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A MESSAGE FROM OUR EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

On behalf of the staff and Board of Directors, I would like to wish you a very Happy New Year. 2021 marks our 45th Anniversary, and we are proud to have served the autistic community in Canada since 1976.

It is no secret to anyone that 2020 was a challenge. It brought a level of worry that most of us have never known. The ripple effects of the pandemic continue to take a toll on the autistic community. With the cancellation of schools, therapies, retail, and most services, this left people scrambling. Parents had to adapt to having their children at home during the day, homeschooling, disruption of routines, and general mental health all while trying to work from home themselves.

There is no magic switch that turned on as the clock struck 12 on New Year's Eve but what we still have is a tremendous amount of hope. Hope for a better year and better outcomes for all of us.

With the new year comes a renewed sense of purpose. The need for our services doubled last year, and we vowed to expand our family support services to exceed the needs this year. We will continue to bring the highest quality programs forward, and we will advocate for and stand beside our community.

"Nothing About Us Without Us" is a phrase that holds true inside Autism Canada. The staff, Board of Directors and our Autism Ambassadors have a deep and very personal connection to the Autism Spectrum. We live it not only in our professional lives but our personal lives as well. Which is what gives us the passion to proudly continue our work.

We are thankful for your faith in us, and we are thankful for your support.

May 2021 bring you peace and great health.

Kindest wishes,
Barbara

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