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2020 A Year Like No Other

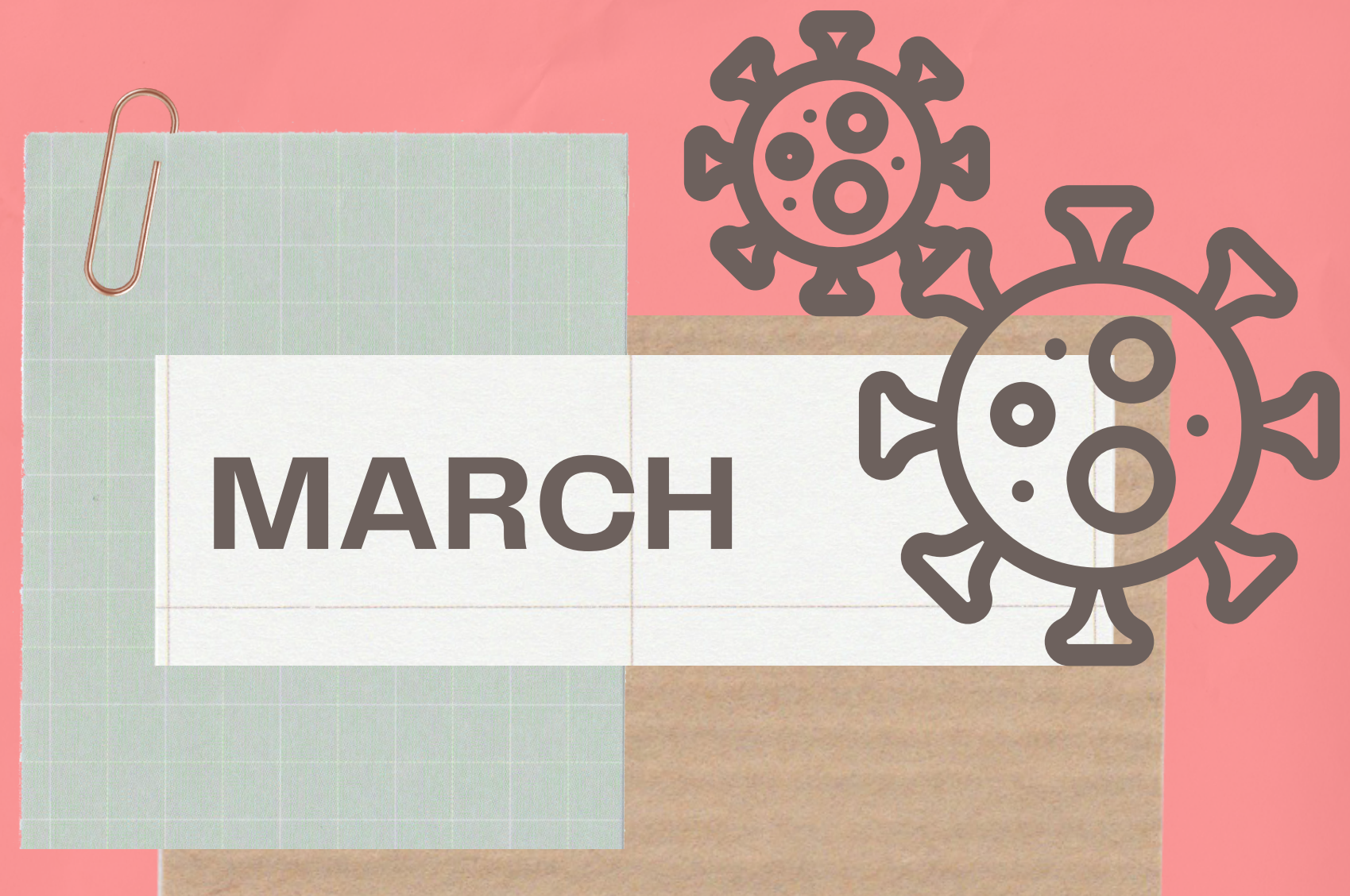
Annual Report

2020 GOT OFF TO A GREAT START!

Honestly Autism Day was
Scheduled for March 28th and
was going to be incredible!

Our monthly support groups &
social events were on track...





Then everything changed...

**But we weren't
down for long!**



**TOGETHER
A P A R T**

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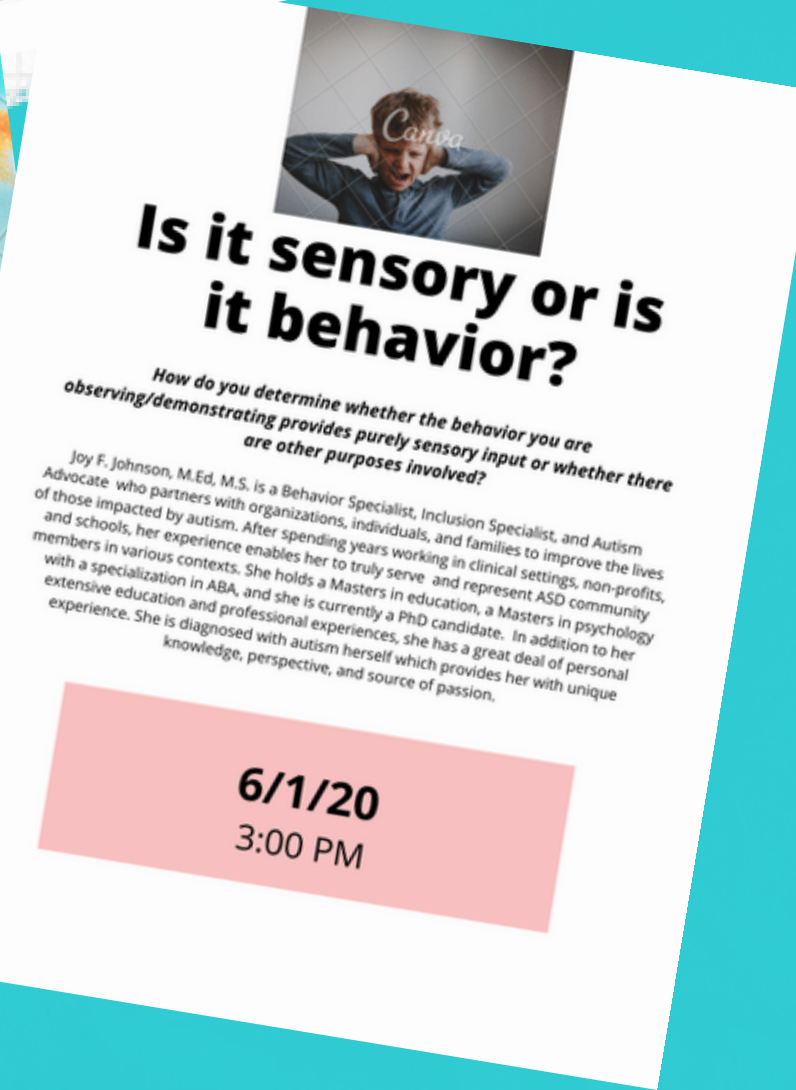
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for Greater Baltimore

During the height of COVID we ran 5-7 support groups a week beginning 3/24/20.

Just 11 days after official lockdown, we were up and running.

We brought in experts to help our community navigate the pandemic.

We used creativity & our community connections to provide as much support as possible.



What people said about our support groups...

"You bring tears to my eyes...someone who understands."

"...with the support I have been experiencing I have newfound hope."

"I didn't realize that I needed support until I heard the other mom's share."





Dr. Paula Kluth
discussed
virtual
instruction



Joy Johnson
M.Ed., M.S., BCBA
discussed is it sensory
or behavior?



Lettie Sullivan
discussed organizing
our homes.



Dr. Katherine Holman
discussed
communication and
wellness.



Carol Gray
discussed the use of
social stories

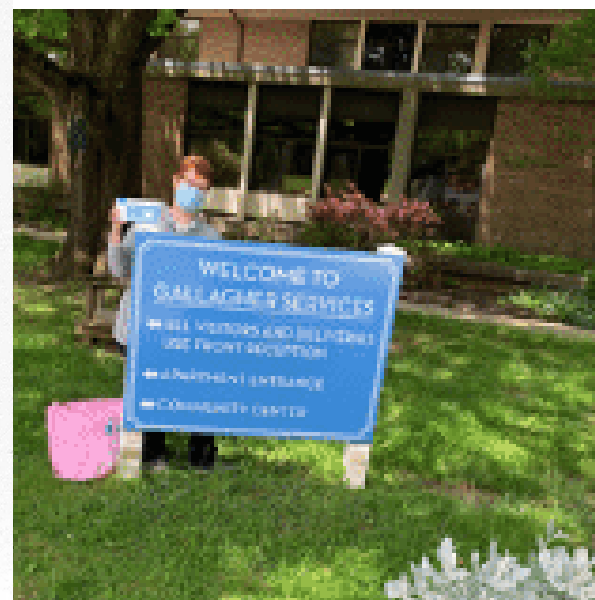
**We also featured
talks by
Dr. Andrew Egel
on behavior
&
Dr. Hailey Ormand
on food issues.**

SPECIAL EVENTS

“Joy Johnson was absolutely amazing! This was one of the most influential discussions I have been a part of, and I’ve been to a lot!”

“I really appreciate ASBC and the sponsors for offering these sessions. They give me something to look forward to and a structure to my evenings. Even though I don't feel "in crisis," these sessions help me moderate my stress and offer companionship to others. Thank you!”

Most of the recordings can be found on our [Padlet!](#).



2000 masks

DELIVERED TO GROUP HOMES
FOR USE BY SUPPORT STAFF

Masks were donated by Make Waves

**WE
ACTED**

**VISIT OUR
WEBSITE TO VIEW
THE RECORDING**

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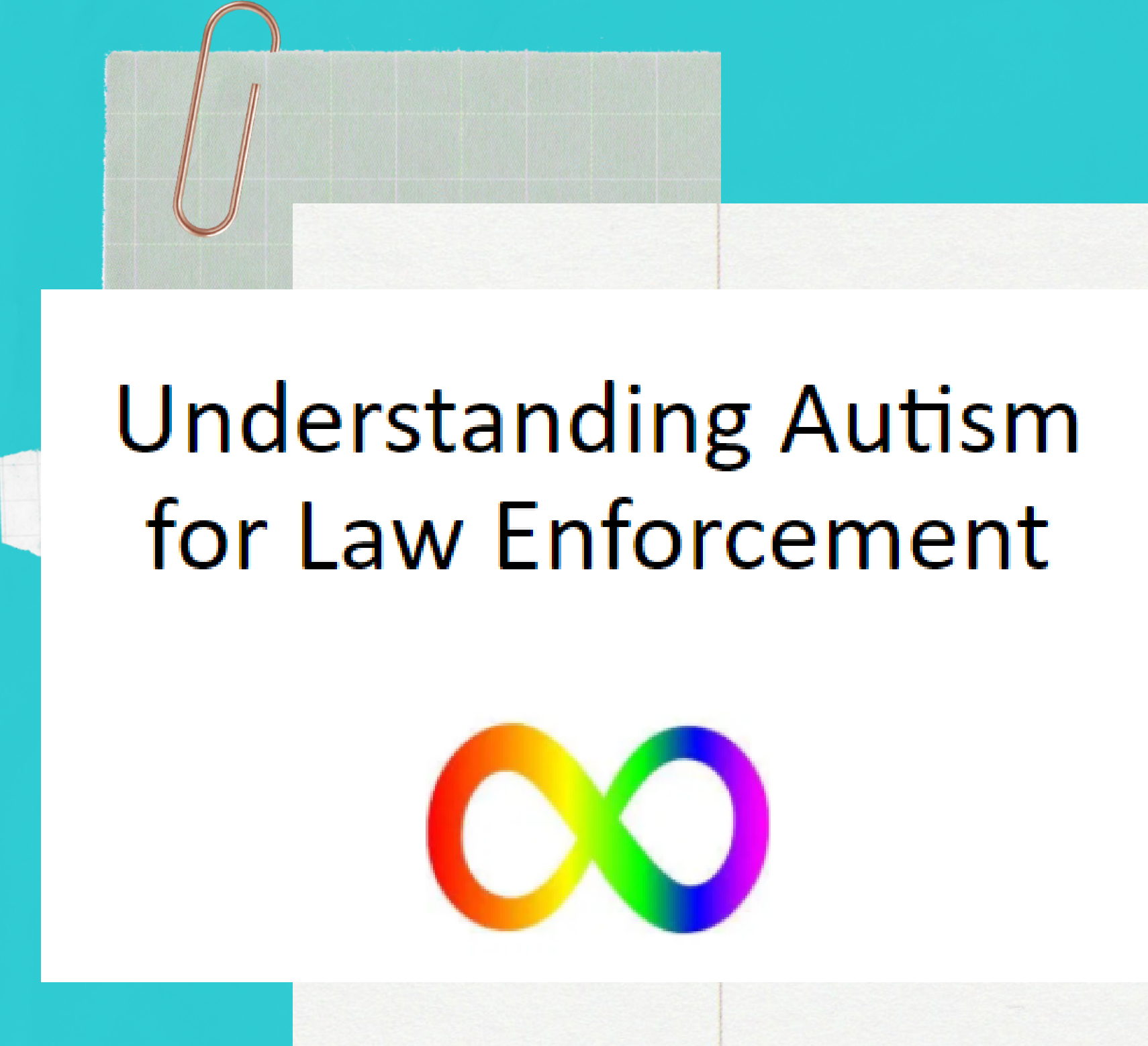
BLACK & AUTISTIC

A Focused Discussion on
Being Prepared and Allyship

**JUNE 19, 2020
10:00 AM**

#BlackDisabledLivesMatter
#BlackAutisticLivesMatter
#BlackLivesMatter



A stack of papers is shown on the left side of the image. The top paper is white and has the text 'Understanding Autism for Law Enforcement' and a rainbow infinity symbol. Below it is a grey paper, and then a white paper. A copper-colored paperclip is attached to the top of the stack. A small red dot is visible on the far left edge of the image.

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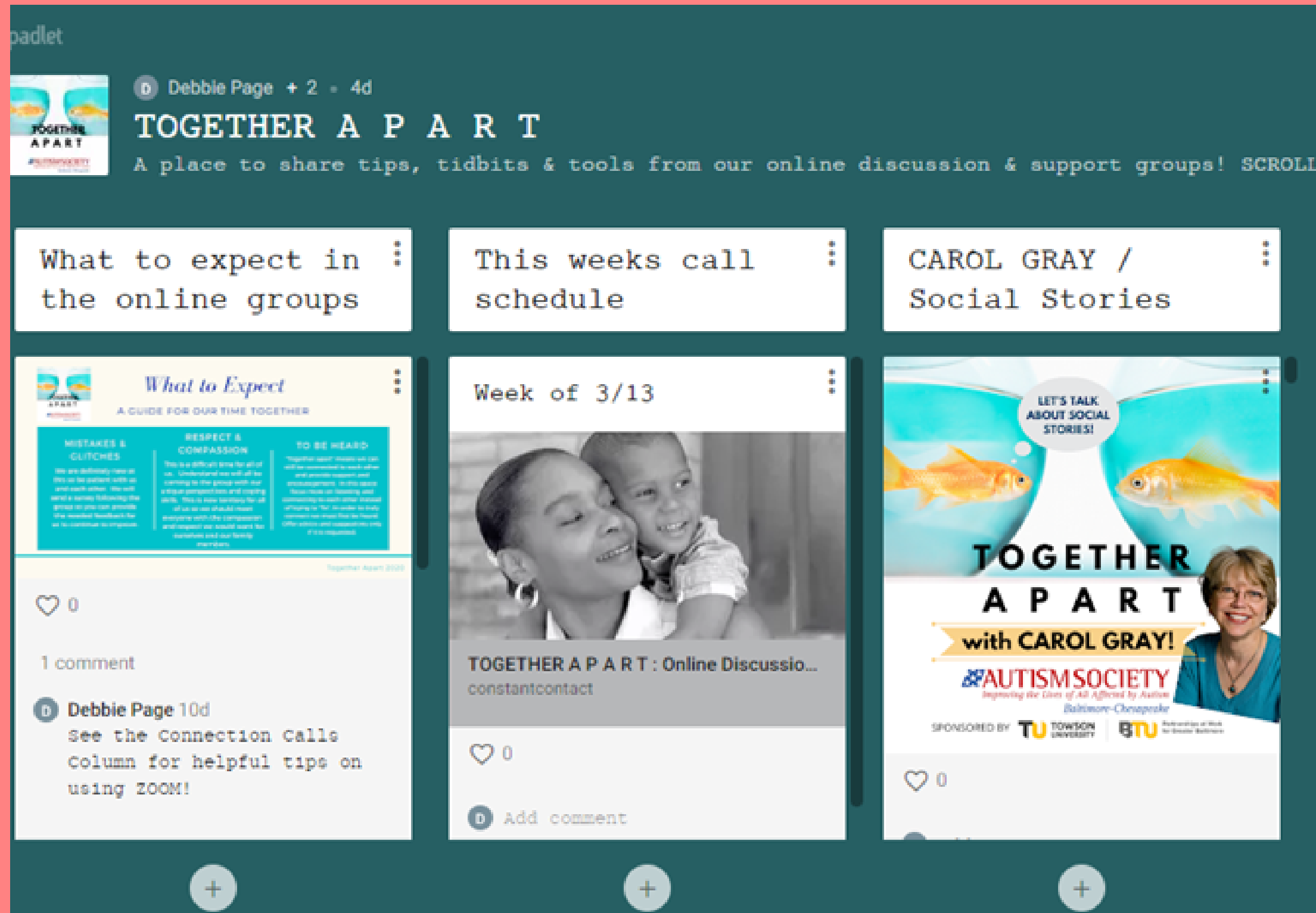


**We worked with
leaders in the
Baltimore County
Police Department
to improve their in-
service trainings
and scenario drills.**

A YEAR OF COMMUNITY & COLLABORATION

We are grateful for the grant provided by BTU which helped us bring in the experts for our discussions. We are also grateful to our friends at the Howard County Autism Society for allowing us to join with them in raising funds through their Autism Walk & 5K.





A parent emailed asking, "I can't make the groups.

How can I not miss out on what you guys talk

about?" So we created a virtual bulletin board

called a Padlet, to house everything we discussed

at the groups and the

recordings of our

presentations!

Link can be found on our [website!](#)

Who We Served in 2020

978

PARENT GROUP
ATTENDEES

369

AUTISTIC ADULT
GROUP
ATTENDEES

240

AUTISTIC TEEN
GROUP CONTACTS

449

GENERAL
SUPPORT GROUP
ATTENDEES

We managed to squeeze in some fun before the shutdown...

152

**ATTENDEES AT
OUR SOCIAL
EVENTS:**

Snow Tubing
Adaptive Skiing
Dinner Out

WE GOT 3 IN
BEFORE THE SHUTDOWN!!

31

**ATTENDEES AT
OUR FREE ART
CLASSES**

for teens and adults

2021

What we are up to now...

- **Weekly** Tuesday Virtual Support Groups
- **Weekly** Thursday Autistic Adult Virtual Groups
- We trained the staff @ the B&O Railroad Museum ahead of our very 1st in-person social event at their Sensory Sunday Event in May
- Family Picnic in June with Towson University students



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Thank you to those who donated to the ASBC in 2020!

Your support means so much to us!

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