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Autism Training for School Bus Drivers

Montreal, January 23, 2019 - Giant Steps School and its Resource & Training Centre are proud to announce the completion of their **Autism Training for School Bus Drivers** project. Inspired by the previous creation of a video training series for police and other first responders, this new training aims to teach how to better understand and support individuals with autism.

The project led by Resource Centre Coordinator, Marla Cable, consists of an educational video that raises awareness and supports drivers in their daily interactions with autistic children while offering practical strategies. Along with the video, an informative one pager providing key tips is available for download on the [school's website](#). The training video, filmed by Marrone Films, is available in both English and French. "Knowledge is power, and we hope this training program will give that to school bus drivers so that they better understand the behaviours of people with autism, their challenges and needs," said Marla Cable.

This project was possible with the generous support of the *La Capitale* Foundation and its first edition of [ShineBEYOND](#) prizes, an initiative that aims to finance three projects related to one of the Foundation's causes: autism, intellectual disability and vulnerable seniors.

About Giant Steps School

Founded in 1980, Giant Steps School is a private school recognized and subsidized in the public interest. The school welcomes students aged 4 to 21 years old with autism spectrum disorders (ASD) into the preschool (4 & 5 years old), primary and secondary school programs. Students follow ministry curriculum according to their specific needs. Our approach is highly individualized, intensive, interdisciplinary and holistic. Educational and therapeutic services are offered in French and in English. Giant Steps is a leader and hub for services supporting the education and success of people with ASDs, provides community support services through its Resource and Training Centre, and actively works to advance applied research in the field of autism.

About the ShineBEYOND & La Capitale

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The ShineBEYOND Call for Project is a La Capitale Foundation initiative that aims to provide financial support for non-profit organizations dedicated to projects related to one of the Foundation's three causes.

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