

Empowering
Voices
For Autism



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GCEO's Welcome

13th Autism Conference

It gives me great pleasure to speak to you today and welcome everyone to the 13th GTCO Autism Conference.

When we started the Orange Ribbon Initiative many years ago, we knew it would take a life-long commitment and continuing strategic partnerships to build a better world inclusive of those with autism spectrum disorders (ASD). I would like to commend the efforts of the experts in this field and our partner organisations who have continued to support this initiative, making it possible for thousands of persons on the autism spectrum to experience improved quality of life.

With autism rates on the increase around the world, it is pertinent to ramp up the support available to persons with autism and their families. In this regard, each of us has a vital role to play in shaping a society that fully embraces the diversity within the autism spectrum and actively promotes acceptance of persons with autism. We must ensure that every voice is heard and every experience is valued, simply because we believe that when it comes to autism and other neurological disorders, inclusivity is not just a checkbox to mark off—it is rather a transformative force that fuels growth and success. In choosing “Empowering Voices for Autism” as the theme for the 2023 GTCO Autism Conference, we hope to significantly expand the frontiers of autism management and inspire confidence in individuals with autism to reach their fullest potential in art, business, leadership, innovation, and other aspects of human development.

In recent years, significant progress has been recorded in detection and treatment of ASD with breakthroughs in scientific research and advancements in various therapeutic approaches.

As the programme of events will show, persons with ASD have remarkable creativity and aptitude for learning that can be identified and nurtured with early diagnosis and treatment interventions which ultimately lead to better long-term outcomes. We will also benefit from personal experiences of individuals who have triumphed over the limitations of ASD, forging exciting careers from their passion. Through their examples, we will learn that with the right support and opportunities, the possibilities are indeed boundless. We are therefore reminded of our responsibility to advocate for the environment, supportive networks and resources which enable individuals on the autism spectrum to thrive.

It is my sincere belief that the insights that will be shared in the lectures and panel discussions will deepen our understanding of the subject and inspire us to take firm action towards empowering voices for autism. We will also adapt feedback from the free one-on-one consultations to improve our advocacy and support efforts.

It is really inspiring to know that we can all have a share in creating a world where every voice is heard, valued, and cheered on. Whether you have been with us throughout this journey or it is your first time today, I can promise you that it will be a most useful experience.

Please enjoy the programme.



How to be a Voice in your Community

(Do the 5 A's of Autism)

Let's take a closer look at the 5 A's of Autism
and how they can help make a difference
in your community:

Create Awareness

Educate yourself and others about autism. This means gaining a deeper understanding of the unique characteristics and strengths of individuals with autism in your community.

Promote Advocacy

Speak out against discrimination in your community, and support policies that promote inclusion and equality.

Show Acceptance

Create an inclusive environment where individuals with autism are welcomed and celebrated. It also means being patient and not trying to change them.

Offer Assistance

Offer your support and assistance within your community. Examples could include volunteering at a local autism center, creating a social group for individuals with autism, or offering your time as a caregiver.

Show Appreciation

Recognize and promote a society that values neurodiversity. This means going beyond tolerance to actively seek out and embrace diversity in all its forms.

The Orange

The Orange Ribbon Initiative is one of the ways we demonstrate our support for persons with developmental disabilities, focusing on those with autism spectrum disorders (ASD) as part of Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR). As a primary component of this Initiative, the annual GTCO Autism Conference aims to give voice to the challenges faced by persons with ASD and provide practical assistance to enable them function well as part of the society.

Over the years, thousands of persons with ASD and their families have benefited from the free one-on-one consultations with renowned specialists in autism treatment provided alongside topical presentations and panel discussions at the GTCO Autism Conference.

Our key objectives are:



Increase social awareness of autism spectrum disorders (ASD)



Provide free professional consultations for persons with autism and their families.



Foster improvements in the care and management of autism parents, caregivers, educationists, and health workers.



Support inclusive quality education for children with autism and equip vocational centers for adults with autism



Offer funding for applied autism research



The Orange Ribbon Initiative

People with ASD often have difficulties with communication and social interaction, which can make life very challenging. Many however also possess remarkable talents and aptitude for learning. We are inspired by these insights to promote support with the things they find challenging whilst also nurturing their creative abilities and other aspirations. The theme for this year's conference "Empowering Voices for Autism" seeks to celebrate the diversity of every individual on the autism spectrum and embrace their experiences to promote acceptance and build connections with the wider community.

At Guaranty Trust, we strongly believe that it is essential to give back to the community and see Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) as a critical component of business sustainability. Our commitment to fostering better outcomes in the communities where we operate runs as deep as our passion for creating value and is driven by our belief that building strong businesses and creating better outcomes for all are critical components for long-term success. It is for this reason that we maintain a clearly defined CSR strategy focused on championing causes that transform lives and uplift our communities.

The Orange Ribbon Initiative could not support persons on the autism spectrum and their families without the continuing collaborative efforts of many individuals and organisations involved in making the GTCO Autism Conference a success each year. Thank you all for your valuable support.

Our partner organisations:

Autism Compassion Africa, Ghana
Federal Medical Center, Abeokuta
Behaviorprise Consulting Inc. Canada
The Color of Autism Foundation, USA
National Orthopaedic Hospital, Igbobi, Lagos
Federal Neuro-Psychiatric Hospital, Yaba, Lagos
Federal Neuropsychiatric Hospital, Aro, Abeokuta



OUR STORY

of being a voice

1

13 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.

2

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.

3

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.

4

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.

5

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.

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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.

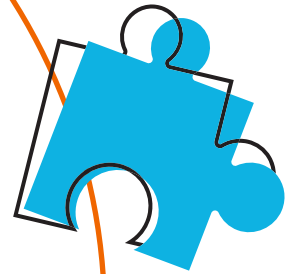
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And with your support over the years, our campaign has become stronger and we have become better advocates for people living with Autism.

**#Together
#BeAVoice**

Our Promise

We have a simple yet powerful mission: to build an inclusive world where everyone is valued. We stand by marginalized individuals, especially those living with Autism, as we steadfastly confront the daily obstacles they face. We are providing tools and resources to eliminate the conditions that relegate vulnerable groups to the fringes of society. Today, we take pride in having offered over 5,000 children complimentary one-on-one consultations with esteemed medical professionals. Our efforts have empowered more than 16,000 individuals with Autism Management skills. Yet, we refuse to rest on our laurels. We promise to keep growing, learning, and advocating for a society that embraces and empowers people with Autism to contribute and thrive.



SIMPLE HOME-MADE

Here are some simple homemade sensory activities that can be beneficial for children:

Sensory Bins

Sensory bins are a great way to develop motor skills. It's a great way to encourage exploration and creativity in a fun and safe environment.

What you need:

Plastic bowl/ bin, rice, sand, dried beans or water beads.

How to make:

Fill the plastic bowl/ bin with rice, sand, dried beans or water beads and let your child discover the objects inside the bin.



Sensory Bottles

Sensory bottles provide visual stimulation and can help promote a sense of calm.

What you need:

Plastic bottles, water, glitter, beads, small toys.

How to make:

Fill empty plastic bottles with items like water, glitter, beads, or small toys. Secure the cap tightly and let your child shake, roll, or observe the bottles.



Sensory Tubs

What you need:
Tub or big bowl, paper, dried pasta or dried leaves.

How to make:

Fill a tub or bowl with shredded paper, dried pasta, or dried leaves. Add objects like small toys for your child to discover. Children can run their hands through the materials, bury objects, or pour them from one container to another.



SENSORY ACTIVITIES



Balloon Play

The tactile sensation and the visual stimulation of balloons can be engaging and fun.

What you need:

Balloons of different colors.

How to make:

Blow up balloons and let the child play with them. They can throw, catch, tap, or squeeze the balloons.

Calming Jars

These jars can be soothing and help promote relaxation.

What you need:

Clear plastic bottle, water, glitter, glitter glue, or sequins.

How to make:

Fill plastic bottle with water and add glitter glue, glitter, or sequins. Secure the cap tightly and let the child shake the bottle to watch the glitter or sequins settle slowly.



Remember to always supervise your child during sensory activities and ensure that the materials used are safe and appropriate for their age and developmental level.

Empowering Voices For Autism

Amplify: Beyond Awareness to Embracing Neurodiversity

People on the autism spectrum often have a different way of looking at the world, which can lead to new insights and perspectives. To foster a more inclusive society, it is crucial to empower the voices of those with ASD, providing them with the right platform and support to express their uniqueness. In going beyond awareness to embrace neurodiversity, we are empowering voices for autism and amplifying the

narrative of acceptance, thereby creating a society that truly values and celebrates individuals with autism.

By recognizing and accepting the unique perspectives and strengths of people on the autism spectrum, we can create a society that values and celebrates differences. Consequently, we need to educate ourselves and others about what autism is and is not.

1

It is part of who they are.

Being on the autism spectrum does not make a person any less valuable. Accepting persons with autism for who they are and supporting them with the things they find challenging will greatly improve their chances of reaching their full potential.

2

Value the traits of persons with autism.

Autism is classified as a spectrum disorder because its severity and expression vary from person to person. People with autism possess many beautiful qualities that endear them to others and build lasting friendships.

3

Environmental factors matter.

People with autism may process sound, smells, tastes, textures, and light differently. Rather than expecting them to cope, providing supportive environments can help in autism management. We can promote policies and practices that accommodate individuals with autism, such as sensory-friendly environments and flexible work arrangements.

4

Set the stage for self-advocacy.

Most neurotypical people often make wrong assumptions about the needs, and preferences of people living with autism. Through self-advocacy, individuals with autism can gain confidence and become active participants in decision-making processes that affect their lives.

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Be part of our autism community

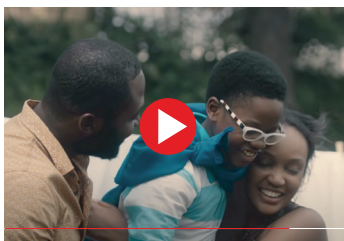
Individuals with autism often face discrimination and exclusion due to stereotypes and misconceptions. By raising awareness of neurodiversity and promoting acceptance of people with autism, we can break down stereotypes, challenge misconceptions, and foster a more inclusive society.

Impact Stories



Scan Here to see
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 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.

Point your phone camera [here](#) to watch this







Meet

Our Facilitators and Presenters



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.



Dr. Brian Boyd

is the William C. Friday Distinguished Professor in Education and interim director of the Frank Porter Graham Child Development Institute at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. He is the past Vice President of the International Society for Autism Research.

Camiella Hay

is a Licensed, Board-Certified Behavior Analyst and a Certified International Behavior Analyst. She works directly with young children who have a diagnosis of autism spectrum disorder and other developmental diagnosis.



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.

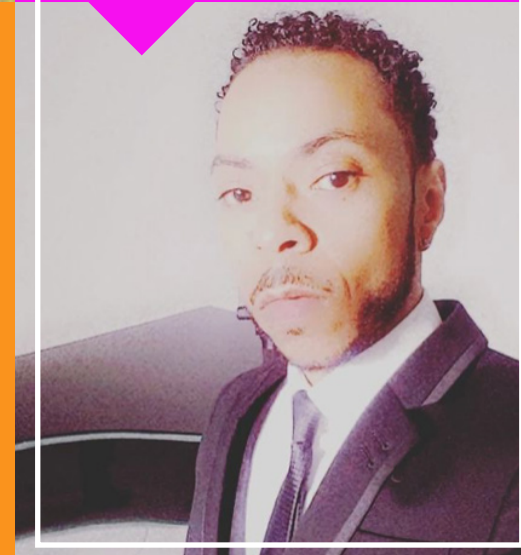
Ivie Okwuegbuna

is an assistant headteacher with over 25 years experience of driving the development of quality teaching and learning. She is also the Founder of Learning generation and D'Mala coaching where she provides coaching services to families on purposeful parenting and an advocate for children with special needs.



John Paul Horsley

is a music artiste and teacher who moved into the healthcare sector, working at both the Royal Bethlem Hospital in London, and also at Jeanette Wallace House with the Community Mental Health Teams in Croydon.



Kunle Adewale

is an artist and a development practitioner by profession. Kunle founded Tender Arts Nigeria in 2013, a social enterprise and non-profit making organisation, which positively impacts children, youths, and adult populations with a focus on therapeutic arts, art education, talent development, community development and civic engagement.



Dr. Ade Awe

is a special care dentist, specializing in Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery at Meharry Medical College, USA.



Rashard Dobbins

has more than ten years of experience working in the entertainment industry as a performer and production professional. He has also served as a liaison for a leading talent agency that specializes in cultivating talented youth.



Osezusi Bolodeoku

is an International Behavior Analyst and Qualified Autism Services Practitioner and founder and CEO of FOS ABA Centre and Creative Hub, an inclusive creative center that helps to nurture creativity, social skills, emotional intelligence, and other practical skills that all children need to succeed and thrive in the world.





Remi Olutimayin

is the first voice director for animation in West African history. He is a writer, voice actor & teaches voice acting. A producer of animation, audiobooks, & documentaries, he's also been part of memorable projects, most recently "Nuzo and Namia animated series" and "Ajaka, Lost In Rome"



Solape Azazi

is an 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

Tonye Faloughi-Ekezie

is a Special needs Advocate and Author working as a Commissioning Editor and Producer. She is the author of "Ugo and Sim Sim" series, the first worldwide to feature a black main character with Down syndrome as well as producing the first baby board book completely produced in Nigeria.



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Whitney Hammel Anny

is the Co-founder and Executive Director of Autism Compassion Africa, an NGO in Ghana and 501c3 nonprofit in the US. She has over 15 years of experience directly working in the field of autism and applied behavior analysis (ABA).

Tomi Agboola

is a Speech and Language Therapist who works in clinic at home and in schools, assessing paediatrics and adults, supervising junior Speech and Language Therapists, and delivering therapeutic intervention, and developing home programmes. She has continued to expand her practice abroad and in 2019 began working with The Zeebah Foundation in Abuja.



The Orange Ribbon Initiative

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Presentations and Panel Discussions

Name	Specialisation	Topic
Lanre Duyile	Board Certified Behaviour Analyst and Founder, Behaviourise Int. Canada	<i>Executive Functioning and Autism</i>
Dr Brian Boyd	Special Needs Educator	<i>Understanding the Neurodiverse Minds: A Focus on Repetitive Behaviours in Autism</i>
Remi Olutimayin	Voice over actor	<i>Finding your voice; Creating your Pathway</i>
Tomi Agboola Odeleye	Speech Pathologist	<i>Communication and Social Skills</i>
Camiella Hay	Board Certified Behavior Analyst	<i>Moderator, Behaviour Interventions and Positive Supports</i>
John Paul Horsley	Award Winning Singer and Autism Support specialist	<i>Music as a pathway to Communication and Connection</i>
		<i>Moderator, Collaborative Community Initiatives: Arts and Music Programs</i>
Dr Ade Awe	Special Care Dentistry for children with Autism	<i>Moderator, Autism and Dental Health</i>
Ivie Okwuegbuna	Special Education and Inclusion Specialist	<i>Moderator, Autism and Special Education</i>
Kunle Adewale	Expert in Art Therapy and Autism	<i>The therapeutic potential of Art in Autism</i>
Solape Azazi	Parent & Founder, Cradle Lounge Special Needs Initiative, Lagos	<i>Moderator, Promoting Inclusion and Supportive Environments</i>
Whitney Hammel Anny	Board Certified Behaviour Analyst	<i>Sensory Processing and Autism</i>
		<i>Moderator, Promoting Inclusion and Supportive Environments</i>
Osezusi Bolodeoku	International Behaviour Analyst and Qualified Autism services Practitioner	<i>Art and Music in Education: Best practices</i>
Tonye Faloughi Ekezie	Special Needs Advocate and Author	<i>Moderator, Exploring Artistic Talents: A Pathway to Progress</i>
Rashard Dobbins	Performer and Production Professional	<i>Collaborative community initiatives: Arts and Music Programs</i>

Conference Programme

DAY 1

9:00 AM	Breakfast		
10:00 AM	Opening/Introduction		
10:20AM	Keynote Address	Mr Segun Agbaje <i>Group Chief Executive Officer – GTCO plc.</i>	
10:30AM	Special rendition/Performance		
10:50 AM	Session 1	Lanre Duyile	<p>Specialisation: Board certified behavior analyst, Behaviourprise College of Business And Health Studies, Canada</p> <p>Topic: <i>Executive Functioning and Autism</i></p>
11:20 AM	Session 2	Dr. Brian Boyd	<p>Specialisation: Autism and Special Education Expert</p> <p>Topic: <i>Understanding the Neurodiverse Minds: A focus on repetitive behaviors in Autism</i></p>
11:50 AM	Session 3	Whitney Hammel Anny	<p>Specialisation: Board Certified Behaviour Analyst</p> <p>Topic: <i>Sensory Processing and Autism</i></p>
12:20 PM	Session 4	Tomi Agboola Odeleye	<p>Specialisation: Speech Pathologist</p> <p>Topic: <i>Communication and Social Skills</i></p>
1:00 PM	Lunch Break		
BREAKOUT SESSIONS			
2:00PM - 4:00PM	Session 1 (Focus group) Shell Hall	Camiella Hay (Moderator)	<i>Behaviour Interventions and Positive Supports</i>
	Session 2 (Focus group) Shell Hall	Tonye Faloughi Ekezie (Moderator)	<i>Exploring Artistic Talents: A pathway to progress</i>
	Session 3 (Focus group) Agip Hall	Ivie Okwuegbuna (Moderator)	<i>Autism and Special Education</i>

Conference Programme

DAY 2

9:00 AM	Breakfast		
10:00 AM	Recap of Day 1 - Camille Proctor		
10:20 AM	Special rendition		
10:50 AM	Session 1	Kunle Adewale	<p>Specialisation: Expert in Art Therapy and Autism</p> <p>Topic: <i>The therapeutic potential of Art in Autism</i></p>
11:20 AM	Session 2	John Paul Horsley	<p>Specialisation: Self Advocate Singer</p> <p>Topic: <i>Music as a pathway to Communication and Connection</i></p>
11:50 AM	Session 3	Remi Olutimayin	<p>Specialisation: Self Advocate Voice Actor</p> <p>Topic: <i>Finding your voice; Creating your pathway</i></p>
12:20 PM	Session 4	Osezusi Bolodeoku	<p>Specialisation: International Behaviour Analyst and Qualified Autism Service Practitioner</p> <p>Topic: <i>Art and Music in Education: Best practices</i></p>
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	Session 2 (Focus group) Shell Hall	Rashard Dobbins & John Paul Horsley (Moderators)	<i>Collaborative Community Initiatives: Arts and Music Programs</i>
	Session 3 (Focus group) Agip Hall	Solape Azazi & Whitney Hammel Anny (Moderators)	<i>Promoting Inclusion and Supportive Environments</i>

Autism Directory

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Amtowa Speech therapy centre					
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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			
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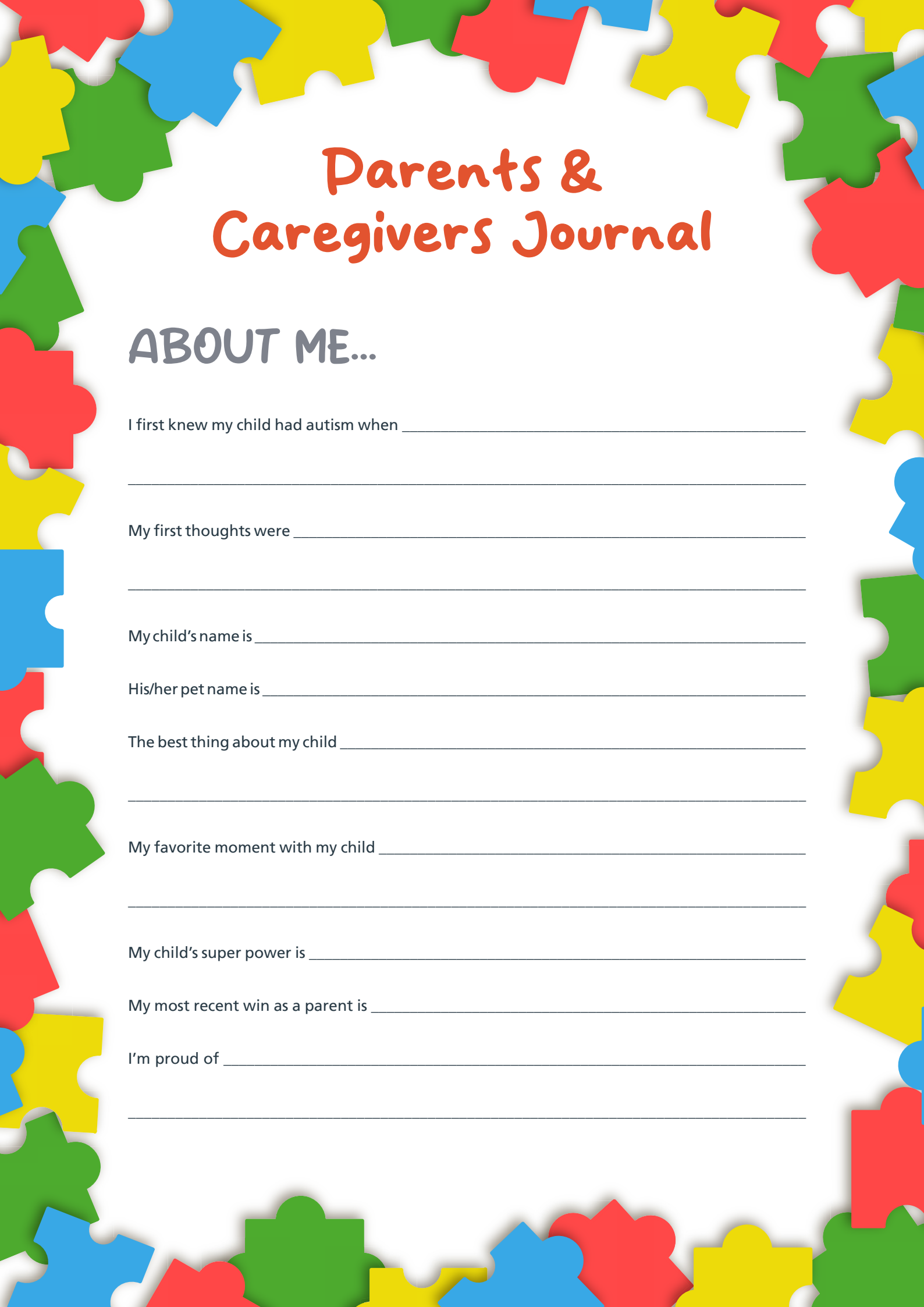
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I first knew my child had autism when _____

My first thoughts were _____

My child's name is _____

His/her pet name is _____

The best thing about my child _____

My favorite moment with my child _____

My child's super power is _____

My most recent win as a parent is _____

I'm proud of _____

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