

## Welcome

### A word from Tracie Linehan, CEO

We had a fantastic 2016; our school, Rainbow School, was judged as Good with Outstanding features by Ofsted, our pupils all made expected progress or better, we exceeded the half way goal towards our £1.5m Tram House Appeal and the building work is well underway; we began our post-19 pilot provision and have forged a positive partnership with Lambeth College to further develop the service and choices for young people aged 19-25 years; our partnership with Yarrow is also going from strength to strength designing potential pathways to supported living options for young people with autism. It has been a year of establishing a firm base on which to grow our services and to increase our reach creating the right environment to move forward in 2017 with success.

And so, to 2017, the second year of our 5 year strategy to Empower People and Launch Lives – our older pupils will move into our new state of the art school building, we will pilot an Early Years provision, we will formulate the plans for our research, training and learning hub; our Outreach and Training service will continue to develop; our pupil numbers will continue to grow with a staff team expert in ensuring they make outstanding progress; and we will cement our partnerships with Lambeth College, Yarrow, Floreat, our corporate partners and our growing number of supporters.

As ever I am keen to meet new people and to promote our vision as widely as possible, open to new conversations and ideas and to working in partnerships that promote, maintain and improve education and training for people with autism, their families and the professionals that work with them.

### A word from Karen Sorab, Chair of Trustees

Now is such a good time to bring you an update on all the wonderful things that our charity has achieved over the past year and a half. The Board of Trustees has been fully engaged with the 5 year strategy Empowering People, Launching Lives and we have enjoyed watching BeyondAutism grow and develop under Tracie Linehan's leadership. There has been so much progress and it has been exciting to watch our plans for Garratt Lane become a reality, to see our Sixth Form grow, to see our plans for Post 19 provision take shape. As a Board we are committed to ensuring that people with autism have access to outstanding education and training, leading towards an adult life full of choice and in their control. At the heart of all our service provision is an aspirational drive, underpinned by Applied Behaviour Analysis which will help to develop active citizens of the future accompanied by resilient families to support them. The Board of Trustees is very grateful to the Board of Governors for the valuable role it plays in the continuing development of Rainbow School and to everyone who supports our charity either by giving of their time, supporting us at fundraising events or donating directly to the charity. We hope you enjoy reading this newsletter.



Our stall at the December Careers Fair

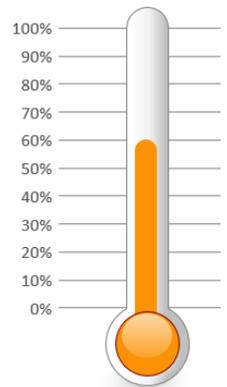
## Tram House Appeal

The Tram House fundraising appeal was launched at No 10 Downing Street on 8<sup>th</sup> December 2015, with a £1.5m target.

Over £900,000 has since been raised, from a range of sources: trusts and foundations, corporate support, major donors, and community fundraising.

Many thanks to all who have supported the appeal – we are very grateful to you.

We will be working hard to raise the balance by the end of summer term! To make a donation or help with fundraising efforts, please contact Naomi Glancy on [naomiglancy@beyondautism.org.uk](mailto:naomiglancy@beyondautism.org.uk) or 020 3031 9705.



A lot has changed in the last 6 months!



## Rainbow School update

Rainbow School has had another positive year and the demand for places is high. We had an Ofsted inspection in June 2016 and were pleased to be judged as Good with Outstanding features. The school also took part in a material change inspection in June with the intention to raise its PAN from 68 to 76 pupils. Rainbow School met the criteria and is now able to offer placements for 76 pupils from Early Years through to Year 14. All available placements have been offered to potential new students, and the school is expected to reach its newly increased capacity during the Spring Term 2017.

Our pupils continue to benefit from school outings, including a week long whole school residential trip to Stubbers Adventure Centre in July 2016. Our pupils particularly enjoy accessing the ski trips to the Snowbility Centre, generously funded by a grant from the Thompson Family Charitable Trust.

At the end of 2016 the whole school production of “The Lion King” was held at Thomas’s School, Clapham. It was a great hit and we are hugely appreciative of the support from Thomas’s with their technical wizards and fantastic facilities.



## Training Dates

Bookings are now being taken for our next ‘Introduction to ABA/VB’ 4 day course which takes place on 11<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> May and 1<sup>st</sup> June. This 4 day course provides a comprehensive introduction to Applied Behaviour Analysis (ABA), using Verbal Behaviour (VB) and its application in a school setting.

It would benefit any professional working with children and young people with autism, including school staff, social workers, nurses and family support workers. The course includes theory and hands-on practice in a school setting. Places cost £250pp. For more information and to book please email [outreach@beyondautism.org.uk](mailto:outreach@beyondautism.org.uk).



## New fundraising regulations

In accordance with the new fundraising regulations coming into force in 2018, we will be moving to ‘opt-in’ communications and will write to everyone in due course explaining more.



# BeyondAutism

Invites you to join us for our

## CHARITY QUIZ NIGHT

Wednesday 10th May 2017

7pm - 11pm

Enjoy a fun evening starting with a Prosecco reception, followed by a Quiz and a gourmet Fish & Chip supper.



Quiz Master  
Broadcaster and Journalist

**Jane Moore**

(as seen on Loose Women)

Tickets: £35 per head (tables of 10)

Contact: **020 3031 9705** or email  
[events@beyondautism.org.uk](mailto:events@beyondautism.org.uk)

- Quiz begins at 7.30pm with a Prosecco reception from 7pm
- Venue: Civic Suite, Wandsworth High Street SW18 2PU
- Cash bar available on the night
- Raffle with superb prizes
- Silent Auction

This year we will be attending various shows and fairs, so come along and see us at our stalls!

- **Get Set Go 14-25** (Wandsworth) - 27th February. A free event for young people aged 14-25 with special educational needs and disabilities, their parents/carers and professionals.
- **Autism Fayre** (Wandsworth) - 25th April. Free event for parents, carers and professionals.
- **Kidz to Adultz South** (Reading) - 8th June. One of the largest, free UK exhibitions dedicated to children and young adults up to 25 years with disabilities and additional needs, their families, carers and professionals.
- **The Autism Show** (London Excel) - 16th-17th June. The Autism Show offers information, advice, products and services on autism.

Some of these events do require tickets so make sure to check their websites in advance to see if you need to book ahead.

## Corporate Support

We have been fortunate to receive generous support from a number of corporate partners over the past year, with over £100,000 raised in donations and in-kind support in 2016!

- Octopus Investments
- SAP Software
- Sainsbury's St John's Hill
- Superhero Screen
- Jacksons Estate Agents
- Manheim Wimbledon
- M&S Southfields
- White Stuff



Special thanks to Octopus Investments (pictured above volunteering at sports day), who have donated and raised over £86,000 in support of the Tram House Appeal, provided 37 volunteers, held a half term party for teaching staff and funded all Christmas activity at Rainbow School. We are delighted to announce that we will be one of Octopus' chosen charities for 2017!



## Friends of BeyondAutism

On the 29<sup>th</sup> November we launched our brand new community fundraising initiative, Friends of BeyondAutism at The Roundhouse, Wandsworth. This was then followed by the very first Friends of BeyondAutism event, a staff quiz which raised over £100! It was a fantastic evening and a great way to kick off the initiative.

The idea behind Friends of BeyondAutism is simple: choose something you love and do it in aid of our charity – not only to raise much-needed funds for our charity, but also to spread the word about the work that we do. Anyone can become a Friend simply by hosting your own event, however big or small!

If you're interested in hosting an event get in touch with us to receive your Friends of BeyondAutism fundraising toolkit, or you can download it from our website. We'd love to hear your ideas!

## Challenge events

Huge thanks to everyone who has participated in a busy year of challenge events in aid of BeyondAutism:

- In May, a group of 18 staff members and friends ran the Superhero Run in Regents Park, raising a fantastic £3,250 for the Rainy Day Fund.
- James Wrenn completed the London2Brighton challenge and raised £680.
- We had 8 runners at this year's Royal Parks Half Marathon in October raising over £7,050 for the charity.
- Matt Kempson, one of our Royal Parks runners also decided to do the Three Peaks and Tough Mudder in his own take on a triathlon. He raised a total of £1,110.
- Halloween saw BeyondAutism's inaugural charity abseil with Freefall: Who Scares Wins. Jason Fox of SAS: Who Dares Wins came down for the day to start and finish the proceedings. We had 51 abseilers who raised a total of over £14,100 with proceeds going towards the Tram House Appeal.
- Jukka and Lily Tuominen participated in the 25km Thames Path Challenge raising a combined £675.

We are incredibly grateful to each and every one of you for all of your amazing fundraising.

This year we have a number of challenge events, including the Superhero Run, Royal Parks Half Marathon and Nightrider London. To hear more about the events on offer email [fundraising@beyondautism.org.uk](mailto:fundraising@beyondautism.org.uk) or visit our website.



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