

SAY:

The Stuttering Association for the Young



Winter Benefit



Thursday, December 9, 2021



SAY: OUR MISSION

SAY: The Stuttering Association for the Young is a national 501(c)(3) non-profit organization that provides support, advocacy, and life-changing experiences for young people who stutter, ages 3-25.

SAY: OUR VISION

A world where every voice matters.

SAY: HOW WE HELP

Over 70 million people stutter across the world, including 5% of all children. Young people who stutter often face relentless fear and cruelty from a world that doesn't understand them. Over time, they may recoil from the world, silencing themselves to hide their stutter, embarrassment, and shame. Young people who stutter may also feel incredibly isolated and alone, and many face daily ridicule, teasing, and bullying.

Since 2001, SAY has offered comprehensive, innovative programs that address the physical, social, and emotional impacts of stuttering. Through summer camp, regional day camps, speech therapy, and creative arts programming, SAY builds a community of acceptance, friendship, and encouragement where kids and teens who stutter can develop the confidence and communication skills they need to thrive.

SAY is dedicated to serving children from all socioeconomic backgrounds. To date, no child has ever been turned away due to a family's inability to pay. Your support helps ensure this important and essential legacy.

At SAY, we believe that every child who stutters has a voice that matters, and it is a voice that deserves to be heard.

THE PERFORMANCE*

Tonight's original live stream performance is inspired by the voices of young people who stutter.

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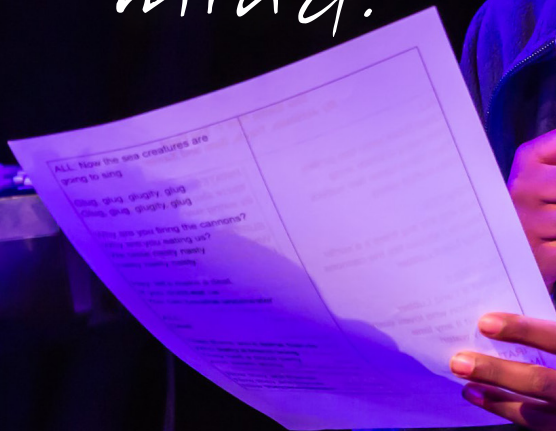
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In loving memory of Howard Bingham, Peggy Lipton, Nanette & Budd Mayer, Alan Rabinowitz, Mel Tillis, Bill Withers

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SAY
what's
on
your
mind.





SAY: PROGRAMS

Visit [SAY.org](https://www.say.org) for more details

CAMP SAY:

A Summer Camp for Young People Who Stutter

Camp SAY is an ACA-accredited, 2-week, summer camp for young people who stutter, ages 8-18. Kids & teens who stutter have endless fun while building confidence & independence, improving communication skills, and forming lifelong friendships.

CAMP SAY: ACROSS THE USA

Regional mini-day camp programs that bring the Camp SAY experience to cities across the USA! Young people, ages 8-18, have fun while connecting with other kids who stutter from their local areas.

Confident Voices

SAY's ground-breaking, after-school and weekend programs employ the arts to inspire creativity and expression, encourage collaboration and connection, and celebrate the voices of young people who stutter, ages 8-18. Offering sessions throughout the school year.

SAY:DC

The Stuttering Association for the Young

Year-round after-school and weekend creative arts programming in the Washington, DC area that provides a supportive space of empathy, friendship, and inspiration for children who stutter, ages 8-25, and their families.

SPEECH THERAPY

SAY's Speech Therapy program is led by a bilingual (English & Spanish) Speech-Language Pathologist with specialized experience and a practical and holistic approach to stuttering therapy that addresses the individual needs and goals of each child. Serving ages 3-18.

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BEAUTIFUL STUTTER



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is now available to screen or own in the UNITED STATES on
iTunes, AppleTV & discovery+ and available to screen or own
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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 the incredible transformation that happens when these young people experience for the first time the revolutionary idea at the heart of SAY:

It is really, REALLY okay to stutter.

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





CAMP SAY:

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Summer 2022 Dates:

Sunday, July 24 - Sunday, August 7, 2022

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Sliding Scale Tuition & a shortened stay option are available.

For more information about Camp SAY, please contact us at:

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SAY the
story
you want
to tell.



we are
proud & thankful

to be dedicated supporters of SAY, an organization whose staff and kids show an irrepressible spirit, and where kindness, courage and compassion abound and astound.

We especially want to **recognize** and **applaud** the extraordinary determination shown over the past extraordinary year - SAY did not miss a beat in bringing its life-changing programs and encouragement to every SAY child.

To SAY, to the SAY kids and to the SAY families, we will stand by you every step of the way!

*Fred Ragucci and
Maria Sarathi Ragucci*

Nothing can stop **SAY** raising up
young people who stutter

*In person or virtual.
Shining a light.
Uplifting voices.
Affirming.
Celebrating.
Providing Community*

Each and every voice matters and needs to be heard!
No matter how you SAY it, SAY it!
What you have to SAY matters!

SAY: KEEP ON ROCKING THE WORLD

With all my love,

Riki Alexander
(aka Taro's proud mama)





is proud to support
the terrific work of

SAY: The Stuttering
Association
for the Young

in making triumph,
happiness and fulfillment
possible for so many.

Every voice matters.

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“Listen, listen, listen
For the children will grow
on the seeds that we sow”

--from *Speak Now*

With much gratitude
for all that SAY does
to help children share
their authentic voices.

—Richard Gervase &
Stuart Delery

**I am *proud* to continue
to support the deeply
meaningful mission, work
and people of SAY.**

Keep up the good work!

Lisa Hertz-Apken

Praises to everyone connected with SAY!

Hats off to Taro and Noah
for their devotion to kids and hard work.

We are so happy to have been with you from the very beginning,
and to have watched SAY grow into the
fabulous organization it has become.

You are helping kids everywhere be the best they can be,
and what more could one ask for!

Best of luck in continuing your super, humane, and caring work.

With love,
Sunny and Brad

Confident Voices Online: **Winter Project**

Create. Collaborate. Connect.

WHEN:

Starts **January 27, 2022** (7 weeks)

WHERE:

On **Zoom!**

VISIT:

SAY.org/confidentvoicesonline/winter-project

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STUTTERING 101

Stuttering is often misunderstood and can make those listening to a person who stutters feel quite uncomfortable. These tips are provided to help make your interactions with a person who stutters a more positive, communicative and supportive experience:

- Please be patient. You may be tempted to finish sentences or fill in words, but please refrain from doing so unless you know the other person well and have their permission. Although you may have the best of intentions, completing another person's sentences may feel demeaning. Of course, if you guess the wrong word, the communication difficulties only increase.
- Try to refrain from comments such as "slow down," "take a breath" or "relax." To many people who stutter, this advice feels patronizing.
- Maintain eye contact and try not to look embarrassed or alarmed. Just wait patiently until the other person is finished talking.
- Be aware that people who stutter usually have more trouble controlling their speech on the telephone. In particular, saying "Hello" often presents a special problem. Please be extra patient in this situation.
- People sometimes wonder if it's OK to ask someone questions about their stuttering. This is certainly a judgment call and stuttering should not be considered a taboo subject. However, some people who stutter are sensitive about it and may prefer not to discuss the subject. By following the rules of common courtesy, everything should be fine.
- A person's stuttering sometimes makes it harder to understand what they are saying. If you do not understand what is being said, don't be afraid to simply say, "I'm sorry, I didn't understand what you just said." No matter how much of a struggle it was for them to say it, this is preferable to pretending you understood or guessing what was said.
- Let the person who stutters know by your body language and actions that you are listening to what is being said, not how it's being said. Be yourself and be a good listener.
- People who stutter are completely normal – it may just take them a bit longer to speak. Stuttering is a complex set of behaviors that interfere with the production of fluent speech. There are as many different patterns of stuttering behavior as there are people who stutter.
- Please be kind, be compassionate and be a great listener because in the end, what ties us all together is the incredible gesture of human kindness!

A woman with long, dark dreadlocks is smiling and singing into a silver microphone. She is wearing a dark, ribbed top and a necklace. The background is dark with blue and purple stage lighting. The text is overlaid on the right side of the image.

SAY what's in your heart.

SAY what's on your mind.

SAY what you want to say.

SAY the story you want to tell.

SAY the things you want the world to know about you.

SAY the things you want the world to hear.

Because in the end, what you have to SAY, not only says a lot about you, it says a lot about all of us.

We're here to help you SAY the things that shouldn't go unsaid.

SAY what you
want to say.

