

The Advocate

July 2017

Welcome to *The Advocate*, the official newsletter of the Special Needs Foundation of Cayman Ltd (SNFC).



LETTER FROM THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Dear SNFC Members and Friends,

At the beginning of July the Early Years Connect Group had a wonderful morning of fun at Starfish Village. With a special music time with Miss Izzy. We are hoping to have a big event in September where all the connect groups can come together and make connections. Please watch out for further details.

The application for summer camp closed a few weeks ago and we have a full list of children waiting to start the fun at Camp NO Limits 'Twist & Shout'. The Camp Committee have been working hard to make sure that the fun from last year is repeated.

The school holidays are well and truly here and with them some anxiety from parents as to how to keep the children occupied and happy. Books, movies and research reinforce that our favourite childhood memories are often about adventures and simple pleasures, such as indoor crafts & fun outdoor activities. When our children look back on the summer of 2017 it would be nice if they could remember having fun adventures. Let's help our children to have an active and fun summer. Maybe you could try some of the following:

- Do some baking - how about homemade pizza or Cassava Cake.
- Have a theme day. This may be butterflies, pirates, princesses, fairies or even dinosaurs.
- Make an inside obstacle course with cushions, pillows, boxes, chairs and blankets.
- Have a Picnic or BBQ lunch at the park or on the beach.
- Do general gardening or plant a vegetable or herb garden.
- An outside treasure hunt. Create a Treasure hunt in the backyard - make your map, dress them up in pirate clothes, give them the map and let them start hunting.
- Have a game of hide and seek - lots of fun for the little ones.

This is a time when we can relax the rules a little. Why not eat dinner at the beach or stay up late lying on blankets in the garden watching the stars. The important thing is that you spend this time with your children doing these activities, talking to them and enjoying their company.

We hope you have lots of fun and create some wonderful memories.
SNFC Board of Directors

UPCOMING EVENTS

- 4th November** - **Breeze Fusion Walk/Run - in aid of SNFC**
- Respite Care** - see page 2 for upcoming events
- Sports & Leisure** - see page 2 for upcoming events
- Connect Groups** - see page 2 for upcoming events

Services and Support



Your Toddler Connect Group Co-Ordinator is Victoria Taylor at: vtaylor@saxonpensions.ky.

Your Primary Group Co-ordinator is Jennifer Marshall at: Jennifer_marshall@mac.com,

Your Youth Group Co-Ordinator is Tania Ebanks at: taniamebanks@gmail.com.

We are still looking for an Young Adult Group Co-Ordinator.

Sports & Leisure Club:

3rd Wednesday of each month - Skatepark Session – 6.00 - 7.30pm – all ages

Sundays – Yogasprouts – is on a break.

Please note that some events are age restricted and some have limited spaces. More details will follow in separate mailings.

Respite Care:

Second and Third Friday evening of the month 5.30-7.30pm at Chatterbox

Saturday mornings 10am-12pm at Chatterbox.

Saturday afternoons 3.30pm – 5.30pm at KidsAbility

Contact suzanne@chatterboxcayman.com to book your space.

Family Support Programme:

To access this free service to members please contact Suzanne at Suzanne@chatterboxcayman.com. Suzanne is able to provide practical and emotional support to our members helping to address issues impacting the functioning of their children.

Resources Page

WEBSITE

Our Website can be found at:

www.specialneedsfoundation.ky. Please do check it out.

From the website you will be able to access back copies of this newsletter, download forms and check up-to-date news on upcoming events. Place those dates in your diary!

The website will be updated regularly, so please pop back often.



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POSTAL ADDRESS FOR THE SPECIAL NEEDS FOUNDATION OF CAYMAN (SNFC) for

Please now address post to:

The Special Needs Foundation Ltd

PO Box 12141

Grand Cayman KY1-1010

Cayman Islands

PHONE NUMBER FOR SNFC: (345) - 321-2957 (Cell)

Memberships run 1st January each year through 31st December. Membership is now open for 2016. If you are already a member your membership will automatically renew unless you inform us that you would like to come off our database. However, please do take the time to complete our new, more detailed membership form on page 4, if you have not already done so. This will allow us to target services more directly for you. Access to SNFC services, such as the Family Support Programme and respite care are only available to members.

You will be able to apply or renew at any Community Meeting/Event or by mailing the membership form. Memberships are still currently available free of charge. Any questions may be forwarded to: susie@specialneedsfoundation.ky.

Local Providers

On the Resources page of our Website we list details of local special needs providers. Both contact information and a list of their services are included. This list is updated as and when we receive new information.

If you have details of any other providers please do let us have them so that they can be included for the benefit of others.

Please note that although SNFC screens submissions to this directory the Foundation cannot make specific endorsements.



Family Membership Form 2017

Membership of the Special Needs Foundation of Cayman (SNFC) is encouraged for anyone who may be invested in the future outcomes of children with Special Needs in the Cayman Islands – families, individuals, schools, professionals, agencies and support groups. As the Foundation grows, benefits to members will increase. Your membership is a positive way of supporting the activities of SNFC.

Parent Name(s) _____ (Mr/Mrs/Ms/Miss/Dr/Family)

Address: P.O. Box _____ KY1- _____ District or location _____

Phone: (Cell) _____ (Home/Work) _____

Email: (please print) _____

Please keep the Foundation informed of any changes to your contact details.

Child's Name(s) _____ **Birthday:** _____

Which age groups are of interest to you? *(Please tick):*

Toddler Group 0-5 years	Teenagers 12- 16
5-12 year olds	Transitioning into adulthood 16+

Which area(s) of Special Needs are of most interest to you? *(Please tick):*

ADHD	Autism Spectrum Disorders	Learning Disabilities	Mental Health Disorders
Physical Disabilities	Language Disorders	Gifted Learners	Other:

What special accommodations would your child (or other family member) require at a special event sponsored by SNFC?

I understand that SNFC is not liable should anything happen to my child while participating in an SNFC organized activity.

Signature: _____

Membership forms can be submitted to: The Special Needs Foundation of Cayman Ltd., P.O. Box 12141, Grand Cayman, KY1-1010 or emailed to susie@specialneedsfoundation.ky.

Membership is currently sponsored so no fees are required.

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