







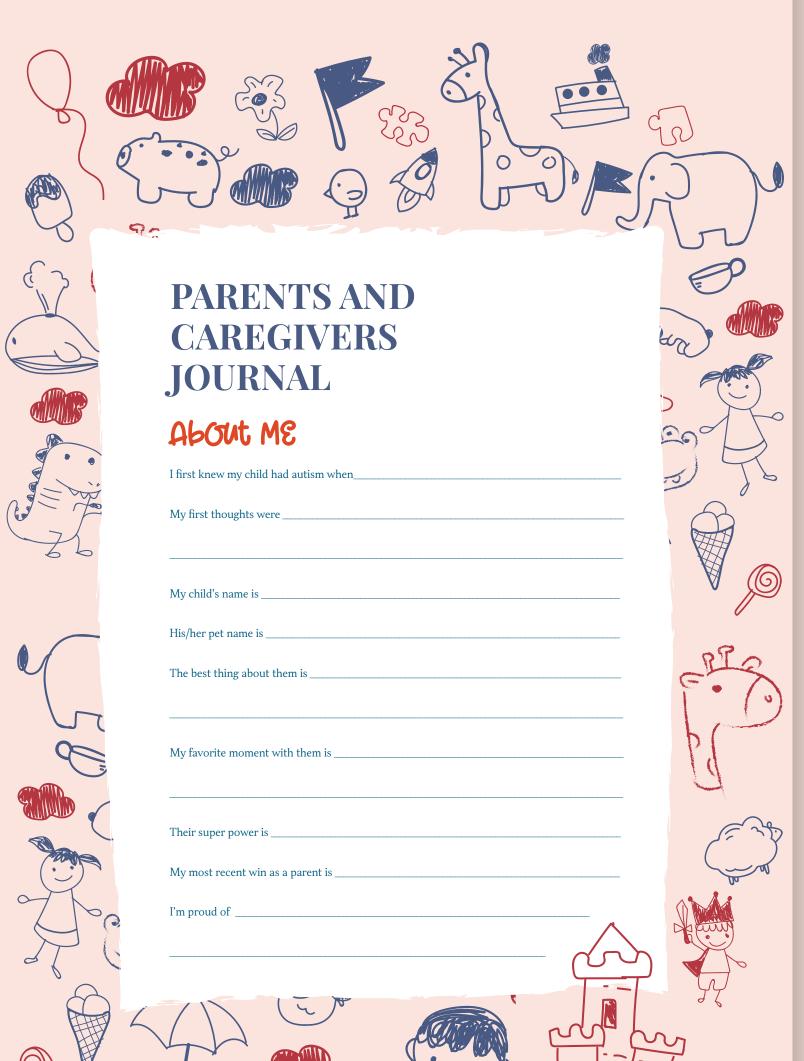


LIFE BEYOND THE DIAGNOSIS

**Conference Date:** 

3 - 4 August 2021

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Welcome to the

### 11th Annual **Autism Conference**

#### Hello.

It is a pleasure and privilege to welcome you to the 11th edition of our Annual Autism conference. In 2020, the Autism Conference was held virtually after lockdowns and social distancing restrictions made physical gatherings impossible. This year, it's exciting to know that while we're here physically, there are also a good number of people who are part of this event through a livestream. This new hybrid way speaks to our ability to go through unprecedented times, adapt, and come out stronger

This year, the theme of the Annual Autism Conference - Life beyond the diagnosis - is simple but critical. For parents, getting the diagnosis that a child or ward is on the autism spectrum or has a developmental disorder can be overwhelming and emotional. What drives most of these emotions is the crucial question of how to give their children full and productive lives in a world that seems rigged against them. But as we will hear from parents, experts and caregivers, Life Beyond the diagnosis can be fulfilling, filled with support and rewarding.

In providing support, we kicked off this year's autism conference with one-on-one consultations led by specialists who provided Speech Therapy, Behaviour Analysis, Audiology, Clinical Psychology,

Developmental Occupational Therapy and parental counselling. Like parents, guardians and caregivers of children living with autism know, this journey is a marathon and not a sprint.

The big takeaway from this conference is this; if you have a child or ward living with autism, you are not alone. You have the full support of everyone at Guaranty Trust, as well as our commitment to helping you in any way we can to give your child a full life beyond the diagnosis. Through this conference and beyond, we will continue to champion conversations on how to empower children and adults with developmental disabilities whilst leading from the front on the campaign to take down social stigma and institutional challenges that continue to inhibit their ability to live full and productive lives.

So, as we kick off the 11th Annual Autism Conference, I would like to thank you once again for supporting our vision of building an inclusive and empowering world for everyone living with autism. I urge you to Be a voice every day, and in everything

Welcome

Thank you.

#### Verb: Be A Voice

#### Meaning:

Raising awareness against the stigmatization of people living with Autism and building a world where they have all the support they need to live a full and productive life.





Educate yourself about the everyday challenges people living with autism face, examine the biases you may hold about them and always speak up against the discrimination of people living with Autism.



#### **SHOW YOUR SUPPORT**

Every individual's experience with autism is unique. Learn how best you can be there for them, by listening to their challenges and observing their behavioral models to create inclusive spaces for them!

There is strength in community. Spread the word about events like the Guaranty Trust Autism Conference because they can offer significant support and rare opportunities to interact and socialize with other families affected by autism.



# BEYOND THE DIAGNOSIS



#### What happens next?

This is what families and individuals ask when they get a diagnosis.

#### Make or break:

A positive response to the diagnosis depends on the support families get from their community and assurance that the future of their children will not be defined by their challenges. This is what we mean when we say "life beyond the diagnosis"

#### Finding support:

Life beyond the diagnosis is about being intentional about supporting and identifying the barriers that stops children and adults living with Autism from living out their full lives. It is about creating a world where they are empowered with all the support and resources that they need to live independent and dignified lives. It is about creating a world where people living with autism are accepted, not merely tolerated.

#### Not merely a dream:

An inclusive world is possible in our time, and together we can pursue and promote a positive world for people living with Autism and other developmental disorders.

# OVR PROMISE

Our **ultimate goal** is achieving an **inclusive world**. We are committed to relentlessly tackling the barriers marginalized people, especially those living with Autism, face daily. We are providing tools and resources to pull down barriers that push vulnerble groups to the margins of society. Today, we have given over **4000** children access to free one-on-one consultation with leading medical experts. We have trained over **15,000** people on how to manage Autism. And we are not stopping there.

So, **here's our promise:** we will keep learning better ways to be there for people living with Autism and never stop pushing for a world where they, and everyone, can actively contribute in society as they desire.



## IMPact, STORIES

My first son was diagnosed with Autism Spectrum Disorder at 3-years old and ever since then it has defined our lives and who we are. My journey from when he was non-verbal till now has been marvellous: I think what made the difference is the support system that I put in place for him. Before now I thought I could control it all but I had to learn to give up that control and listen to my child more. Through listening, I learned how best to help him and now my son talks!

Patience has been my biggest learning...cotd



# OUR STORY **BEING A VOICE**

11 years ago, we came up with a plan to build a better world for everyone. In this world, we will give people living with Autism all the support they need to live a bright and colorful life.

We thought a campaign would work brilliantly to push our idea forward so we named the campaign Orange Ribbon Initiative and created The Guaranty Trust **Annual Autism Conference** under it.

> At the first conference, we invited world leading specialists to share with us how best we can support children and adults living with Autism. We also organized free one-on-one consultations with experts for people with children facing developmental disorders.

In a short while the

conference became a focal

point for thousands of

people across African who

shared the same belief as us

that anyone can reach their

fullest potential if they are

supported.

While recognizing our impact in driving awareness for Autism, we knew that we still had a long way to go! Because sometimes, it takes a lifelong commitment to build a better world.

> So every year we organize the Guaranty Trust Annual Autism conference and one-on-one consultation as part of our lifelong commitment to increase awareness about autism and rally support for children and adults living with developmental disorders.

> > And with your support over the years, our campaign has become stronger and we have become better advocates for people living with Autism.

> > > #Together #BeAVoice.

# IMPACT STORIES



#### Watch Our Short Film, **A Mother Knows**

We made a short film in honor of World Autism Awareness Day and as part of the our continued effort in addressing the neglect and stigmatization of children living with Autism Spectrum Disorders (ASD) in Nigeria. The film tells the story of a young boy growing up with autism and the impact of the condition on his family as they raise him.





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## IMPact STORIES

I'm a voice director, a voice actor, a producer, and i'm also on the Autism Spectrum. I'm not on the mild side of the spectrum, so i'm very fortunate to be verbal - however it took a lot of work to start speaking. There is no part of my life where Autism did not make people look at me differently but thankfully I have learned to develop my mask by understanding that there is nothing wrong with me: I wasn't demon possessed, I wasn't stupid, I just needed to pay more attention to who I am. I don't see Autism as a disorder, for me, it's a superpower. I will maintain this as a fact

in history, there is literally been no forward movement in human civilisation without the Autistic.

Point your phone camera Here to watch this



# A Look **Back at** 2020

2020, was a test of our resilience and conviction in being a voice for people living with Autism and other developmental disorders. Despite the pandemic making it impossible for us to gather like we normally would, we held the event online for the first time ever and recorded our highest participation yet!



The two-day Annual Autism conference featured keynotes from more than a dozen medical experts from around the world and interactive Q&A sessions, that allowed parents, guardians and people living with Autism get insight needed to ensure a productive and full life for themselves or their wards.

From Nigeria to Australia, people from across the world joined us in our annual campaign to raise awareness about autism. Their support reminded us that creating a better world for people living with autism is only possible when we are united in one cause and vision.

15,000

Over 15 thousand people attended the Autism Conference last year - a record number. But for us, the real achievement is making 10,000 more aware of Autism, and enabling them with tools to better navigate the world.











# IMPACT STORIES

I have a son who is 9 years old and dealing with Autism, lots of people think it's contagious; I have had people who don't want their children to be around those with Autism. It's not contagious, it's not a disease, children with Autism are just wired differently; they just have different abilities but they are very much like every other person. A lot of people think nothing can come out of people living with Autism and that's wrong, because with the right therapy, support, they can live normal lives.



# MEET

#### the keynote speakers and facilitators of the conference

The conference features presentations and keynote addresses from leading experts in Autism. Some of the facilitators for this year's programme include Dr. Waganesh Zeleke of Duquesne University, USA, Maleshewane Mauco of Africa Behavior Analysis Services (ABAS), Botswana, Lanre Duyile of Behaviorprise Consulting Inc, Canada, and Kora Hardy of Nuru Behavioral Network, USA.



#### **Lanre Duyile**

is the President and CEO of Behaviorprise Consulting Inc. in Toronto, Canada. He consults with Agencies and families to create evidence-based behavioral treatment to improve the lives of people living with developmental disabilities.







#### **Camille Proctor**

is the Founder and Executive Director of The Color of Autism Foundation, a US based national Non-Profit organization she founded in 2009. Her organization focuses on self efficacy and advocacy which supports individuals living with autism



#### **Kora Hardy**

is a Board-Certified Behavior Analyst with over 13 years of experience in Applied Behavior Analysis (ABA). Her work as Behavior Analyst has focused on decreasing challenging behaviors, teaching replacement behaviors functional living skills. and and providing training for parents and caregivers.





#### **Jeannette** Washington

Jeannette Washington, is a speech therapist and software engineer. She empowers people living with autism to gain skills and build capacity in tech and other industries.



#### Morénike Giwa Onaiwu

is an educator, writer, public speaker, and global advocate whose work focuses on dismantling stigma, creating inclusion and empowering marginalized groups. Morénike, who is currently a Humanities Scholar at Rice University, has been published by Beacon Press and Palgrave MacMillan.



Speech Language Pathologist based in Staten Island, New York.

#### Dr. Anna Lamikanra

has dedicated years to building connections and networks to raise awareness for Autism, developmental disabilities, mental health disorders, and universal education for all around





#### Dr. Waganesh Zeleke

is a licensed clinical mental health counselor, certified National counselor, and Associate Professor in Counseling Psychology and Special Education at Duquesne University. Her repetoire includes thirty peer-reviewed publications, five book chapters, and more than 60 peer-review national; all focused on the needs of marginalized groups especially people living with Autism.



#### **Adesola Toyin** Adesokan

is a Lawyer, Autor and certified Behavioural analyst. She works as an inclusion advocate, providing support for caregivers and children affected by Autism and serves as a parent governor of a specialist school in the United Kingdom.

#### Dr. Oladipo Sowunml

is a consultant emergency psychiatrist with the Neuropsychiatric Hospital Aro Abeokuta, Nigeria. His interest in emergency psychiatry includes child and adolescent emergency mental health care, emergency psychoactive substance abuse treatment, genetics and emergency mental health ethics.



#### Solape Azazi

is a lifelong advocate for people living with ASD and the Executive Director & Founder of Cradle Lounge, a holiday club for all children to explore their creativity through arts & craft



### **Beauty Kumesine**

is the lead behaviour therapist and founding Director of Blazing Heart Autism Center and Azbekum Foundation. She has over 14 years of experience in managing children living with childhood developmental



#### **Dr. Grace Bamigboye**

is a Consultant Speech-Language Pathologist with over twenty-five years of experience in working with children with special needs. She acts as the Public Relation Officer of Speech Pathology and Audiology Association of Nigeria and works as a researcher for the National Economic Summit on Neuroscience and Early Childhood Development.



#### Dr. Mashudat Bello-Mojeed

is a Consultant Child Psychiatrist/Autism Specialist at the Fedral Neureopsychiatric Hospital, Lagos, Nigeria. She is also the Founder of Makbel Child Development Centre and a Board member of Association of Families and Professionals for Autism Support (AFPAS).



#### Dr. Noimot Balogun

is a public health practitioner, communications expert and the founder of Linka.ng, a health relationship based in Niaeria An advocate for effective communication in healthcare delivery.



#### **Daisy Jonathan**

is an Applied Behaviour Analyst, Autism Specialist, Board-Certified Cognitive Specialist and an Autism Services Practitioner-Supervisor. She is also the founder of Autism and Special Needs Support Africa (ASNSA)



#### Dr. Abimbola **Akinyelure**

is the Head of the Occupational Therapy Department at National Orthopedic Hospital, Lagos Nigeria. He is also a member of Nigeria's medical rehabilitation therapist board and the Occupational Therapy Association.



#### **Remi Olutimayin**

is a voice director, voice actor, author, and the founder of Animation studio, Barillo. He has produced many acclaimed films including Gammy the movie, the World's Largest Lesson, amongst other bodies of work.



#### Tonye Faloughi-Ekezie

is an entrepreneur and the head of TEEOF Media. She is the author of the series "Ugo and Sim Sim", written to raise awareness about special needs, and create representation for black children, and children living with Autism and other developmental disabilities



#### Eziafakaku Nwokolo

is a Board Certified Behavior Analyst (BCBA) and also a Qualified Behavior Analyst (QBA). She is also the Founder/ CEO of Shades of Life Care Limited created to provide fundamental services to individuals living with developmental disabilities



#### Adelola Edema-George

is a Special Needs Educator, particularly passionate about the learning and inclusion of children with special needs. She is the Convener of the Special Needs Conference (SNC) in Nigeria, which is organized to teach the society on how to engage people with special needs in their



My son is now 23. When he was 3 years old, he was diagnosed with Autism and one year before that he lost his verbal skills. I started teaching him sign language because I really wanted to communicate with him but that changed when I met one of the specialists at a Guaranty Trust Autism Conference. With her guidance, his speech returned and his skills for solving puzzles also expanded. But as he was getting to the age where his mates go to universities or get jobs, I started thinking of how to channel his potential to enable him have an independent life. It's because of him I went into poultry so that we could work together, and it has helped him alot. Autism isn't not a write off. From my experience I know that nature doesn't create a vacuum - something is always going on in their minds. Irrespective of

the challenges, they will definitely learn (thrive)

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Comprehensive Speech Therapy

# The Carefully Curated SUPPORT KIT

Sometimes, the right information is all we need to come out stronger when faced with challenges.

This support kit was put together to give you easy access to the right resources and tools that will help you better understand your challenges no matter how unique and promote a better future for your child and family.

From cognitive/behavioural apps to a directory of experts, we hope you find this guide helpful!

#### 1. Otsimo

Using Augmentative Communication, like model sounds and sign language, Gemiini teaches children living with Autism to recognize and pronounce everyday words.

#### 2. Gemiini

Otisimo uses a gamified approach to teach sounds and words to children living with Autism. It also has a reward system that makes learning fun and keeps your child motivated.

#### 3. Touch and Learn - Emotions

With specific games, exercises and stories, Articulation station helps your child learn every sound of the alphabet, easier and faster. Also take advantage of its unique learning plan!

#### 4. Articulation Station

This Touch and Learn Emotions app was made to help kids read body language and understand emotions by looking at gorgeous pictures and figuring out which person is expressing a given emotion.







# A Platform for ENRICHING LIVES

Guaranty Trust Holding Company Plc is a multinational financial services group that provides individuals, businesses, private and public institutions across Africa and the United Kingdom with a broad range of market-leading financial products and services. Headquartered in Lagos, GTCO Plc currently employs over 12,000 professionals across Nigeria, Cote D'Ivoire, Gambia, Ghana, Liberia, Kenya, Rwanda, Tanzania, Uganda, Sierra Leone and the United Kingdom.

At Guranty Trust, we constantly strive to create the best outcomes for our customers and communities. Our strong service culture, efficient management, world class corporate governance standards and bias for innovation has enabled us maintain consistent year on year growth in customer base and profitability since inception. As a Proudly African and Truly International Institution, we are fully invested in powering our continent's progress. We are at the forefront of promoting enterprise and empowering small businesses, and our free business platforms are driving the growth of Africa's fashion and food industries and helping to create new and global opportunities for the continent's incredibly young population.

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Ultimately, our vision is to build an enduring Proudly African and Truly International Institution that plays a fundamental role as a Platform for Enriching Lives by building strong, value adding relationships with our customers, stakeholders and the communities in which we operate.

Thank you for joining us in Being a Voice for people living with Autism!



We hope your Advocacy doesn't stop here. See you at the conference next year!

# CONFERENCE PROGRAMME TUESDAY, 3RD AUGUST DAY 1

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# WEDNESDAY, 4TH AUGUST DAY 2

9:00am	BREAKFAST			
10:00am	Recap of Day 1			
10:10am	Special rendition / F	Performance (Corpo	rate Dance World) - 'We are in this Together'	
10:50am	Session 1	Dr. Grace Bamigboye	Specialization: Consultant Speech-Language Pathologist, Lagos.  Topic: First Thing First	
11:20am	Session 2	Kora Hardy	Specialization: Board certified Behaviour Analyst, US, Topic: Positive Approaches to Teach Social, Academ and Daily Living Skills to Individuals with ASD	
		Jeannette Washington	Specialization: Speech and Language Pathologist, US Topic: How Speech Therapy Impacts Autism	SHEL HALL
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PANEL DISCUSSIONS	Parents and advocate	Tonye Faloughi-E	kezie Mother and entrepreneur, Head of TEEOF Media.	
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3:00pm	to adulthood: Next steps for Individuals with ASD and Downs Syndrome	Remi Olutimayin	Voice Director, Voice Actor and Narrator.	
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