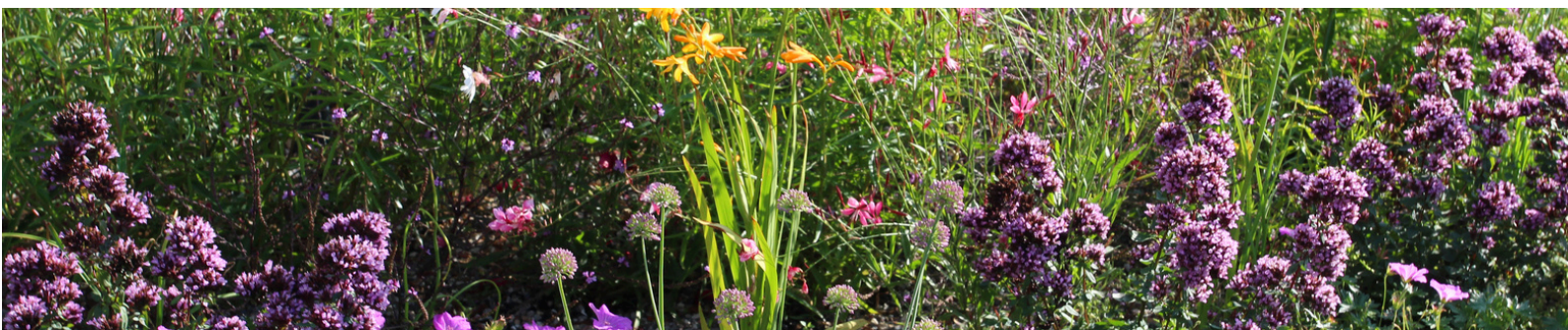


# THE MONTHLY POINT

## ***Pivot Point Newsletter***



### **International Youth Day: Empowering Every Voice**

On August 12th, the world celebrates International Youth Day, a time to recognize the incredible potential and vibrant spirit of our younger generations. This year, as we reflect on the diverse challenges and opportunities facing young people, it's particularly important to focus on those with diverse abilities. At Pivot Point, we see firsthand the unique strengths and perspectives these children and youth bring to our communities. Our core mission is to provide services that support their behavioural, emotional, and educational needs, empowering them to become the leaders of tomorrow.

Of course, championing our youth means embracing their entire support system. Behind every empowered young person is a network of support with the family unit and caregivers at its very heart. The journey of [raising a neurodiverse child](#), or any child in today's complex world, is one of immense love and dedication, but it can also present unique challenges. Recognizing and supporting these caregivers is a crucial part of our collective responsibility, ensuring they have the resources, respite, and community understanding they need to thrive alongside their children.

By embracing this collective responsibility, we actively build a society rooted in coexistence. It's a society where neurodiversity is not just accommodated but celebrated, and where every family feels seen and supported. This foundation is more critical than ever as we navigate a rapidly evolving, tech-driven world. While Artificial Intelligence (AI) can process data and automate tasks, it cannot replicate the spark of human ingenuity, the patience of a caregiver, or the understanding that comes from shared lived experience. It is this heartfelt human investment, and the sharing of that with others, that truly builds resilience.

This International Youth Day, let's commit to amplifying the voices of all young people by strengthening the families and communities that surround them. By investing in our youth with diverse abilities and supporting those who care for them, we are championing a future where technology and humanity work hand-in-hand to create a more inclusive and compassionate world for everyone.

For more than 21 years, Pivot Point's team of dedicated professionals and staff have shared their extensive experience in supporting individuals with Autism and Diverse Abilities. [Our services](#) are client-centered, family-oriented, and evidence-based, drawing from Applied Behavior Analysis, Speech Therapy, Occupational Therapy, Family Counselling, Psychiatry, Neurofeedback, and other interventions as needed. All creating Positive Change!

#### **Newsletter Content Submissions**

If you would like to participate in writing content, sending in photographs and/or sharing ideas for the staff newsletter, please contact Rochelle at: [marketing@pivotpoint.ca](mailto:marketing@pivotpoint.ca)

#### **Newsletter Feedback**

Rochelle would like to hear from you! Please provide her with your feedback or let her know of specific topics that you would like to see in upcoming newsletters by completing our [Feedback & Suggestion Form](#). Thank you for your input!

## Staff Spotlight: Bailey Thompson Quality Assurance Manager



Meet Bailey Thompson, our dedicated Quality Assurance Manager! A key member of the Pivot Point team since 2017, Bailey has viewed the agency through a variety of lenses, from frontline to management.

With a B.A. in Psychology from Simon Fraser University, Bailey's dedication to quality improvement and efficiency is not just a job; it's a passion that drives her to find creative solutions and ensure the best for our team. We are so grateful for all of her assistance and hard work!

### Community Connection

These images capture the essence of what we value most: the meaningful connections that enrich our lives. From collaborative training sessions to community celebrations, we are reminded of the profound impact of coming together. It is an honour to work alongside such dedicated colleagues and a privilege to support the incredible individuals and families we serve; they are the heart and soul of our community.



## The Irreplaceable Value of Human Connection

August 19th marks World Humanitarian Day, a day to honour and recognize the dedication of those who provide aid and support to people in crisis around the globe. It is a day to celebrate the profound impact of people helping people. The theme for World Humanitarian Day 2025 is "[Strengthening global solidarity and empowering local communities](#)". This theme highlights the critical importance of working alongside communities as partners and decision-makers in their own futures. At its core, this principle affirms the fundamental right of every individual, including those with disabilities, to not just be supported, but to thrive as an equal and active participant in society. This resonates deeply with our work at Pivot Point, where we strive to empower children, youth, and adults with diverse abilities to lead fulfilling lives.

In an era increasingly influenced by technology and Artificial Intelligence, the essence of humanitarianism - heartfelt human interest in one another - is more critical than ever. Technology can be a powerful tool for connection, but it cannot replace the empathy and understanding that form the bedrock of a positive society. Research shows that as AI becomes more prevalent, our need for genuine human interaction doesn't diminish; it grows stronger. Empathy, compassion, and the ability to build trusting relationships are fundamentally human traits that algorithms cannot replicate.

Our work with families and individuals with diverse abilities constantly reminds us of the power of human connection. It's in the small, everyday interactions, the shared understanding, the patient guidance, and the celebration of a personal milestone, that real, positive change occurs. As we navigate the complexities of a digital world, let's not lose sight of our greatest strength: our ability to connect with one another on a deeply human level.

This World Humanitarian Day, let us celebrate the compassionate spirit that binds us and pledge to continue fostering a society where everyone feels seen, valued, and supported.

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