

WELCOME TO OUR

July-August-September Newsletter

we're so glad you're here!

OH, THE JOY!



September Guest Speaker

 view
voice interests and
education of women

LENNOX HEAD EVENING VIEW CLUB

**SEPTEMBER
DINNER
MEETING**

Wednesday
11th Sep
2024



Jeannette Clark

Naturopath, Clinical Nutritionist
and
Remedial Massage Therapist



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Evening VIEW Club

by Lianne Brennan



At our last dinner meeting, we embraced the spirit of autumn. The tables were elegantly set up, the music playlist soothed with chilled jazz, and a captivating video featuring foliage leaves that are the magic of autumn, served as a backdrop. Members and guests tuned in and dressed in the season's colours, adding flair and vibe to the evening. This well-attended event had the beloved and much-admired star of ABC's *Love on the Spectrum* series and author of the book *UNIQUE*, Jodi Rodgers, as our special guest.

During the event, Jodi shared her profound experiences from the past 30 years, listening to the stories of autistic individuals and families. Her narratives were enlightening and deeply moving, leaving an indelible mark on all of us. President Debra Young's engaging Q&A session with Jodi was entertaining and educational. The event concluded with a renewed understanding and appreciation of the diversity of human experiences and our unique ways of perceiving the world.

'It was great listening to Jodi relaying the story of when she was 18 and looking after an autistic person. How difficult it must have been, not knowing what they are going through and how to express themselves.' - Ilse, member

'I had the privilege of hearing our local treasure, Jodi Rodgers, humbly talk about her journey from young care worker to teacher to psychologist to a sexologist to the author and the autistic people who inspired her in her work. She shared her book, which is a compilation of these people's stories respectfully told to help us all have a deeper understanding of neurodiversity. Jodi was herself - funny, engaging and always so entertaining. A great night!' - Karen, Club Vice-President

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To join and make other membership enquiries, email lennoxevening.view@gmail.com or check out our FB Page - Lennox Head Evening VIEW Club for events and updates

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The Christmas in July theme dinner meeting had the colours, feels, tastes and sounds of Christmas. It was a joyous time, and in the words of Marta, our other Publicity Officer, 'What a fabulous and successful night. Every action we take adds to the atmosphere and creates renewed interest, energy, and enthusiasm.'

To top the night, our special guest, local singer, songwriter, and vocal coach Shelly Brown, was at the helm of creating harmony among Club members. Our enthusiasm trumped our amateur vocal stylings. 'Shelly gives her all. She is a treasure trove of talent and a beautiful person.' quipped a member. It was a little bit of Christmas and a whole lot of fun. Shelly holds a Brunch Choir every Tuesday at 11am at the Lennox Head Surf Club.

We look forward to seeing you at our next event in August, and will include book swaps and local events participation.

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HAPPY
BIRTHDAY



July
Nevida

August
Jo

September
Paula

New Member Alert!



Welcome to VIEW, PAULA!

Members' Thoughts

What does being a member of VIEW mean to you?



"A chance to connect with local women while contributing to the community by raising funds for The Smith Family. And to discover local jewels of hidden talent via our guest speakers."

- Janene

"I enjoy being part of a group who support and is endeavouring to make a difference for young people's education who may not have an opportunity otherwise."

- Belinda



"VIEW to me means friendship and enjoying the company of like-minded women. It is coming together and listening to guest speakers talking on many different and interesting subjects, which broadens my knowledge and gives me a great understanding of the world we live in. We are coming together to improve the lives of Australian children who, for different reasons, are less fortunate than my children were when they were growing up. It is knowing that we help with their education so they can improve their lives and enjoyment of life." - Sue

"I have been a member of the Lennox View Club for many years. During this time, I have come to look forward to the second Tuesday of each month, when I can meet with so many very special ladies. We have had some wonderful guest speakers each month who share their experiences and knowledge in many areas that I may not have been aware of. This can be quite an eye-opener. Of course, the main aim of VIEW is to raise funds to support disadvantaged young people to further their education via The Smith Family. It is always a joy when we receive correspondence from these young people letting us know how life is going for them. "

- Lynne



Sponsorship Update

Aydin



Student ID: 2806403

Sponsored since 17 May 2022
School student in Year 6
Lives in NSW and is 11 years old

Lilly-Amayah



Student ID: 12EN68005

Sponsored since 25 January 2019
Tertiary University student in Year 2
Lives in WA and is 21 years old

Winta



Student ID: 2845658

Sponsored since 17 May 2022
School student in Year 4
Lives in VIC and is 9 years old

Winta's birthday is coming up in December!

Contributions Update

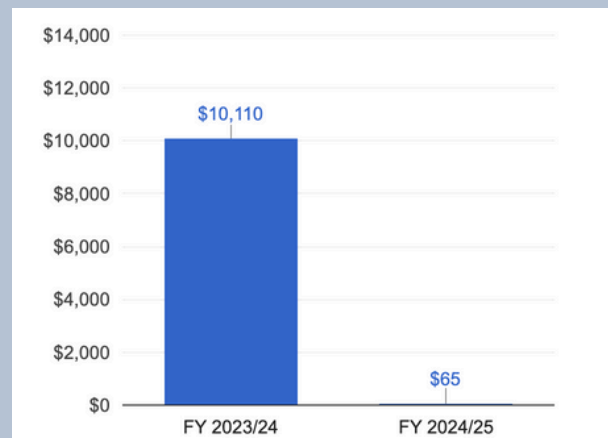
Sponsoring a child
delivers



**ALL OF YOUR SPONSORSHIP
BENEFITS YOUR
SPONSORED CHILD**

School essentials like a uniform,
shoes, textbook and excursions.

As of September 2024



Support Type	Amount
 Aydin - Sponsorship	\$660 / Yearly
 Lilly-Amayah - Sponsorship	\$1,320 / Yearly
 Winta - Sponsorship	\$660 / Yearly

Note: Our Treasurer will renew and pay for the sponsorship fees due this October 2024

Important information on sponsorship changes

Extracted from a letter from Doug Taylor, The Smith Family CEO

Words can never express just how incredible is the difference you're making through your ongoing sponsorship. Together with fellow sponsors, you are enabling 62,822 young Australians through their education. By helping your sponsored students to get school essentials and access extra learning and mentoring support, you're giving them the best possible chance of achieving all they're capable of. Thank you!

Ensuring children in need do not miss out

As the costs of living and education rise, we want to make sure that no child who we support is left behind because of their circumstances.

That's why we periodically review the cost of sponsorship against the rising costs of living. Right now, all Australian families are finding it harder to make ends meet, but it's especially difficult for those already struggling with financial hardship.

We consulted broadly with a large group of sponsors and families to help us determine a way forward for both sponsors and students. As a result of the combined feedback and support, the cost of sponsorship will be increasing effective 1st January 2025. As always, the entire increase will directly benefit your sponsored students across the three pillars of support that sponsorship provides.

Changes to the cost of sponsorship

We aim to ensure that your students can access the school essentials and extra learning support they need to flourish. So, today, we ask your Club if you could please continue supporting at the new cost of sponsorship outlined below.

Level	Current sponsorship per annum	New Sponsorship from 1 Jan 2025	Increase of \$ per annum
School Shared	\$660	\$696	\$36 ✓
School Full	\$1,320	\$1,392	\$72
Senior Secondary Shared	\$936	\$984	\$48
Senior Secondary Full	\$1,872	\$1,968	\$96
Tertiary (shared individual)	\$1,320	\$1,392	\$72 ✓
Tertiary (full)	\$3,732	\$3,936	\$204

Where do my sponsorship donations go?

Your sponsorship donations go directly towards ensuring your sponsored student gets the full benefit of our **Learning for Life** program – helping students experiencing disadvantage to make the most of their education. Here's what your sponsorship provides:

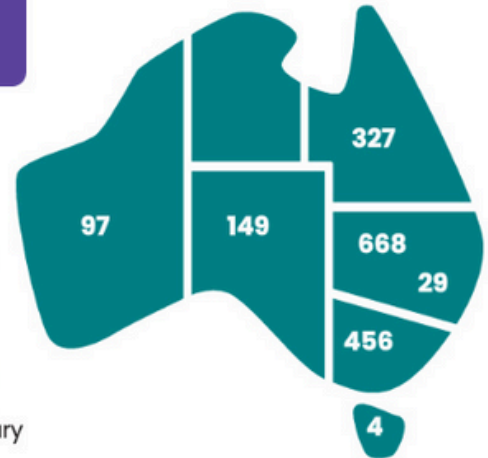
- 1. Financial support** – enabling the family to afford education essentials for your sponsored student for things like uniforms, shoes, stationery, textbooks and excursions, and coursework for older students;
- 2. Personal support** – matching a Learning for Life Co-ordinator with the family for the duration of your student's sponsorship. They work closely with the family to provide tailored support for your student, including linking them to the educational programs we offer;
- 3. Program support** – where needed, your sponsored student can attend our out-of-school learning and mentoring programs. These programs specifically help the students we support to stay engaged with their education, improve their skills like reading and writing, and help boost their confidence and aspirations.

VIEW's sponsorships and contributions



280
VIEW Clubs
in communities

VIEW Clubs continue to support the vital work of The Smith Family, providing an important source of volunteers, fundraising dollars and engagement opportunities in local communities.



Sponsorship of The Smith Family's program

VIEW is proud to be The Smith Family's largest community sponsor of *Learning for Life* students.

VIEW Clubs sponsor
as at March 2024

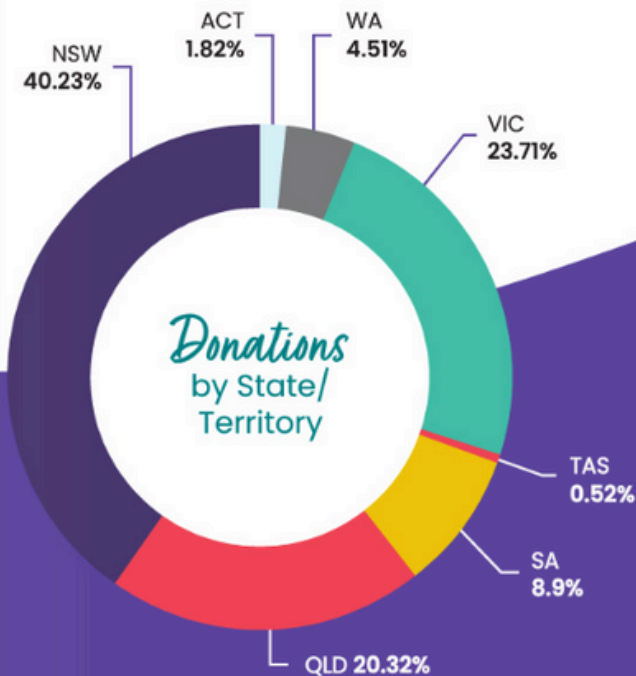
1,730

students on The Smith Family's *Learning for Life* program

1,418 | **275** | **37**
School | Senior School | Tertiary

Contributions to The Smith Family 2023 calendar year

Digital Learning Essentials	\$231,403
Joyspreader Gifts	\$197,504
Winter Appeal	\$56,762
Toy & Book Appeal	\$65,012
Christmas Appeal	\$69,258



VIEW Clubs donated

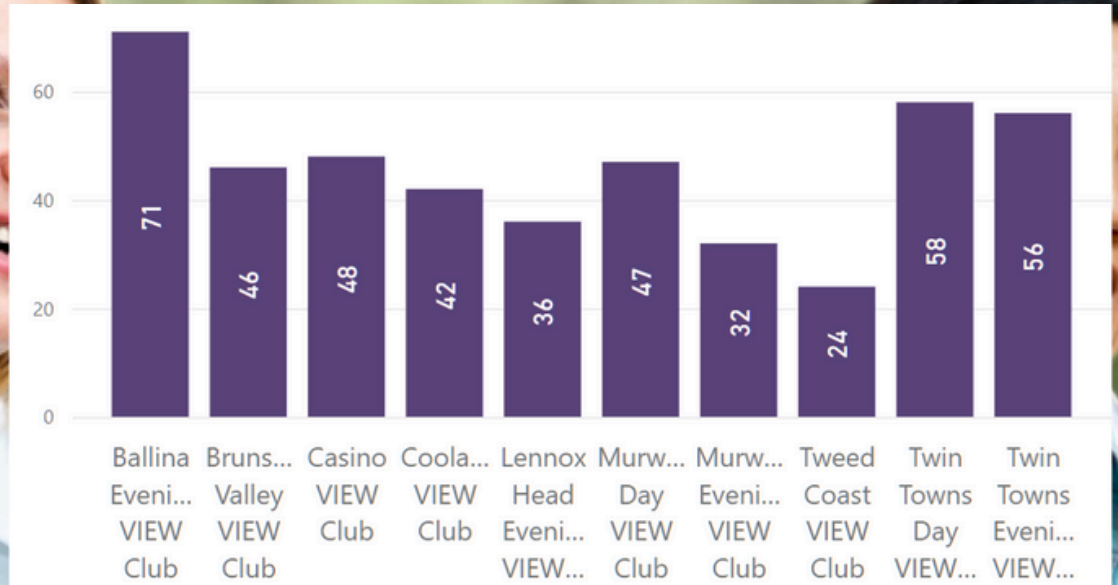
more than
\$1.5 million

in FY2023 to The Smith Family's programs for young people in need.

VIEW - NSW Northern Rivers (Area NJ)

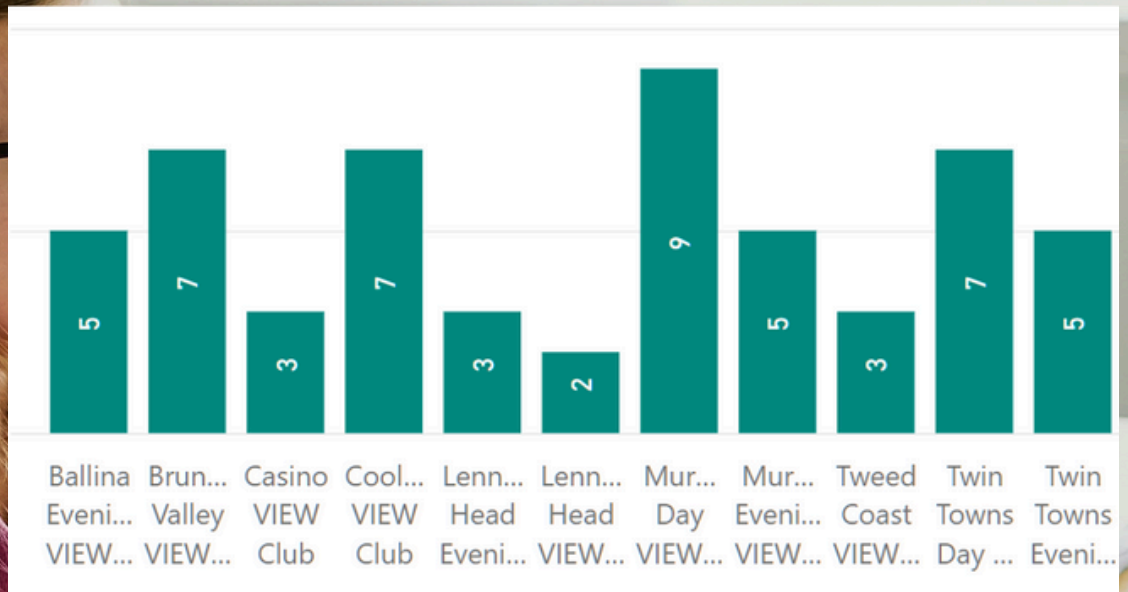
Area NJ Membership

460



Area NJ Sponsorship

56



July Dinner Photos



LENNOX HEAD EVENING VIEW CLUB

JULY DINNER MEETING

Tuesday
9th July
2024

Let's celebrate
Christmas in July
laugh, sing, enjoy

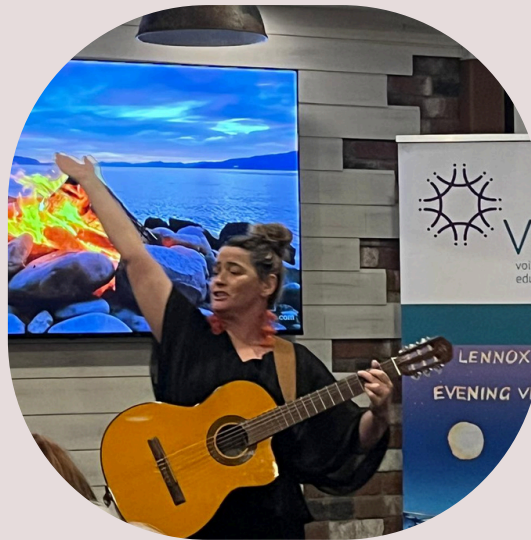
with special guest
SHELLY BROWN

- 6 PM - Drinks and Chat for 7 PM Start
- Beef+Beach Restaurant, 2F Lennox Hotel Pacific Parade, Lennox Head, NSW
- \$35 for dinner, \$5 for raffle tickets

Book now!
Sue - 0409 728 814



July Dinner Photos



July Dinner Photos



August Dinner Photos



view
with interests and education women

LENNOX HEAD EVENING VIEW CLUB

AUGUST DINNER MEETING

Wednesday
14th August
2024

*This August
Let's have
a Blind Date
with a Book*



with special guest
Milt Barlow
CEO/Founder
Northern Rivers Media

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- Beef+Beach Restaurant, 2F Lennox Hotel
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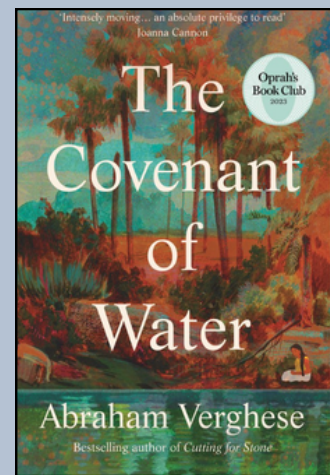
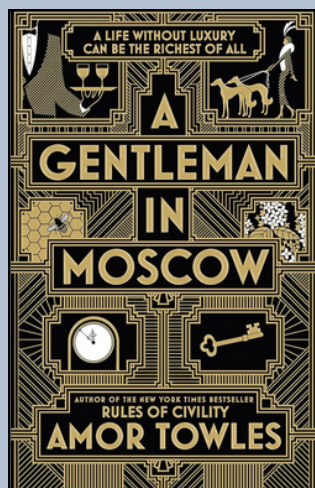
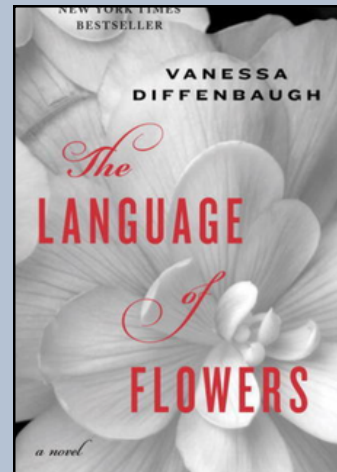
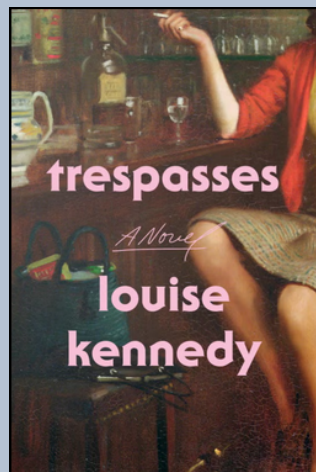
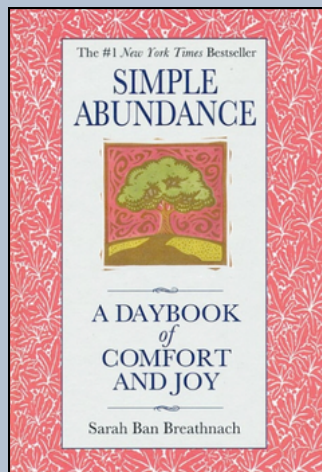
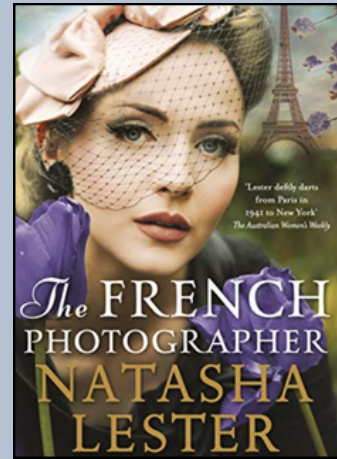
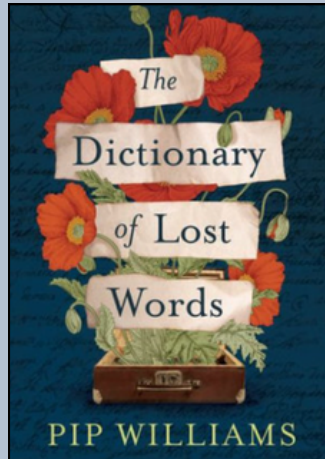
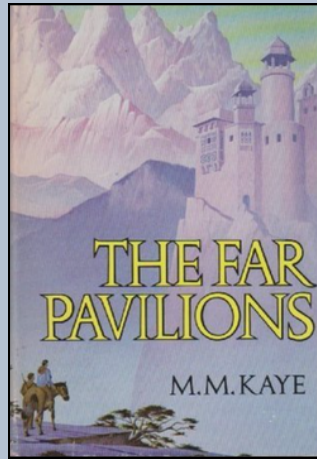
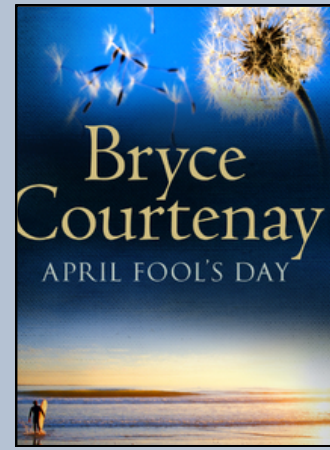
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Members' Favourite Reads



Coming Up Events Around Town



Save the date

2024 NSW Local Government elections

Saturday,
14 September

Voting is compulsory

Visit elections.nsw.gov.au/lge24
or call 1300 135 736



The North Coast's biggest day of garage sales

Second Hand Saturday is back again this year and will form part of a region-wide celebration to promote reuse over landfill!

Hey shoppers! Save the date:
September 21st, 2024



WITH THE HEADLINERS CHORUS

SATURDAY 14 SEPTEMBER

The Auditorium, Ballina RSL
Reserved Seating
Doors: 7pm Show: 7.30pm
Adults: \$30

VIEW Events

2025 National Convention

REGISTRATION IS OPEN NOW



Registration is open now!

Registration Booklet for 2025 [download here.](#)

Registration Form for 2025 [download here.](#)

[BOOK ONLINE](#)

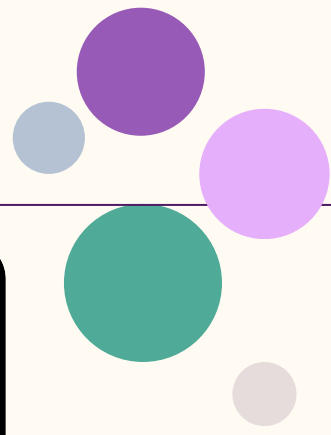
ABOUT CONVENTION

We are pleased to announce the 57th VIEW National Convention is being held in Brisbane, QLD from 5-7 September 2025.

National Convention is conducted over 3 days, Friday to Sunday, and provides VIEW members, their friends and others interested in attending with:

- An opportunity to hear from prominent speakers on a broad range of topics;
- A forum for debating issues of national importance;
- An ability to hear about the achievements of VIEW and their work within communities.
- An opportunity for members to celebrate their contribution to supporting the education of disadvantaged Australian children
- Plus much, much more.....

VIEW Events



Blue
Illusion
Shopping Day

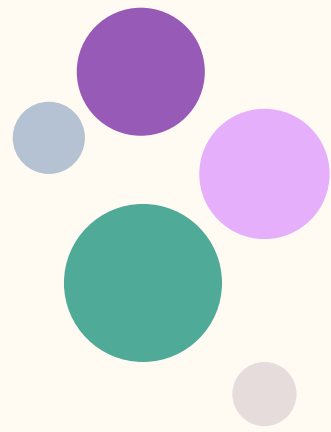


SEPTEMBER
Awareness

SEPTEMBER IS
SUICIDE PREVENTION
MONTH



thank you



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voice, interests and
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The Smith
Family

Learn today, change tomorrow.

The background is a light blue gradient with watercolor-style flowers in shades of blue and purple. The flowers have dark centers and are scattered across the page. There are also some abstract watercolor washes in the corners.

Hello,

October!

Lets celebrate together our

12th

anniversary

See you then!