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Raising A Child With Autism:
The role of family and the
community.

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CEO's Welcome

Segun Agbaje



I am pleased to welcome you to the 8th edition of our Annual Autism Conference themed **"Raising a Child with Autism, the Role of Family and Community."**

I would like to begin by thanking everyone present; our dear children living with autism, their parents and families, caregivers, healthcare professionals, representatives of the public sector and NGOs and members of the general public. Thank you for your partnership and participation in this initiative as well as for everything that you do to be a voice for people with autism.

Seven years ago, we started this journey of building a more inclusive and supportive society for children and adults living with autism. One step after the other, you have walked with us as we led the campaign against the stigmatization of children and adults with autism, advocated that they should receive greater assistance and created a platform to support them in their everyday life.

Today, more than 10,000 people have participated in our annual autism conferences, we have trained over 14,000 people on how to manage Autism and 3,200 children have benefited from our free one-on-one consultation services. Thanks to autism awareness campaigns, there has been a steady and significant increase in the social consciousness of people towards supporting, and not stigmatizing, people living with Autism. However, there is still some way to go, especially when it comes to better understanding how to cater to the dynamic needs of children living with autism.

As a life-long challenge, every child living with Autism will face unique sets of hurdles at every stage of their lives, and although many will be able to count on the care and affection of their parents and families, they all will need

our support and understanding whether as caregivers, friends, neighbours, teachers or concerned members of the public. Hence, it falls to all of us, in whatever capacity— corporate citizens, the public sector, NGOs, healthcare experts, Caregivers and concerned members of the Community, to create solid and sustainable support systems that empower children living with Autism and help them thrive.

In light of the above, the theme of this year's Autism Conference, **"Raising a Child with Autism: The Role of Family and the Community"** could not be more apt. It will guide our conversation over these two days as we share ideas on how to build the expertise, resources and skills required for the effective management of autism. More importantly, this theme will serve as a constant reminder to all of us, that children living with Autism are, ultimately, children. Like every other kid, they have big dreams, amazing talents and incredible potential to contribute to our society. They are just as much the leaders of tomorrow, and it is our collective responsibility to ensure that they reach their full potential.

During this 8th Annual Autism Conference, it is also important to bear in mind the many things that we can learn from people living with autism, one of which is the fact that although autism is a complex disorder, people with autism have the capacity to learn, grow and lead meaningful lives. They just need to be provided with appropriate and timely support. That is why we must continue to inspire communities near and far to not only accept, but also to embrace individuals with autism into their lives and into society.

As an organization that is passionate about helping young people thrive, this theme is personal to us at GTBank. We strongly believe that every child, regardless of their challenge, deserves all the support and opportunities that they can get to live their dreams. Hence, we enjoin all of you gathered here today to join us in creating a society which is not only safe for children living with autism but also stimulating for them; that we recognize not just their challenges, but also their talents; and that we remain steadfast in supporting and helping them grow into adults who will add real value to our society.

Thank you.

The Orange Ribbon Initiative



At Guaranty Trust Bank, our commitment to giving back runs just as deep as our passion for creating value, and it is driven by our belief that building a strong business and making the world a better place are essential ingredients for long-term success. It is for this reason that we maintain a clearly defined CSR strategy focused on championing causes and fostering initiatives that transform lives and uplift our communities. Our Corporate Social Responsibility initiatives are built on four major pillars — Education, Community Development, Arts and the Environment — which we believe are fundamental building blocks for the socioeconomic development of any society.

Every day, we dream of a better and more inclusive world for people living with autism. To make this a reality, we join hands with people and organizations that see the same world and work together to drive initiatives and campaigns for people who are excluded and misunderstood.

As an organization, we created the Orange Ribbon Initiative in 2009, to support people with developmental disabilities and special needs, especially Autism Spectrum Disorders (ASD). This was driven by our concern for people who suffer stigmatization and get very limited support in the society. Through the years, the Bank has trained more than 14,000 people on how to manage ASD, provided free one-on-one consultation services to over 3,200 children and led a sustained campaign to tackle the stigma facing people living with Autism.

We continue to aggressively and steadfastly pursue the following objectives:

- § Increase in societal awareness of Autism
- § Improvement in the knowledge of the care and management of Autism among parents, caregivers, educationists and health workers
- § Support for inclusive quality education for children living with autism, as well as, comprehensive vocational centres for adults
- § Improvement in applied autism research
- § Provision of free all-round consultation services for people living with Autism.

The conference has drawn the finest minds from across the globe, who have shared innovative lessons from their fields. The conference has also moved beyond the walls of the venue through dissemination across several media channels, leading to engaging conversations on autism, improving awareness and changing attitudes across the globe.

The Orange Ribbon Initiative continues to thrive on partnerships with resourceful organisations working tirelessly to improve lives. We work with Patrick Speech and Languages Centre, Ikeja, Lagos, the College of Medicine University of Lagos, Neuropsychiatric Hospital Aro, Abeokuta and ASD specialists from the United States of America and the United Kingdom.

The theme for our conference this year focuses on the roles of parents and the community in

providing an enabling environment for children with Autism to thrive. We believe that with you by their side, taking one step at a time, the future for people living with

autism in Nigeria, and the rest of the world, is bright. That is why we are always here, standing beside you and ready to walk with you all the way!





The 2018 Autism Programme

Theme - Raising a child with Autism: The role of family and the community

Every parent greets the arrival of a child with celebration. Parents watch with joy as their children break into their first smile, say their first words, take their first step and accomplish each milestone of their life. As they progress, they acquire fundamental life skills that makes it easy for them to move from childhood to adulthood. However, not all children take these steps at the expected time. This is the case for children with Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) and other neurodevelopmental disabilities.

Children with ASD have difficulties with social interaction and communication. These challenges vary from child to child, however one thing is constant: when a child has ASD, life changes for the entire family. Parents have to learn how to deal with behavioural challenges they are not accustomed to, siblings have to understand being treated differently and typical events like family outings can become an uphill task. In communities where there is little or no understanding of ASD, families and children living with autism also have to deal with stigma and labelling about a disorder that they themselves have not yet fully understood and have no control over.

While it feels like a lonely bumpy road most of the time, families of children with ASD do not have to walk alone. For children with ASD to grow into responsible adults, families and communities need to fully comprehend their roles as nurturers and supporters. With proper understanding, people living with ASD can live holistic lives and contribute to the society at large.

The burden is not just on the family, it is in the hand of the teacher who makes deliberate efforts at finding alternative solutions to meeting the unique learning needs of children with ASD.

It is in the eyes of caregivers paying particular attention to the peculiar care-giving needs of a child with ASD.

It is in the cognisance of health care professionals who know that children with ASD are unique and treat each case as such.

It is in the compassion of the random stranger, sharing hope rather than stigma.

It is in each and every one of us raising children, with a sense of awareness of the individuality of every child.

It is in organizations giving people with ASD a chance to express themselves through their skills.

It is in a nation making legislations that creates a society that is more accepting of people with ASD.

It is in showing empathy for the next individual, it is in being kinder — sharing a smile, lending a hand, giving a hug. By being better humans, we also show a child with ASD, how to become just that!

At this conference, we will learn several ways to create support structures for children with ASD. We will address the different challenges that families of children with ASD face at different stages. We will share and learn from one another through interactive discussions.

We hope that at the end of the conference, we will be better informed — as parents, care givers and educators — to become champions for ASD, and take the message of ASD to our different communities. This is important because even today, “it still takes a village to raise a child.”

2018 Autism Conference

Shell Hall, MUSON Centre, Onikan, Lagos

Day 1 - Tuesday 17th July

9:00 – 10:00am	Breakfast		
10:00 – 10:10am	Opening/Introduction		
10:10 – 10:40am	Special rendition/Performance		
10:40 – 10:50am	Keynote Address	Mr Segun Agbaje <i>CEO/IMD, GTBank</i>	
OPENING SESSIONS			
10:50 – 11:10pm	Session 1	Mrs Joyce Onafowokan <i>Early Intervention Professional Special Adviser to Lagos State Governor on Social Development</i>	The role of Government in Autism Advocacy
11:10 – 11:30pm	Session 2	Mrs Dotun Akande <i>Advance Certified Autism Specialist Director, Patrick Speech & Languages Center, Lagos</i>	The strength of collaboration in raising a child with Autism
PRESENTATIONS			
11:30 – 11:50pm	Presentation 1	Camille Proctor <i>Executive Director, The Colour of Autism Foundation, USA.</i>	Community Inclusion: Spectrum of Care Where a typical Meets Typical
11:50–12:10pm	Presentation 2	Dr Maimuna Kadijat <i>Psychiatrist Medical Director, Pinnacle Medical Services</i>	The role of Mental Health in the Community
12:10 – 1:00pm	LUNCH BREAK		
PANEL DISCUSSIONS			
1:00 – 3:00pm	Health Providers Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Dr Ade Otubanjo <i>Speech Therapist, New York USA</i> - Dr Yewande Oshodi <i>Child & Adolescent Psychiatrist, CMUL LUTH, Lagos</i> - Mrs Tolulope Ajose <i>Nutritionist</i> - Dr Doris Izuwah <i>Paediatrician Clinical Director, OLGHF Abuja</i> - Dr. Demvihin Ihyembe <i>Developmental-Behavioural paediatrician</i> 	<p>Dealing with Seizure and other health challenges</p> <p>Moderator Dr Paul Agboola</p>
3:00 – 5:00pm	Parents Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Dr Chizoba Peters <i>Has a 7yr old daughter</i> - Mrs Solape Azazi <i>Has a 4yr old son</i> - Ms Camille Proctor <i>Has a 10yr old son</i> - Mrs Faith Abassah <i>Has a 6yr old son</i> - Mrs Ijeoma Ogwu - Mr John Nkwo <i>Has an 11yr old daughter</i> 	<p>Independent Living, Transition Challenge</p> <p>Moderator Dr Maimuna Kadiri</p>

2018 Autism Conference

Shell Hall, MUSON Centre, Onikan, Lagos

Day 2 - Wednesday 18th July

9:00 – 10:00am	Breakfast		
10:00 – 10:10am	Re-cap of Day 1		
10:10 – 10:40am	Special rendition / Performance		
OPENING SESSIONS			
10:40 – 11:00am	Session 1	Dr Funmilola Omotayo <i>Educational Psychologist</i>	Meeting the needs of families
11:00 – 11:20am	Session 2	Dr Noimot Balogun <i>Public Health Communication Expert</i>	Community Network: A critical asset in sustainable Autism care
PRESENTATIONS			
11:20 – 11:40am	Presentation 1	Mrs Bolanle Adewole <i>Educationist Founder, The Learning Place Centre, Lagos</i>	The Strength of Inclusion in the Classroom
11:40 – 12:00pm	Presentation 2	Ms Tomi Agboola-Odeleye <i>Speech & Language Therapist University College London</i>	How to help your child when you don't have access to a Speech Therapist
12:00 – 1:00pm	LUNCH BREAK		
PANEL DISCUSSIONS			
1:00 – 3:00pm	Inclusive Schools Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Mrs Omolola Aneke <i>Certified Special Educator Executive Director, CADET Academy</i> - Dr Grace Ojeamiren-Bamigboye <i>Speech-Language Pathologist</i> - Beauty Kumesine <i>Behaviour Technician Founder, Blazing Heart Autism Center</i> - Ms Ajibike Bakare <i>Owner, Juniper Crèche and Juniper Hill School</i> - Mrs Dotun Akande <i>Advance Certified Autism Specialist Director, Patrick Speech & Languages Center</i> 	<p>Raising a child with Autism: The early years and additional needs</p> <p>Moderator - Bolanle Adewole <i>Educationist</i></p>
3:00 – 5:00pm	Community Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Denise Hetherington <i>Speech Therapist Chicago Public Schools, USA</i> - Dr Elizabeth Campbell <i>Psychiatrist, CMUL/LUTH, Lagos</i> - Dr Oladipo Sowunmi <i>Psychiatrist, Neuropsychiatry Hospital Abeokuta</i> - Bimbola Akinyelure <i>Occupational Therapist National Orthopaedic Hospital, Lagos</i> - Mrs Doyinsola Adebomehin <i>Behaviour Analyst</i> 	<p>Social Inclusion of people with developmental disability: a community engagement model</p> <p>Moderator – Dr Adeola Fayemi Teacher, <i>Administrator</i></p>

Specialised session/ Symposium for Medical Practitioners

AGIP Hall, MUSON Centre, Onikan, Lagos

Day 2 - Wednesday 18th July

Autism Across Life Span Management, Research & Intervention skills Development in Nigeria			
TIME	PRESENTATIONS		
10:00 – 10:40am	Presentation 1	Dr Doris Izuwah <i>Paediatrician Clinical Director, OLGHF Abuja</i>	Autism Management and care in Nigeria: a look into working strategies
10:40 – 11:20am	Presentation 2	Dr Muyideen Bakare <i>Consultant Psychiatrist Head of Child & Adolescent unit, Federal Neuropsychiatric Hospital, Enugu</i>	Autism research in Nigeria: a life span perspective
11:20 – 12:00pm	Presentation 3	Dr Yewande Oshodi <i>Child & Adolescent Psychiatrist, CMUL/ LUTH, Lagos</i>	Update on Intervention strategies for Autism: Pathways and models of care
12:00 – 1:00pm	LUNCH BREAK		

One-On-One Consultation/ Behavioural Clinic For Children & Adults

Parents who have children living with Autism will have the opportunity to bring their children to see specialists for assessment and or follow-up.

Date: Wednesday 19th – Monday 23rd July, 2018
Venue: Digital Village, Secretariat Road (Behind Ikeja Mall), Alausa, Lagos
Time: 10am – 5pm each day

Timetable

9.00 – 10.00am	Enrolment			
10am – 1.00pm	Consultation Session			
	Speech Therapy	Paediatric	Audiology	Developmental Psychiatry
	Occupational Therapy	Clinical Psychology	Behaviour Analysis	Parent Counselling
1.00 – 2.00pm	Lunch Break			
2pm – 5.00pm	Consultation Session			
	Speech Therapy	Paediatric	Audiology	Developmental Psychiatry
	Occupational Therapy	Clinical Psychology	Behaviour Analysis	Parent Counselling

Appointment booking is required on www.gtbank.com/autism

Facilitators' Profiles



Mrs Joyce Onafowokan is a certified Early Intervention professional and a passionate advocate of children living with disabilities. She started her career in Nigeria as a Public Relations Officer at the Delta Steel Company before leaving for the United States of America where she rendered 26 years meritorious years.

She served as Service Coordinator at the Massachusetts Department of Mental Retardation and the Program Supervisor for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children in Massachusetts. More of her services were recorded at the Massachusetts Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children and Healthy Families – a program for pregnant teens and teen parents.

Due to her passion for helping children and the disadvantaged, she volunteered her services with families and worked as an Early Intervention Specialist during this period. She was educated at Federal Government College Warri and obtained her first degree from the University of Ife before receiving a Master's Degree from Smith College Northampton, Massachusetts in Education and Child Study.

Mrs Onafowokan has received various awards for her contribution to her profession and is married; blessed with two sons and a daughter who have between them, attended London School of Economics, Amherst College, Harvard and Columbia University. She is an avid reader and loves to travel and dance.



Mrs. Adedotun Akande is the Founder and Director of Patrick Speech and Languages Centre, (Patricks) Ikeja, Lagos.

It can rightly be said that she revolutionized the Autism awareness campaign in Nigeria. Today, Patricks stands tall as the pioneer Special Needs Centre for the education of children with Autism, offering services such as speech, occupational, music and behaviour therapy. The Centre also offers social skills building and play therapy using best practices. Mrs. Dotun Akande, with her cerebral team, have successfully worked with and integrated over 50 children into mainstream school system and has given employment to 4 adults with Autism even as she plans a new school facility that can accommodate and help more children and adults.

She holds a B.Sc. degree in Economics, and has over the years attended numerous training programmes on Autism and other developmental disorders at various International Institutions. She also qualified as a Behaviour Analyst from the Florida Institute of Technology USA. She is an advanced Certified Autism Specialist (ACAS), with Patricks being the first Nigerian Autism Centre to be registered with the International Board of Credentialing and Continuing Education Standards (IBCCES).

Her deep involvement with Autism Awareness campaigns in Nigeria has resulted in various stake holders engagement which includes the GTBank Orange Ribbon initiative, of which she is one of the Lead coordinator and facilitator.

Mrs. Dotun Akande, a Cherie Blair Mentee, was also the Vlisco Woman for the years 2015 to 2017. An honour bestowed on her for the contributions she made to the growth of Autism awareness and management in Nigeria. Mrs Dotun Akande has also featured in the first "W Power of 100" and "WimBiz Inspire Me 2", featuring leading Nigerian women who have excelled in their various endeavours. Her desire for continuous learning and improvement led her to enroll in the John Maxwell Leadership Program to enable her continue her national advocacy on people living with disability.

Mrs. Dotun Akande is happily married with three children.



Dr. Anna Lamikanra Executive Director, Blazing Trails International Center (BTIC) Autism Symposium Developer and Team Leader. This is her eighth year as a part of the Orange Ribbon Initiative with GTBank.

With many years of experience as a researcher, tenured professor, fund raiser, community advocate and training innovator, Dr. "Lam" works to carve-out opportunities for people with disabilities. She has published many articles on educational reform. Dr. Lam is interested in vocational education, training para-professionals and developing socializing programs for youth in transition and individuals with Autism Spectrum Disorder.

She developed the curriculum for the online certificate programs and has a customer service training program for individuals with disabilities. Dr. Lamikanra earned the Ph. D from Iowa State University in Technology & Social Change and Global Education Policy. She is married to Dr. Olusola Lamikanra and they have a son, Olayinka.



Dr. Agboola Paul (M.B.Ch.B, FWACP, MPH) is a Chief Consultant Psychiatrist with the Neuropsychiatric Hospital, Aro Abeokuta Ogun State. Dr Agboola has been providing mental health services in the country since year 2000 and he became a fellow of the West African College of Physician in psychiatry in 2006. Dr Agboola was appointed as Honorary Consultant psychiatrist with East London Mental Health (NHS) Trust and worked at Coborn Center for Adolescent Mental Health Plaistow, East London in 2011. He also had clinical experience at the Royal Ottawa Mental Health Hospital Ontario Canada in 2014. He has been involved in past and ongoing studies in Child psychiatry in Nigeria with some publications in both local and international journals.

Dr. Agboola is an associate lecturer with Olabisi Onabanjo University Ogun state responsible for training of medical students in mental health based on the clinical experience acquired both at home and abroad. He is a member of various medical associations locally and abroad including the Association of America Academy of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry since 2004.

Dr Agboola is married with children and he is currently one of the leading clinicians in child and adolescent mental health services in the country.



Dr. Adeola O. Fayemi is the new Manager of Diversity and Inclusion for the Office of Inclusion and Diversity. She is responsible for ensuring the effective implementation of the university's Diversity Strategic Plan as a business imperative.

Previously the Director of Student Services and the Director of K-20 Equity and Access at the Florida Department of Education, she has over thirty years of professional experience in teaching, administering support services, and leading diversity and inclusion management in universities, state governments, K-12 education and corporate organizations both nationally and internationally.

Prior to her work in Florida, Dr. Fayemi was a teacher at the University of Lagos International High School and at the Army School of Education in Kwara State, Nigeria



Dr. Yewande O. Oshodi MBBS(Lagos), MPH(Lagos), Mphil(Stellenbosch), FMCPsych (Nigeria), Cert Child & Adol. Psych (SA) Dr Oshodi is a Consultant Child and Adolescent Psychiatrist in the Lagos University Teaching Hospital (LUTH). She is also a Senior Lecturer in the Department of Psychiatry of the College of Medicine University of Lagos, Nigeria.

Yewande Oshodi's main area of research interest is in the field Child and adolescent psychiatry. Her specific research activities have been in adolescent trauma, autism spectrum disorders school mental health and adolescent substance abuse. Dr Oshodi has been the lead researcher on funded research grants from the University of Lagos central research committee and also from the Lagos State research and development committee.

Dr Oshodi contributed centrally to the development of the Centre for Autism and Neurodevelopmental disorders (CAND-Do) of the College of Medicine university of Lagos. CAND-Do has a key focus of driving accurate ASD diagnosis and care while also increasing autism research, advocacy and training.

Dr Oshodi continues to play an active role in advocacy as she utilizes numerous platforms to create awareness of child and adolescent mental health challenges and preventative strategies which can be deployed within various sectors in the community. Dr Oshodi is the current President of the Association for Child and Adolescent Psychiatry and Allied Professions in Nigeria (ACAPAN).



Denise Hetherington has had the privilege of working as a Speech Pathologist for the Chicago Public Schools. She has serviced students in grades preschool through 12 diagnosed with speech as the primary disability and speech as a related service, to include populations diagnosed as Learning Disabled, Behavior Disordered, Emotionally Disturbed, Trainable Mentally Handicapped, Severe to Profound Cognitively Delayed, Hearing Impaired, Selective Mutism, Dyslexic, Hearing Impaired, Attention Deficit and Autistic.

Denise Hetherington received her Bachelor's Degree in Communications at University of Illinois Chicago Circle in 1978 and a Master's Degree in Speech Pathology from University of Iowa in 1981. Denise Hetherington recently retired from the Chicago Public Schools June 27th, 2015. After 34 years of service, she is looking forward to utilizing and sharing her knowledge and experiences to improve communication skills for individuals locally and abroad.



Dr. Maymunah Yusuf Kadiri is a young and dynamic Consultant Neuro-Psychiatrist and a Fellow of the National Post-Graduate Medical College of Nigeria (FMCPsych) with over 10 years experience as a practicing Physician. She is a trained and certified Rational Emotive and Cognitive Behavioural Therapist from Albert Ellis institute, New York, USA. Also a certified Trauma Counsellor and Neurofeedback Practitioner.

Dr. Kadiri has wide experience in psycho-therapeutic techniques and has perfected her skills whilst in private practice and whilst working for a variety of organizations. She is a recognized radio and television guest Psychiatrist/Psychotherapist. She also contributes to articles published in magazines and newspapers. A motivational speaker, life coach and mentor



CAMPBELL, Elizabeth Adebola MBBS(Ibadan), MWACP(West Africa), FMCPsych(Nigeria) is a Consultant Psychiatrist with the Lagos University Teaching Hospital.

She serves as a Child and Adolescent Psychiatrist (with certification in child and adolescent psychiatry in view) in the Child and Adolescent mental Health Unit. She is involved in caring for individuals with autism and other mental health challenges.

Elizabeth has been involved in the Orange ribbon initiative since 2013 coordinating the activities at the one-on-one consultation. She is a member of the Neurodevelopmental and Autism Resource centre of the College of Medicine, University of Lagos.

Her interest is not only limited to Child and Adolescent Psychiatry but spans other aspects of psychiatry with a keen interest in rehabilitation of chronic medical and psychiatric conditions. She has conducted series of research in these areas with many outreaches across different communities and age groups with presentations at International Conferences with Published articles in Local and International Journals.



Ms. Nandi D. Nelson LMSW, BCBA rhas sound knowledge regarding etiology, characteristics of autism spectrum disorder and intellectual disability.

Ability to provide behavioral interventions to clients and families. Excellent communication and writing skills. Ability to tailor programming to client and family needs. Ability to build rapport with clients, families, and service providers. Excellent analytical and critical thinking skills.

Ability to teach behavioral analytic theory and concepts to RBT's, aspiring BCBA's, BCaBA's, teachers/staff and parents. Objective: Obtain practical experience that will aid the development of my knowledge in the field of behavior analysis.



Adegboyega A. Otubanjo (TSLD, MA, CCC-SLP) is a Nigerian born licensed Speech Language Pathologist living in Staten Island, New York. He is a graduate of the City University of New York and New York University where he completed the Master's degree in Speech Language and Hearing. He is a former board member of the National Black Association for Speech Language and Hearing.

For the past 10 years, Ade has run Simply Speaking SLP, PLLC, providing treatment for children with developmental disorders associated with Autism and other communication-related disorders (e.g. Down's Syndrome, stroke patients, stutterers, etc.). Ade has worked with the Association For Metro Area Autistic Children Inc. (AMAC, New York), providing speech therapy and preparing to preschool and school age children.

Additionally, he works as a therapeutic consultant within the New York City Department of Education public schools. Ade works closely with stroke patients, providing therapy and support to re-establish communication.

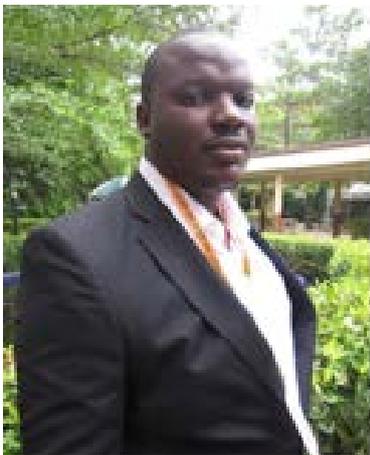


Ms Tomi Agboola-Odeleye is a Speech and Language Therapist at the University College London.

She is a registered Speech Therapist with the Health and Care Professions Council and a member of the Royal College of Speech and Language Therapists. Tomi's years of experience as a Speech Therapist has included paediatric work with pre schoolers, primary, and secondary school students within special and mainstream schools. In addition, she has worked within the NHS with adults who have learning difficulties and swallowing disorders.

Tomi specialises in working with preschool children and children with social communication difficulties including (ASD). As well as working independently, Tomi currently works part time as a Highly Specialist Speech and Language Therapist for children with ASD and ADHD for a local authority in London. She is trained to assess children's social communication needs as part of a multiagency diagnostic team.

Additionally, Tomi has a special interest in children with hearing impairments and has completed her BSL level 2 with the intention of continuing her studies and work within this field.



Dr. Oladipo Adeolu Sowunmi qualified as a medical doctor from the Olabisi Onobanjo University Ago-Iwoye in 2006. He proceeded to the University College Hospital Ibadan for his Medical Internship in 2007. In 2008, he served the country at the University College Hospital Ibadan, Department of Paediatrics AIDS Prevention Initiative of Nigeria-President's Emergency Programme for AIDS Relieve (APIN-PEPPER) in 2008.

Furthermore, he proceeded to the Neuropsychiatric Hospital Aro Abeokuta for his residency training in psychiatry and obtained his fellowship in psychiatry at both the West and National postgraduate college of physicians in 2015 and 2016 respectively.

He was appointed as a consultant emergency psychiatrist at the Neuropsychiatric Hospital Aro Abeokuta in 2016 with special interest in child psychiatry, drug abuse and genetics. He has published papers in international journals. He is happily married with children.



Mrs. Bolanle Adewole, an Autism Specialist is the founder and executive director of The Learning Place Centre (TLPCentre), as well as The Learning Place Montessori school, in Lekki, Lagos, Nigeria. She certified in the theory and practice of the primary Montessori methods from St. Nicholas Montessori Centre, London and in the Elementary Montessori methods from North American Montessori Centre, Canada. She further qualified as an Applied Behaviour Analyst from Florida Institute of Technology, USA. She believes no child should be left behind and that every child should be given an equal opportunity to learn and attain full potential. She continuously engages in the care and fluent integration of the differently able into mainstream schools. She creates and implements the use of Individual Educational Programs for challenged children and closely monitors the same for updates and reviews. She leads a team of experienced therapists and has worked with diverse categories of children for over two decades; she has extensively served them on three continents, Europe, North America and Africa. She attends various enriching educational courses

and conferences to date and engages in various charitable outreach activities. To date, she has influenced the education of over 5,000 indigent children in Nigeria.

A renowned speaker and teacher, Bolanle, belongs to Professional bodies including Autism Society of West Africa (ASWA), Autism Society in USA, American Montessori Society (AMS), International Montessori Council (IMC), Association of Montessori Educators in Nigeria (AMEN)

Bolanle is happily married and blessed with two sons, one with Autism spectrum disorder.



Dr. Grace Ojeamiren-Bamigboye. Ph.D. CCC-SLP is a Consultant Speech-Language Pathologist; Specialist in Speech and Language Disorders/Bilingualism (American Sign Language). She is registered with the Medical Rehabilitation Therapists (Registration) Board of Nigeria (www.mrtbnigeria.org.ng) and is a member/PRO of Speech Pathology and Audiology Association of Nigeria (<http://spsaan.org.ng>).

Dr. Grace Ojeamiren-Bamigboye has more than twenty years' experience of working with children with special needs and has a special interest in speech and language disorders and bilingualism.

Dr. Grace Ojeamiren-Bamigboye completed her doctoral studies in Speech Pathology with The University of Ibadan and has a Certificate in Autism Spectrum Disorders from University of Texas, Arlington, USA. She has produced several published works including research papers, speech and language therapy assessments and Articles.

Dr. Grace Ojeamiren-Bamigboye had received awards from Patrick Speech and Languages Center, Parents Against Autism Initiative and The Woman of Merit Gold Awards in recognition of her longstanding and dedicated contributions to the Nigeria Autism Community and the field of Special Education Needs. Also, she is a resource person to the National Economic Summit Group on Neuroscience and Early Childhood Development.



Mrs Omolola Aneke is the Executive Director at the C.A.D.E.T. Academy and the Dew Drops Community Centre for Special Needs.

She is a special educationist with a practicing license from North Carolina, USA. She also has a Master of Art in Teaching (MAT) Special Education from Meredith College, North Carolina and a Bachelor Degree in Sociology from University of Lagos.

She is a member of North Carolina Association of Educators (NCAE), the US Council for Exceptional Children (CEC) and the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association (ASHA).

She loves being a professional educator and teaches with passion and excellence, she believes that sound education shapes the future and creates opportunities for individuals. She is also a special needs media personality.



Ms Camille Proctor is the Executive Director and Founder of The Color of Autism Foundation.

In 2006, she gave birth to her second child, a son named Ari who was diagnosed with PDD NOS at age 2. Unfortunately, with the diagnosis there was no preparation for the cost of therapy and care for her son. The diagnosis forced this single mom to become a stay-at-home mom, who emptied out her 401k on therapy and care for her child. Spending her days in speech therapy, occupational therapy, and every therapy in between.

Because little is understood about autism, information and resources are hard to come by, especially for families of color. There is a huge disparity of care and support services in the African American community. Because of that, in 2009, Proctor launched The Color of Autism, a nonprofit organization dedicated to advocacy, awareness and knowledge among Black parents, connecting families to local services, and providing one-to-one support.

Proctor is also the Executive Producer of a film documentary, "Screaming in Silence, Autism in The Black Community."



Dr Dem Iheador is an Assistant Clinical Professor of Pediatrics at the University of Oklahoma Child Study Center. She specializes in Developmental-Behavioral Pediatrics.

Dr. Ihyembe is an American Board of Pediatrics certified Pediatrician who works with children with developmental disabilities. Her special interest is promoting academic success for children with special healthcare needs such as those affected by ADHD, autism, learning disorders, and behavioral issues.

Areas of Expertise: ADHD, Autism, Children with chronic illness/developmental disabilities, Pediatric behavior problems such as tantrums, feeding and toileting issues.



Dr Funmilola Bukola Omotayo PhD, CPsychol, AFBPsS is the Director and Principal Psychologist of New Analysis Associates Psychology Service (NAAPS). She is a Chartered Psychologist (CPsychol), an Associate Fellow of the British Psychological Society (AFBPsS) and a Registered Practitioner Psychologist on the Health Care Profession Council (HCPC), UK.

Dr Omotayo has a solid and enviable track record in teaching, learning and educational psychology practice. Her extensive experience spans over 35 years of work and covers the full scope of work undertaken by an Educational / Child Psychologist in educational and clinical settings in the United Kingdom. She has worked in many Local Authorities(LAs), Multi-professional Teams and the Primary Care Trust Child Development Centre in the UK. She also provides psychological work in Nigeria.

She is the co-founder of St Michael Associates (SMA), an organization devoted to the better life chances of the Black Minority Ethnic (BME) group in the UK.

She was awarded the Centenary Award in the UK as one of the 100 notable Nigerians who has contributed to the development of African Communities in 2015. She is retired from service and currently the Lead Psychologist, NEMFLA (Supporting the Needs of Ethnic Minority Families Living with Autism) in seven London boroughs in the UK. The project is funded by The UK's Big Lottery Fund.



Dr Noimot Balogun is the founder and Director of Programs at Linka.NG. She studied Dentistry at the College of Medicine, University of Lagos as well as a Masters of Science degree in Public health in the same institution. With the realization of the potential of communication as an innovation for health care delivery in the 21st century, Noimot went on to do a postgraduate diploma in Media and Communication at the Pan- Atlantic University where she finished as the best graduating student in Community relations option. She also completed the WHO/ UNFPA/World Bank program in Sexual and Reproductive health in 2015.

Noimot has presented abstracts at conferences such as the South African Public health Conference in 2013 and the Association of Public health Physicians in Nigeria Biennial conference in 2014.

In January 2018, Noimot was one of the 57 African researchers selected to participate in the 4 year Recirculate project in Health and Sanitation by the Lancaster University, UK. She is also among the 70 applicants selected for residency program in Research engagement at the Lancaster University in United Kingdom which will start in September 2018.



Ijeoma Ugwu is a Food Scientist cum Nutritionist. Founder Brainfoods for Guts and Psychology. She is passionate about nutrition as a tool for management of chronic illnesses. She doubles as a nutritional therapist and health food creator producing gluten free foods. She advocates for the healing powers of food applying her knowledge of Food, its nutrients and sciences. Her special interest lies in the use of nutrition in the management of Autism Spectrum Disorder and related conditions alongside other complementary therapies.

Ijeoma is particularly interested in providing safe local alternatives to the nutritional needs of individuals with special nutritional needs. She strives to bridge the gap between the hypoallergenic feeding style demanded by their physiological make up and the knowledge of the availability of such foods in our locality.

Through her work she has risen to present to families affected by chronic illnesses the beacon of hope through nutrition.



Dr. Muideen Owolabi Bakare is the Chairman of Childhood Neuropsychiatric Disorders Initiatives (CNDI), a Non-Profit Organization registered in Nigeria that is committed to the objective of promoting physical, social and mental well-being of children and adolescents in Nigeria and other parts of Africa. Dr. Bakare is a trained Psychiatrist practicing in Nigeria. He is a Chief Consultant Psychiatrist and Head of the Child and Adolescent Unit of Federal Neuropsychiatric Hospital, Enugu, Enugu State, Nigeria. He has participated in impact conferences like World Psychiatrists Association (WPA) World Congress, International Meeting for Autism Research (IMFAR), International Association for Child and Adolescents Psychiatry and Allied Professions (IACAPAP) on various subjects relating to Childhood Neuropsychiatric Disorders in Africa. He has contributed impactful research in the subject area of Childhood Neurodevelopmental Disabilities in Sub-Saharan Africa.

Dr. Bakare was a Member of the WHO Extended Peer-Review Group for classification of Intellectual Developmental Disorders (IDD) for the proposed ICD-11. Dr. Bakare was also part of the Delphi Panelists that contributed to the rounds of Grand Challenges in Global Mental Health initiative. He is the Secretary, WPA Section for Psychiatry of Intellectual Disability (SPID). He finds interest in History, Biographies & Child Physical and Emotional Development.



Tolulope Ajose is a dynamic, passionate and practical entrepreneur. She is an Industrial Chemist with special interest in Natural Food and Personal Care Products.

Having gotten her life back from mid-life crisis through nutrition at a point in her life, she is a realistic believer in healthy living.

Tolulope believes in demystifying complex health issues through simple natural solutions that surround us. Her passion for natural living drives her to work with urban-based people, achieving great results by getting them more attuned with natural alternatives to processed food.

She has been privileged to work with autistic children through the Patrick Speech and Language Center platform.

A Goldman Sach's Scholar and an Alumni of the Entrepreneurship Development Centre (EDC), Pan Atlantic University, Tolulope believes that business is all about adding value to life. She runs Natural and Sazzy, a company that specializes in the Manufacture of Natural Products with her team.



Dr. (Mrs) Doris Izuwah is a Registered Medical Doctor (Pediatrician) – Senior Registrar Pediatrics @ NISA Premier HOSPITAL, Abuja.

She founded Our Lady of Guadalupe Health Foundation (OLG) Autism center for Autism Care and Advocacy in June 2006. She has been the Clinical Director of OLG Health Foundation and Autism Centre since then. She has organized numerous awareness campaigns and spear headed the first World Autism Awareness Day (WAAD) celebrations in Abuja in 2008.

Her research work and oral presentations has won awards and some have been published. She has also executed many projects and coordinated trainings, community services for indigent children and employment of youths in special needs.

She is currently in training to become a US Board Certified Behavioral Analyst. She is currently a US Board Certified & Registered Behavioral Technician, member Pediatric Association of Nigeria (PAN) and Assistant secretary to Child Neurology Society of Nigeria (CNSN).



Mrs. Beauty Kumesine is the founding and Executive Director of Blazing Heart Autism Center. She is a registered Behavioral Technician under the Board Certified Behavior Analysts (BCBA) and a trained Speech and Language Support Therapist from ELKLAN in the United Kingdom.

A graduate of Human Anatomy from the University of Port Harcourt, has many other degrees on Autism, early childhood studies and related fields. She has over 10 years of working experience in managing children, young adults and adults living with disabilities and in particular has specialized her skills and knowledge on Autism Spectrum Disorders (ASD).

Beauty is a passionate public and analytical advocate for the identification and rehabilitation of individuals with ASD within the Nigerian community and has organized various annual events. Through her effort several schools in Port Harcourt and the Niger Delta Region have opened their doors for inclusive education and also setup Special Needs Units to provide inclusive education for children with ASD and other related intellectual and developmental disorders.



Adelola Edema is an Educationist, passionate about children with special needs. She believes that with the right kind of education, such children can be successful, regardless of the limitations the disorders pose. Since 2009, she has worked with children and teenagers with autism, Down syndrome, Cerebral palsy, Microcephaly and other learning disabilities.

Adelola holds a B.Sc. in Education Biology from the prestigious Obafemi Awolowo University, Ile-Ife in Nigeria. Trained in ABA and TEACCH techniques of behaviour therapy, Adelola has attended training in Nigeria and in South Africa.

Having worked with special schools for children with autism and other developmental disorders, she is actively involved in support and education for individuals with autism and in autism awareness. She currently supports children with special needs in mainstream schools and creates autism awareness on social media and through her blog www.adelolaonautism.blogspot.com.

She is the convener of the Special Needs Conference in Nigeria (SNC) which is organized to teach the society how to engage people with special needs in their community. They have held the Special Needs Conference for Churches and Special Needs Conference on Vocational Skills Development.



Ajobike Bakare is a Lawyer and passionate Educationist. She feels that all children irrespective of their socio economic backgrounds have the right to good quality education. She has been teaching for over 10 years in Nigeria and England and has been involved in policy review Education Summit, 2014 Nigerian Economic Summit Group NESG.

Ajobike holds an LLB (Hons) degree from the University of Buckingham England, BL from the Nigerian Law School, PGDE from the University of Lagos, AMI International Diploma from the Maria Montessori Institute, Hampstead, England. She is a proud recipient of the Womenx scholarship (World Bank sponsored Certificate in Entrepreneurial Management from EDC. Pan Atlantic University). She also recently concluded the School Leadership Development (SLD) programme at the EDC PAU. She has attended trainings by Learning Generation coordinated by Mrs Emokpae - Okwuegbuna

She owns and teaches at two schools namely Juniper Crèche and Juniper Hill School which are both inclusive schools, willing to provide support to children with Autism and other learning difficulties.



Mr Akinyelure Abimbola had his Diploma in Occupational Therapy from the Federal School of Occupational Therapy, Yaba in 2005. He then proceeded to Manipal University in India for his Bachelors in Occupational Therapy, a degree he got in 2012 . He is presently the Head of Occupational Therapy Department at National Orthopedic Hospital, Igbobi. He is a member of the Medical Rehabilitation Therapists Board of Nigeria, and also a member of Occupational Therapists Association of Nigeria.

Only a Mother Knows

Dedicated to families who care for
loved ones with Autism

Only a mother knows how miracles happen
How the spark of an idea becomes a heartbeat
How a universe is formed in the quiet of her
womb

Only a mother knows how to house a galaxy in
her body
How to speak its light into existence
And weave the thread of life in her gentle hands

A mother knows how to protect her child
How to swoop down and snatch it
From the mouth of any danger
This is what they say:
That mother knows best
Guided by a spiritual intuition
An umbilical connection to her child
She anticipates every need before it arises

But no one prepares you for this
A body that betrays itself
A muddy gene pool
Nerves that jam like a trigger

There is no manual for a lifetime
Of standing in the gap
Of stretching hope to its very limit
Of crying out to God to doctors
Hoping madly for anything that can bend

But only the silence answers back
A shadow of a word
Eyes that will not latch on
Fear presses into my belly with open palms
Forms a fist that knocks the air out
Strangers whispers crowd the room
Judgment falling from their faces
For the mother of this child
Whose body folds forward like a question
They cannot understand
This desperate wailing with no language

But I still remember how it felt
To house a universe in my belly
The quiet victory of your becoming
So for this child
I reach through membrane and blood memory
Sit with you
Match my body to your rhythm
Vibrate back a love song
Even when your body is a wall I cannot get over
I will still love my way through to you
And I will wait for that one look
One step, One word
The power of one touch

I will offer up my back again and again
For my rainbow child who dreams in color
Who moves to a divine rhythm
Even when I cannot hear it
Who knew, that I could mine joy from this sorrow
Use your laughter as a balm, a kind of healing
So that when they ask about you
I will offer up my voice when yours fails
Snatch you out of the mouth of any danger
Guard your ears from the voices that follow
Tell them you are other worldly
You are magic and moon dust
You are a testament to a love that persists
In spite of itself

This gift
This child who is still a miracle
This child who is still mine

by Titilope Sonuga

Highlights from 2017



According to World Health Organization, Autism Spectrum Disorders affects 1 in 160 children worldwide. In Nigeria, the condition is hardly diagnosed, rarely understood and people with ASD often suffer stigmatization. In response to the challenges faced by people living with autism, we launched the GTBank Orange Ribbon Initiative, an advocacy program which has been at the forefront of creating awareness for ASD to ensure autism is diagnosed early in children, encourage investment in autism research and management as well as campaigning not only against the stigmatization of children living with autism but also that they receive the required support from parents, teachers, friends and the society.

In 2017, activities under the Orange Ribbon Initiative included a robust public awareness campaign on World Autism Day; our annual 2-day conference on autism; free one-on-one consultation services for children as well as workshops for parents, educators and caregivers of children with ASD.

The 2017 2-day conference themed "Childhood to Adulthood: Communication and Social Interaction" focused on the dynamic communication and social needs of children living with autism as they transition into adulthood. We worked in partnership with Non-Governmental and Charity organisations as well as ASD

professionals from the United States and Nigeria, to create societal awareness and discuss expert ideas on the management of developmental disabilities. We also provided trainings to parents and caregivers on the care and management of the people living with Autism.

The Journey so far



5,574

Conference Attendees



762

Children Assessment



10,687,449

Online Audience



233

Consultation follow-up

Highlights from 2017

ASSESSMENTS & CONSULTATION

People with autism have unique needs and need to be assessed by a variety of medical practitioners, and this creates huge financial burden for parents. Alongside our 2017 Annual Autism Conference, we provided 274 children with free one-on-one consultations facilitated by health professionals across a wide range of developmental specialties, such as Speech Therapy, Behavioural Analysis, Nutrition and Psychiatry. These consultations provided parents and caregivers with knowledge on how best to help their children make an easier transition from childhood to adulthood. Consequently, they can grow into responsible citizens that can contribute their quota to national development.



274 children received free consultation/assessment in various areas such as speech therapy, behavior analysis, nutrition, psychiatry e.t.c

Oritoke Abioye

"Through the GTBank Orange Ribbon Initiative trainings and parent support group meetings, I have become a better person at managing my son and not forcing my will on him. Today, he can lay his bed, wash plates, fix loose louvres, bathe and dress himself in matching shoes. His self-confidence has improved and now, he won't take it likely if he is treated as a kid. Seun is also very security conscious and would ensure that every door and window is locked before retiring for the night... Autism is not a curse but a difference. There is always ability in disability so respect children with special needs and give them skills and education. From the trainings GTBank has been giving us, we are more aware of who our children are."



Highlights from 2017

Mrs. Adejoke Joshua

Parents with this kind of children keep them indoors, the belief that it will add to the way people look at them. When we attended the GTBank training, they saw a whole lot of people, they saw how parents that came in talked about their children openly without shame.

Our task is to remember the responsibility of the strong to protect the weak, the responsibility to band together and contend with the forces that contend against them, the responsibility to help them fit in, but we must be patient.

Patrick Akpan

There's a need to create more awareness within communities and that's the reason why I decided to participate in the program.

This has been a beautiful program, I must confess.

For us this has been very impactful, it has been highly informative and educative.

The impact is awesome, It has been very informative, I came here with a lot of expectations, and I'm so glad.

I will surely be here next year, I appreciate GTB for what they have done.

Mrs Emmanuella Ogundipe

Thank you very much GT, I'm a voice.

I thank GTB for this information and this platform they have given parents.

Highlights from 2017

Awareness for public sensitization on World Autism Day

156 Cyclists

In a society where autism remains shrouded in superstition, awareness remains the key to improving the understanding and acceptance of people living with autism in the society. With a three-month radio show called "Let's Talk Autism", we continued to increase societal awareness about ASD, reawakening people's social consciousness about the needs, concerns and hopes of people and families impacted by ASD.



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Autism Directory

CENTRE	ADDRESS	CONTACT PERSON	CONTACT NUMBER	EMAIL/WEBSITE
AUDIOLOGICAL CENTRE				
Nigerian Army Audiological Centre	68 Nigerian Army Reference Hospital Yaba, Lagos			
CENTRES FOR CHILDREN				
Blazing Heart Autism Centre	House 9, 88/89, Dr.Peter Odili Road, Port Harcourt, Rivers State.	Beauty Kumesine	08038852183; 08051624291	blazingheartautism@gmail.com; Info@blazingheartautism.org; www.blazingheartautism.org
Boyi Special Centre for Children BSCC	2a SMC Quarters Barnawa Kaduna		08039607012; 08039000000	
Centre for Autism and Developmental Disabilities (CADD)	1 Chika Omo Street, Behind Lion House, Off Nnebis Road, Asaba, Delta State		08039112839; 08061148025	caddng@yahoo.com
Children Development Center (CDC)	31 Modupe Street, off Adeniran Ogunsanya Street, Surulere, Lagos State		01-4702688; 08023176525	www.cdcafrica.org
Dewdrops Community Centre for Special Needs	Block L2, No 13 Uruguay Street, Maitama, Abuja.	Ms. Josephine Giwa	08180557903 08091273666	info@dewdropscc.org www.dewdropscc.org
Domlash Development Institute(DDI), Abuja			08028276957; 08052000000	
Eleve Great Minds (Centre for Special Needs)	46b Oremeji Street, Moremi,Iloro, Ile-Ife.	Mercy Igudia	07032800999	
Excellent Child Support Initiative	No 7 Otunba Olukoga Street, Off Dosunmu Ayodeji, GRA 2, Ikorodu	Mrs K Amidu	0802 123 2420; 0906 042 4363	Excellentchild27@gmail.com
Hope House School	Pope John Paul Street Maitama, Abuja			info@hopehouseschoolonline.com
Little Beginnings Academy	13a, Akanbi Disu Street, Lekki Phase One	Oluremi Joel Ogbueli	0817 438 0100	www.little-beginnings.org

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OLG Health Foundation and Autism Centre	8 Faith Avenue, Woji Avenue, Port Harcourt, Rivers State.		08058458995	chidi_izuwah@yahoo.co.uk, www.olgaautismnigeria.org.ng
Patrick Speech and Languages Centre	13B Remi Fani-Kayode Street, GRA Ikeja, Lagos		08033019865; 08180127108; 07055028215	patrickspeech1@gmail.com; www.pslcautism-ng.org
Quest Learning Centre	26 M. Emmanuel Drive Off Total Gospel Road Off Peter Odili Road	Mrs Ibiene Oboh	08135027070; 08135108480	questleacen@gmail.com
The Children's Practice - Where you get: Experience, Cutting Edge Care and Dedication	No 25 Raymond Njokwu Street, SW Ikoyi, Lagos.	Dr. Alexandra Laraba Anga	01-4611941; 01-8930723	www.childrenspractice.com
The Learning Place Centre (TLPC)	18 Chris Maduik Drive Lekki Phase 1, Lagos	Doyinsola	01 342 5557; 08150868120	admin@tlpcentre.com www.tlpcentre.com
Toluwani Special Needs Center	2, Somorin Street, Obantoko, Abeokuta, Ogun State.		08086012440	
Willing Health Advocacy & Training Support	45 Airport Road, Benin City, Edo State		08038635071; 08056194790	willinghealth@yahoo.com
Zamarr Institute Abuja	27 Libreville Street, Off Aminu Kano Crescent, Wuse II, FCT Abuja.	Mrs Ronke Katagum	08098143671; 08033143671; 08027653255	info@zamarrinstitute.org, zamarrinstitute@yahoo.com, www.zamarrinstitute.org
CHILD AND ADOLESCENT PSYCHIATRY SERVICES				
Child and Adolescent Mental Health Center	Federal Neuropsychiatric Hospital Yaba; Oshodi branch, off Agege motor road	Dr Oluwayemi Ogun.		
Department of Psychiatry	College of Medicine, University of Lagos, Idi Ara, Lagos; Lagos University teaching hospital (LUTH)	Dr Yewande Oshodi		
Child and Adolescent Unit	The Neuropsychiatric Hospital, Aro, Abeokuta, Ogun State	Dr Paul Agboola		www.neuroaro.com
INTERVENTION SERVICES				
Acceleration Therapy	74 Community Road, Akoka Yaba, Lagos State	Dr. Helen Nwanze	08023151105	acceltherapy@yahoo.com
Autism Associates	1 Bode Thomas Street, off Bode Thomas Road. Onipan, Lagos State		01-8506354; 08039112839	info@autismassociatesnigeria.org, autismassociateds@yahoo.co.uk, www.autismassociatesnigeria.org
Brain and Body Solutions Limited	39 Suez Crescent, Wuse Zone 4, Abuja	Dr Dayo Ajibade	08102007700; 07038646743	brainandbodycentre@gmail.com

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Smartbase Services	23 Obalende Road, S.W Ikoyi. Lagos State		01-2670032, 08023790236	www.smartbaseng.com
Center for Autism and Neuro-developmental Disorder (CAND-Do)	College of Medicine, University of Lagos, Idi Ara, Lagos	Mr Hodefe		canddo@unilag.edu.ng autismservice@cmul.edu.ng
NUTRITIONISTS				
Ideal Eagle Hospital	Sanusi Fafunwa Street, Victoria Island, Lagos State.	Dr. Carla Chidiac	01-7757077; 08034000911	ieh@hyperia.com
OLG Health Foundation and Autism Centre	8 Faith Avenue, Woji Avenue, Port Harcourt, Rivers State		08030564409	chidi_izuwah@yahoo.co.uk
Sherese Ijewere			07032713731	caribbeanhn@gmail.com; www.caribhealthng.com
PAEDIATRICIANS				
Lifeline Children's Hospital Lekki	1a Augustine Anozie Street. Lekki Phase 1, Lagos State.		01-7944310; 07086403513	lekki@lchnigeria.com, www.lchnigeria.com
Lifeline Children's Hospital Surulere	133 Ogunlana Drive, Surulere, Lagos State		01-7733265; 0708603512	surulere@lchnigeria.com
The Premier Specialist Hospital	7 Ogalade Close, Victoria Island, Lagos State		01-7741463	www.premierspecialsng.org
SCHOOLS				
C.A.D.E.T Academy	Block L2, No 13 Uruguay Street, Maitama, Abuja.	Mr. Charles Ugwuoke	08064883627 08091273666	www.cacademy.sch.ng info@cacademy.sch.ng
Children's International School (CIS)	1 Sikiru Alade Oloko Crescent off Road 14, Lekki 1, Lagos State.		01-8045277; 01-7918646	www.cislagos.com
Casa Dei Bambini	10b Onikepo Akande/ Road 12, Lekki 1, Lagos State		01-2710476; 01-2713144	casadeibambinilekki@yahoo.com
Cita International School	Rumuogba Housing Estate, P.O Box 6595 Port Harcourt, Rivers State.		01-84774655	info@citainternationalschool.org
Grange School	6, Harold Sodipo Crescent, Ikeja. GRA. Lagos State			info@grangeschool.com
Greater Scholars Intl School	Road 41, Abraham Adesanya Estate, Ajah. Lagos State		08029660967; 01-8042018	admissions@greaterscholars.com
Greensprings School	32, Olatunde Ayoola Avenue, Anthony, Lagos. P.O Box 4801K Ikeja. Lagos State.		01-2793728; 07029579731	info.anthony@greenspringsschool.com

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Greensprings School	Ibeju-Lekki (After Crown Estate). Awoyaya. Lagos State		01-8776870; 07029579748	info.lekki@greenspringssschool.com
Greenwood House	1, Greenwood House Road, Off Laiyi-Ajayi Street, Park View Estate. Ikoyi, Lagos			
Hillcrest High School	Ekorinim G.P.O Box 462 Calabar			
Lagos Preparatory School	11c/12, Bayo Kuku Street. Ikoyi. Lagos			www.lagosprepikoyi.com.ng
Meadow Hall School	Alma Beach Estate. Lekki Epe Expressway, Lagos State		08073000556; 08025042053	www.meadowhallschool.com
Premier International School	26, N'djemena Crescent, P.M.B 5043, Wuse II, Abuja		08069781274; 07041512778	info@premierinternationalschool.org
Salem Montessori Centre	1 Aihie Close, Off Ijeboh Street off Airport Road, GRA, Benin. Edo State.	Omon Eboreime	08066457648	
Temple Prep	213 Ikorodu Road. Ilupeju. Lagos State		01-5550936; 08037217325	www.templeprepschool.com
The Learning Place	Plot 7, Kenneth Agbakuru Street off Rasheed Alaba Williams Street Road 14, Lekki Phase 1. Lagos		01-8797846; 01-2706224	www.thelearningplaceng.com
Treasure House Schools	63A Coker Road. Ilupeju, Lagos State		01-7613037	www.treasurehouseschools.com
Toluwani Special Needs Center (TSCN)	No 2 Ilupeju, Quarters, Afisuru House. Aregbe, Obantoko, Abeokuta, Ogun State		08086012440; 07035932069	info@japhethng.org
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