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JULY IS NATIONAL CLEFT & CRANIOFACIAL AWARENESS MONTH!

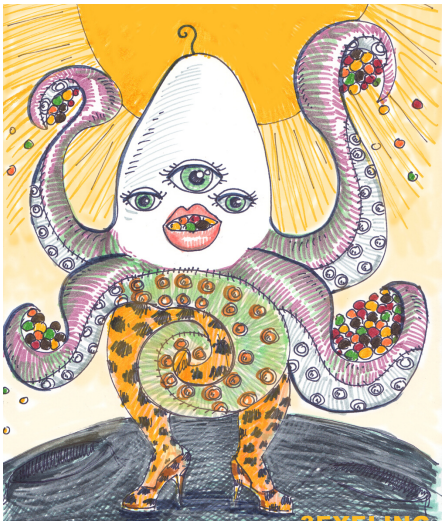
CONNECTMED HAS BEEN BUSY WITH OUTREACH EVENTS LEADING UP TO THIS IMPORTANT MONTH!

VIRTUAL CAMP COMSOS ON JUNE 20

This year's Virtual Camp Cosmos exceeded our expectations! Discussions and play for 4.5 hours kept over 50 families and friends from California, Ohio, Texas, and the UK engaged and connecting! We created opportunities to laugh, dance, draw, act, and communicate through shared experiences.

We started off the day with fun, movement-based icebreaker games from our friends at **PlayWorks**.

Then **Jono Lancaster of Love Me, Love My Face Foundation** shared his journey to self love and acceptance. Our families were so responsive to Jono's story and his insight on dealing with bullying, stares, and negativity.



We got creative with our friend and author of ***Different Just Like Me*, Lori Mitchell.** She joined **Robert Wagner from the Department of Performing Arts of La Jolla Country Day School** as they engaged the group in playacting, and creating 3Eyeling, the Beautiful Being from Beyond! She has tentacles that can reach the sun, loves to eat M&Ms, has cheetah print legs and high heels, and is unique, fierce and lovely -- just like our campers!!

CONNECTMED at the CCA VIRTUAL RETREAT ON JUNE 25

We joined the **Children's Craniofacial Association (CCA)** at its Virtual Annual Family Retreat & Educational Symposium for:

- a playacting session incorporating movement, acting and discussion about their ideas of "The Best Day Ever", led by Robert Wagner.
- group discussion facilitated by **Dr. Azmaira Maker, from Aspiring Families Center for Mental Health & Wellness,** and ConnectMed's Cashel Gaffey. 30+ parents discussed self-love, expressing feelings, coping, overcoming fears and siblings. The virtual nature of the gathering seemed to facilitate incredible vulnterability, bravery and sharing.

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Children's Craniofacial Association is a national, 501(c)3 nonprofit organization, headquartered in Dallas, Texas. Nationally and internationally, CCA addresses the medical, financial, psychosocial, emotional, and educational concerns relating to craniofacial conditions.

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We look forward to continuing these Parent/Family Group Discussions in partnership with CCA Kids - more info to come !

BINGO FUNDRAISER IN JULY

July is **National Cleft and Craniofacial Awareness and Prevention Month**, which aims to increase awareness and understanding for cleft and other craniofacial conditions, including noncongenital conditions caused by burns, trauma and disease.

This month we will be sharing information and resources through social media. We are also raising funds through a **Bingo Fundraiser** to support children and young adults with craniofacial and other physical differences

To play, just choose a square! You can donate in 2 ways:

1) text your donation amount to +1 (858) 842-3900

OR

2) visit https://tinyurl.com/CMIBingo

Then just follow the prompts!

Help us fill as many of our bingo cards as possible!

When you donate, we will repost the bingo cards on our social media with your name over the box(es) that match your donation!

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Share a bingo card with your family and friends! Anyone who fills either card with donations will win 4 tickets to our **Virtual Trivia Night & Fundraiser on October 3!**

Follow us on Instagram @connectmedinternational to follow along!

SAVE THE DATE : OCTOBER 3, 2020

VIRTUAL TRIVIA NIGHT & FUNDRAISER

PLEASE HELP US CELEBRATE OUR *10TH BIRTHDAY* WITH AN EVENING OF TRIVIA, PRIZES, OPPORTUNITY DRAWINGS, AND PACKAGE OF GOODIES THAT WE WILL SHIP TO YOUR HOME!