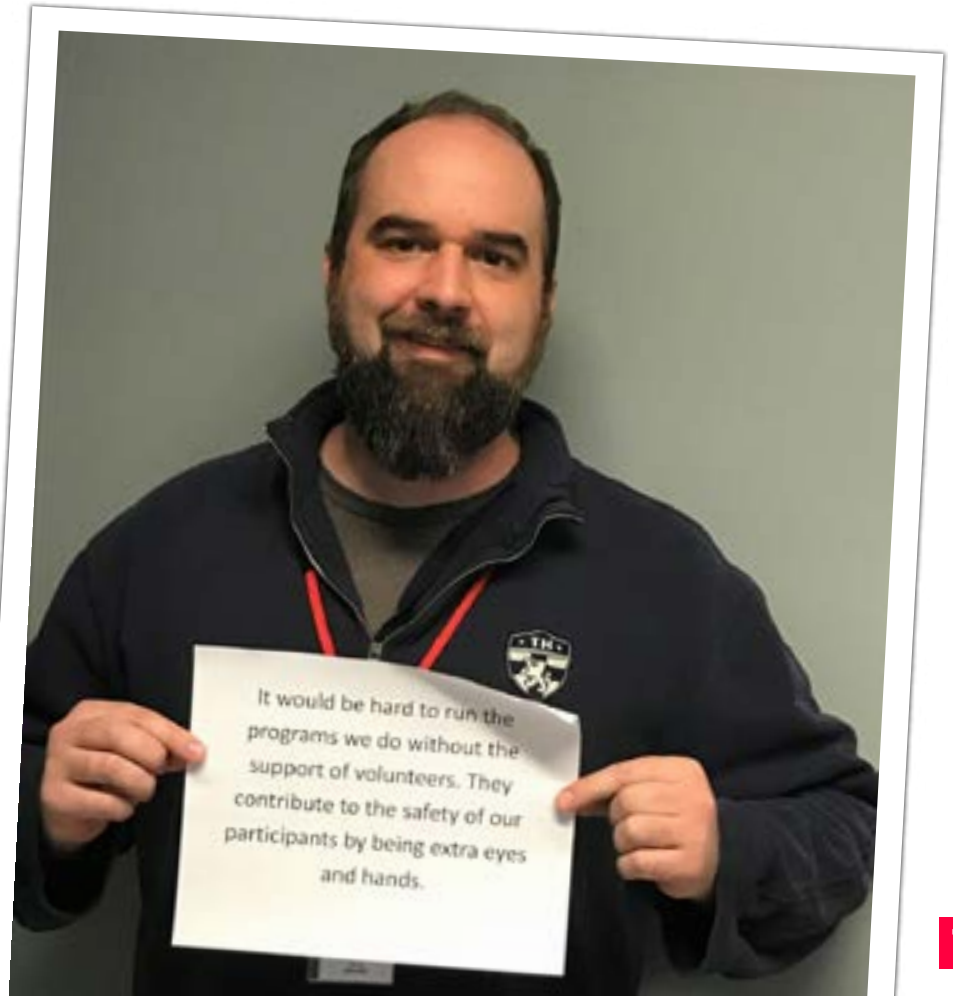
Alicia Xavier, Regional Autism Coordinator, shares inclusive hiring tips to find top talent.

I wanted to thank Geneva Centre for Autism for educating and creating awareness regarding autism, especially as it relates to younger children. I had the great privilege of listening to stories about the challenges that children with autism face every day. I was able to better understand and then develop concrete solutions to support our staff in successfully meeting the needs of all of our visitors. My knowledge of autism, and what to look for, was expanded. To have the opportunity to put myself both in the parent's and child's perspective was truly a remarkable experience.

Shaz, JP's Mom

Volunteers are at the heart of our community

198 volunteers brought smiles and extra hands to our programs for children, youth, and adults last year. Men and women from the ages of 18-79 gained new skills and experience last year, but one of the top reasons they shared for volunteering is to give back to their community.



Thank you! Thank you! Thank you! My 7 year old son Adrian and our whole family had an amazing (exhausting) time at the Ontario Science Centre (OSC). The social story we downloaded helped him prepare for his first visit to the OSC since he was an infant. We spent four hours there and Adrian was well behaved through it all. I normally have to find separate activities for my children. Thanks to the inclusive programming you provided, and the welcoming atmosphere, we've finally found something our whole family can do together. We shall return again and again.

Misheal, Adrian and Tempí's mom

WORK

SPORTS & RECREATION
EDUCATION
ARTS & CULTURE

Inclusion for individuals with autism means supporting an entire community, and everybody benefits. GCA provides community programming and professional training to ensure all sectors are accessible to everyone. Over the past year, our community partners opened their doors wide. Psst, it's not just the kids that had fun.



Behind the Scenes: Professional Training

Geneva Centre for Autism, more specifically its wonderful staff, provided me with a better understanding of the challenges some of our visitors experience when they walk through our doors and into the Science Centre environment. I now have a higher level of understanding of emotional regulation, compulsions and hyper-responsiveness, along with other behaviours of autism. Each of our visitors deserves the highest level of customer service and individual support we can provide. I am confident this training only strengthened my ability to provide that on a daily basis.

Heather, Protective Services Supervisor

Thanks to Geneva Centre for Autism for helping us to create “Pablo’s World”, a soothing space where kids and families could experience our day in a different way.

Marie McCann, Senior Director, Children’s Content, CBC Kids

It makes me so happy to know there are events I can bring my son to where we both feel safe.

Parent attending CBC Kids Days



Pablo’s World

CBC Kids Days can be loud and crowded! If you’d like a different sensory experience, we welcome you to visit Pablo’s World. Inside you can enjoy fun activities, watch videos, or just relax!

Experts from the Geneva Centre for Autism are also inside, please come say hello!

Watch full episodes anytime



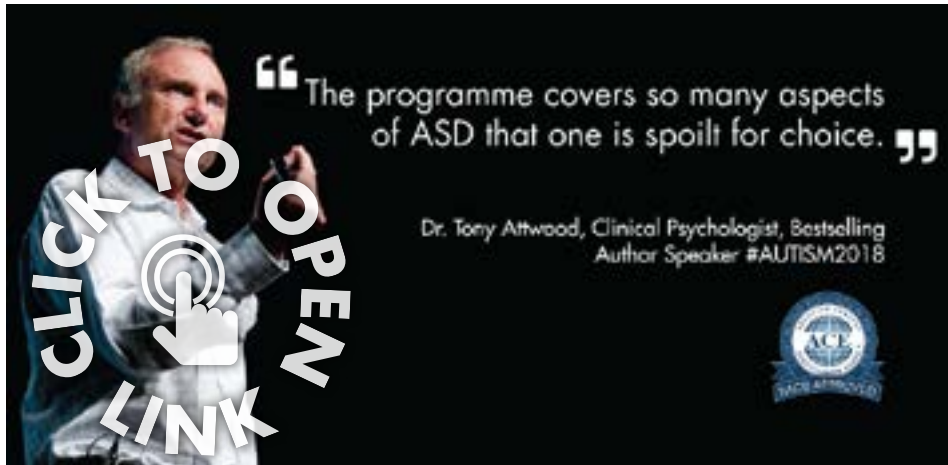
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Behind the Scenes: Professional Training

The workshop was incredibly informative and our team really enjoyed it. We’re looking forward to applying the information we’ve learned about ASD across all of our platforms.

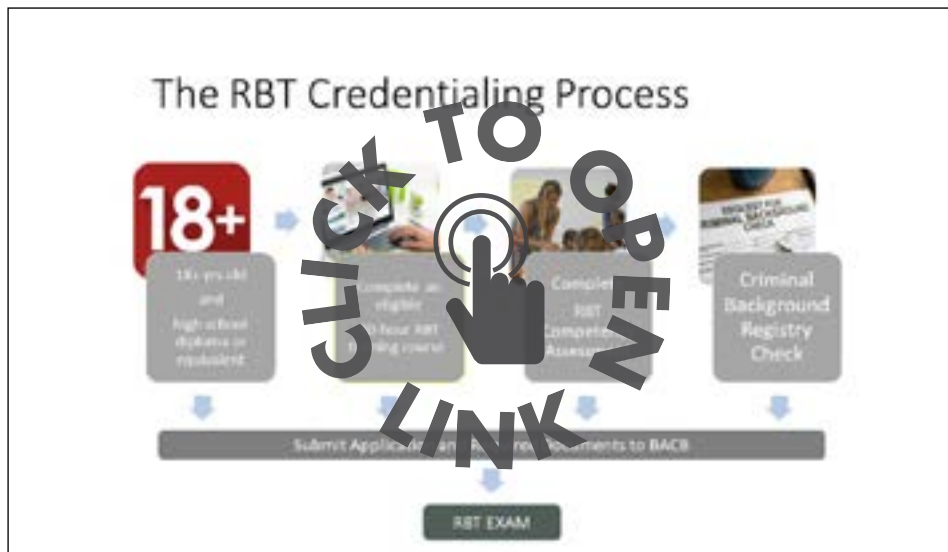
Lindsay Stokes, Outreach Coordinator, CBC Kids

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Geneva Centre Hosts Canada's Largest Autism Symposium

Leading experts share the latest breakthroughs in the field of autism with over 1,000 professionals, including educators and clinicians, as well as families. This year attendees will get their hands on tomorrow's technology through a special showcase from the Ontario Science Centre. Join a global community that are extending support for individuals with autism and creating inclusive communities around the world.

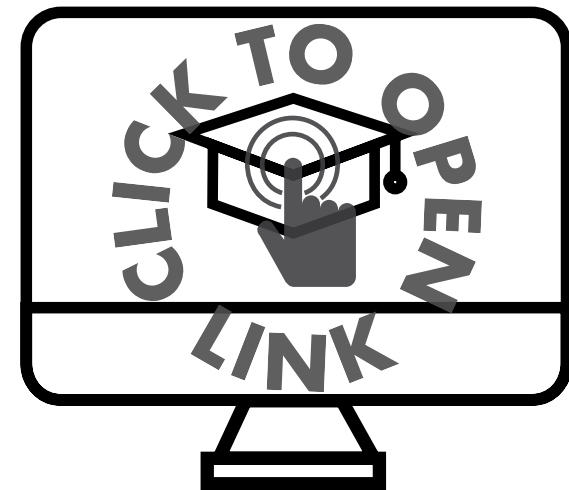


The Registered Behaviour Technician™ (RBT®) credential is regulated by the Behaviour Analysis Certification Board® to ensure safe and effective practices. GCA's Training Institute launched a 40 hour online program to help professionals offer critical behavior therapy for children in need and prepare for their full RBT credential.

LEAD BY LEARNING

Geneva Centre for Autism's Professional Training Institute Shares Best Practices Far and Wide

Our Training Institute offers a full online curriculum in English and French! Professionals can learn anytime anywhere and apply the strategies immediately at work and in the community. In 2018, the Training Institute reached professionals in **94 countries** around the world and had over **32,000** online training registrations!



Start now and Lead by Learning

FINANCIAL REPORT

Over the past year, Geneva Centre for Autism expanded programming into new, convenient locations across the city, revamped programming areas, and updated program technology to make our services more accessible than ever. Our interdisciplinary clinical teams provide continuous support for over **3,000** families in Toronto. Here's how we made it happen last year:

Generous program support for children, youth, and adults came from:

April 1st 2017 through March 31st 2018

Government and Grants
\$10,640,389

Fundraising
\$666,522

Registrations
\$2,150,469

These funds were invested in:

Early Intervention and Treatment
\$6,844,800

Training, Education and Workshops
\$1,261,653

Community Service Partnerships
\$2,180,087

Respite and Camps
\$759,787

Socials Skills and Vocational Training
\$816,514

Outreach and Fundraising
\$457,680

Operations
\$1,102,016



Want to help more families receive the support they need?



\$100,000+

- Ontario Trillium Foundation

\$60,000+

- The Giving Tree Foundation of Canada

\$30,000-\$49,000

- BMO Financial Group

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THANK YOU!

Over **3,000** families in Toronto rely on Geneva Centre for Autism services to achieve the best outcomes at home, work, and in the community. Thanks to the generous support of individuals and organizations, GCA is able to help children, youth, and adults through every day challenges and celebrate accomplishments.



ICON Digital Productions Inc hosted an exciting evening that provided generous support for children and families. Thank you!



BMO hits a hole in one by presenting GCA's Annual Golf Classic and going the extra mile every day in support of programming for individuals with autism.



Thank you to State Street Corporation for providing paid job opportunities to adults with ASD at LOL for Autism and for their continued support of GCA's Adult Pathways Programs.

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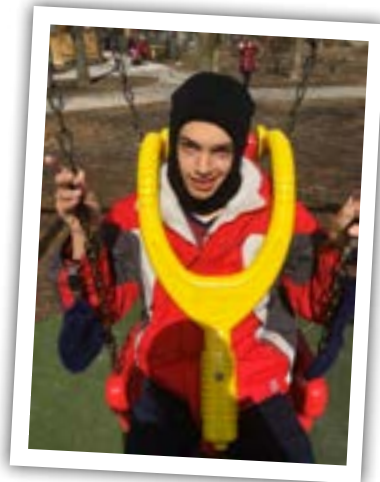
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