

Autism Resources Miramichi Inc.

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Upcoming **ARM** Events and Important Dates

December 1-5 Hours **this week only** are Tuesday to Friday 1- 4 PM.

December 7 **Christmas Concert** and St. James and St. John United Church Hall. 7PM. Tickets are \$10.00 each. (Half the proceeds to be donated to our Centre) Please let us show our support and enjoy a beautiful evening of music at the same time!

December 12 **Christmas Open House**
Autism Resources Miramichi Inc.
561 King George Hwy.
6 PM to 9 PM
Come enjoy an evening out with the kids! Pizza to be served.
SANTA will be dropping by and photos taken.

**December 22-
January 5** **Closed for Christmas Holidays.**

January 6 **Opening in New Location!**



Hours of Operation

Tuesday to Friday
11:30 am – 4:30 pm

*Or by appointment as necessary.

Please note that the week of December 1st to December 5th, the hours will be 1:00 PM to 4:30 PM for this week only. Our Director will be away, but Natasha, our James M. Hill Co-Op student will be there to answer phone calls, sign out books, toys, etc.

She is also very familiar now with Boardmaker if anybody needs visuals prepared!

Condolences.....

Our condolences go out to the family of Sara Holt, who recently passed away. Sara's brother was involved with our Summer Program and we would like to extend our sympathy to Tyler, Rhonda and your whole family at this difficult time.

FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE NEWS...

Christmas Donation Cards

Looking for the gift for that someone who has everything?
Gift cards are available at the centre if you wish to give the gift of a donation to our local resource centre in that person's name. A charitable receipt will be issued as well. Contact us for further details at 622-8137.

Pizza Delight Gift Certificates

Gift certificates are selling well! We still have some left however so with the busy Christmas season upon us, why not save yourself a night of cooking?

These gift certificates will also make a great stocking stuffer!

Purchase a gift certificate for a 12" Pizza and 12" Garlic Fingers for \$15.00 and support our centre at the same time. They are available for purchase at the centre or from many of our fundraising committee members. Call 622-8137 to find out where you can get yours, or if you are interested in selling some of these!

Thank You....

To NBCC for their donation to our centre of \$135.00. The students held a dance and decided to give the proceeds to ARM. We really appreciate their kindness and also the fact that many of these "future employees" have come to have an understanding of Autism Spectrum Disorders and have shown such great initiative through attending our past workshop and through this contribution. You guys are great!

A Message From Our Director.....

At this time, I would like to extend my wishes for a special Holiday Season to you and your families. This past year has been hugely successful thanks to the countless volunteer hours from several people, our Board of Directors, Fundraising Committee and many, many others who have stepped up to help out! For that I am truly grateful and I have said from the very beginning- we have been blessed! It has been my pleasure to meet all the wonderful individuals and their families dealing with Autism Spectrum Disorders! Everyday there is something new to learn, and possibly a new challenge along the way, but working together has made the path a little easier!

*You know we have been open for less than a year, and we have accomplished so much! When we reflect on this past year, we have held a Social Skills Program this Summer, our drop in numbers from Feb. to now are **xxxx** our first workshop was a success, parent support groups are underway, several professionals have volunteered their time to speak, a group of individuals formed a "Fundraising Committee- (some members of that committee have no affiliation with anyone with and Autism Spectrum Disorder- they are just caring individuals who saw the need!) So I think we can say we have had a Great Year!*

May God Bless You at this Christmas Season and throughout the coming year!

Have a wonderful Christmas!

Debby MacGregor