THANK YOU!

As we press into another spring of remote programming and events, our SAY family and community remains united and strong. We are there for one another, we have each other’s backs! Thank you for being part of our family, thank you for believing in the importance of our work, and in the voices of young people who stutter. It’s because of your advocacy, support, and love, that we have been able to continue changing lives. From the bottom of my heart to the bottom of yours, thank you!

With gratitude,
Noah Cornman, Executive Director
**Confident Voices Programming News!**

In a year like no other, SAY’s Confident Voices team developed programming to match! Two brand-new Projects launched in Fall and Winter 2020/2021, specially designed to meet the needs of our participants in the virtual world.

**The Storytelling Project Virtual Share**

*January 16 & 17, 2021*

After an incredibly rewarding inaugural season, The Storytelling Project wrapped with a moving weekend of Virtual Shares in late January.

**The Spoken Word Project Winter 2021**

*January - March 2021*

Confident Voices’ first-ever Spoken Word Project began in early February, inviting participants to share their powerful voices through original poetry, verse, and other spoken word methods. This 7-week program closed with amazing Virtual Poetry Nights during the last weekend of March.

**SAY's SPOKEN WORD MOMENT**

*February - March 2021*

SAY’s weekly Instagram Live poetry celebration featured staff, alumni, and special guests who stutter performing a selection of poems we love during the seven weeks of The Spoken Word Project.
Takeover Tuesday with Chef Christina Tosi

January 5, 2021

SAY began 2021 with joy when our friend and founder of **MILK BAR**, Chef Christina Tosi, invited us to take over her Instagram account for a day!

#TakeoverTuesday was an amazing opportunity to share SAY's message of unconditional acceptance and patience with almost half a million of Ms. Tosi’s followers, and to spread stuttering awareness to her Bake Club family, and beyond! Our SAY community of friends, supporters, and young people who stutter contributed videos and stories to bravely share their voices and let the world know that it is really, REALLY okay to stutter!

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Everett Bradley Joins Bon Jovi at ‘Celebrating America’!

SAY’s founding Musical Director, **Everett Bradley**, and his **Bon Jovi** bandmates performed at ‘Celebrating America’ to commemorate Inauguration Day 2021.

This historic day proved that people who stutter can do anything… even become President of the United States!
In February, SAY celebrated Black History Month with a weekly social media series that included songs, stories, and incredible conversations with members of the SAY community.

George Springer Joins
The Toronto Blue Jays

In January 2021, it was officially announced that SAY’s National Spokesperson and MLB player, George Springer, officially signed with the Toronto Blue Jays! We look forward to meeting new friends in Canada, and staying in close touch with our SAY community of allies, supporters, and young people who stutter in Houston.
Camp SAY Reunion
February 20 & 21, 2021

A virtual camp means a virtual reunion! Campers, parents, staff, and alumni gathered on Zoom for our 2021 Camp SAY Reunion for a weekend of sharing memories, laughter, friendship, and Camp SAY for a Day! It was a beautiful reminder that no matter how far apart we might be, we are always together, under one moon.

Global Campfires
January - March 2021

SAY’s Global Campfires are back! On the second Sunday of each month, members of the SAY and Camp SAY communities come together on Zoom to share what’s on their minds and in their hearts. SAY is committed to providing a safe, welcoming space of supportive listening all year round, no matter what.

In-Person for Summer 2021!
August 2 - 16, 2021

SAY is overjoyed to welcome campers BACK to the beautiful Pocono Mountains for our 2-week, in-person summer camp this August! Preparations are underway to provide a safe and spectacular Camp SAY experience for kids and teens who stutter from all across the country, and beyond!
The award-winning independent documentary from Executive Producers Mariska Hargitay, Peter Hermann, Paul Rudd, and George Springer began streaming on discovery+ on March 11, 2021!

‘My Beautiful Stutter’ follows five kids who stutter, ages 9 to 18, from all over the United States who, after experiencing a lifetime of bullying and stigmatization, meet other children who stutter at SAY and Camp SAY. Over the course of a year, we witness firsthand the incredible transformation that happens when these young people experience for the first time the revolutionary idea at the heart of SAY: that it is REALLY okay to stutter.

LET.ME.SPEAK.

SAY is so proud to be a part of this moving film and thrilled that it is now reaching a broad, new audience, and spreading stuttering awareness across the world!

SAY: Australia welcomed in 2021 by hosting their first outdoor social hang at Melbourne's beautiful Botanic Gardens. It was a wonderful way to get to know each other ahead of the launch of their new 2021 programs, the Spoken Word Project (virtual & in-person) and Storytellers (virtual)!

SAY: The Stuttering Association for the Young
March 27 & 28, 2021

It was another incredible weekend of creativity, sharing, listening, and love at Camp SAY: Across the USA - Memphis!

We were thrilled to work with our wonderful partners at the Orpheum Theatre to welcome an amazing group of Memphis-area kids and teens who stutter to the Zoomisphere and to share their friendship, their stories, and their voices!

Save the Date!

SAY: The Stuttering Association for the Young

Virtual 2021 Annual Gala

Live Stream Performance
Thursday, May 13, 2021
7:00 PM EST
FREE to watch!

Honoring SAY: Hero Award Recipient
Dr. Cleavon Gilman

Visit SAY.org/gala2021
Looking Forward

This spring SAY will continue to offer all programs virtually, allowing us to safely connect with children who stutter across the country! And we are thrilled to be returning to Camp SAY in-person this summer!!

And finally, from the bottom of our hearts - Thank you, thank you...

...for your support and your involvement

...for your vulnerability and bravery

...for your compassion and care

...for being what makes this community so very special

YOU are the good news we need in the world!!!

WITH YOUR HELP, WE CAN DO MORE.

The power behind SAY’s programs is not a secret. It is the radical belief that everyone deserves to be heard and each of us has value.

Simply put, at SAY we genuinely care about helping each other. SAY programs are a testament to the transformative power of compassion: to how much more the world needs, and to how much a little bit can do.

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