The Satisfied For the Young Voice

Highlights & News from January - March 2021



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**.







SAY:DC News!

SAY: DC resumed virtual programming in the New Year, welcoming kids and teens who stutter in the Washington DC area for online sessions that emphasize creativity, connection, and self-expression. Now that spring is here, the SAY: DC community is meeting up for safe, socially distanced hangs in local parks where everyone can have a great time playing games and seeing friends who stutter!





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!











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!



SAY: Celebrates Black History Month

February 2021

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.





Garlia Cornelia-Jones



Everett Bradley



Kimberly Garvin



Jamal Douglas



Jonathan Greig



LaDarius Lee

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.



CAMPSAY: Staying Connected All Year Long!





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.



CAMPSAY: We're BACK

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 News!

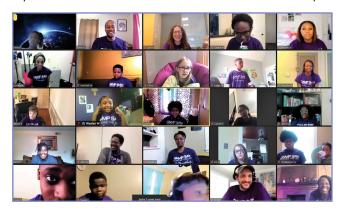
SAY: Australia welcomed in 2021 by hosting their first outdoor social hang at Melbourne's beautiful Botanic Gardens. It was a wonderful way to get to know each other ahead of the launch of their new 2021 programs, the Spoken Word Project (virtual & in-person) and Storytellers (virtual)!



CAMPSAY: Memphis Returns!

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!











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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