



THE TUNAPUNA/PIARCO REGIONAL CORPORATION RECOGNIZES  
WORLD AUTISM AWARENESS DAY

The Tunapuna/Piarco Regional Corporation joins the international community in observing World Autism Awareness Day (WAAD) today April 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2015. We also join with the Autistic Society of Trinidad and Tobago in celebrating Autism Awareness Month. The main objective is to bring greater awareness to autism, a pervasive health-related disorder which affects millions. In Trinidad and Tobago, it is estimated that there are 8000-10000 persons with autism.

World Autism Awareness Day encourages us to readily understand autism and to encourage early diagnosis and intervention. This Day shines a bright light towards the quest of giving a voice to those who may be undiagnosed or misunderstood and seeking help. It is about detection, support, empowerment and the ease of access to opportunities.

The Tunapuna/Piarco Regional Corporation salutes the efforts of the Autistic Society of Trinidad and Tobago and all stakeholders who contribute towards the awareness of autism. It is only through understanding, can we build clear and consistent pathways towards to a brighter tomorrow.