

 **Autism Empowerment:  
Neurodivergent Creators Collective** 



**Welcome! We will be starting shortly!**  
Please feel free to introduce yourself in chat.

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**Storytelling for Good**

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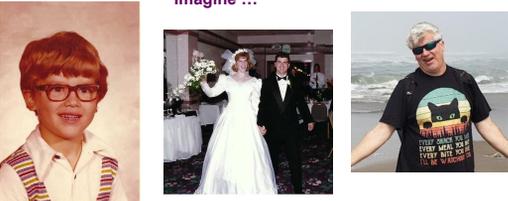
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**Imagine ...**



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**Welcome!!**







Accept

Enrich

Inspire

Empower

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## Why are we here?

- Everyone has a story worth telling.
- Stories move Hearts before they move minds
- Stories help us understand ourselves.
- Stories help us build bridges to others.
- They can be used creatively or for advocacy.



Love is our legacy.

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## What is Storytelling For Good?

- Using your story to bring light into the world.
- Using your story for healing and connection.
- Stories help us see ourselves in each other.
- Stories build courage.



Imagine what kind of storyteller or creator you would like to become!

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## Why Storytelling Matters?

- ✦ Leadership
- ✦ Advocacy
- ✦ Creative Expression
- ✦ Healing & Growth




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## Light Switch Moments

- Moments when something "Clicks"
- When truth meets understanding
- When light turns on




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## Introduction of the Light Switch Method™

- Listen
- Identify
- Give
- Honor
- Transform




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## L: Listen

- Listen to yourself
- Listen to others
- Listen with presence
- Listen without pressure




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## Listening in Action

- Notice themes in your life
- Pay attention to nudges
- Listen to quiet ideas
- Listen to what feels true



What do you feel passionate about?

What themes keep showing up in your life?

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## I: Identify

- Identify the deeper meaning
- What is this really about
- Get to the root cause
- Your story teaches truth



Identify a theme that keeps showing up.

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## G: Give

- Create to connect, not impress
- Your story is a Gift
- Sharing expands the light




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## H: Honor

- Honor your boundaries
- Honor others' stories
- Honor every voice




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## T: Transform

- Happens when stories change hearts
- When healing begins
- When darkness becoming meaning

How has storytelling changed you?




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## Light Recap

L.I.G.H.T. turns experience into purpose.




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## The Secret Sauce: Love

- Love powers the light switch
- Love makes stories meaningful
- Love is what people remember




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## Love is Our Legacy

- Love is what lasts
- Legacy is created through small acts
- Legacy is created by honest stories
- Love > perfection
- Love changes culture




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## Let It Go. Heal. Transform.

- A restorative practice for releasing the past
- Light grows when healing begins




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## Shine it Forward

This coming week

- ✨ Share one small story
- ✨ Encourage one creator
- ✨ Offer one act of kindness




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## Key Takeaway

- You have **LIGHT** within you.
- Your story matters.
- When you share, others shine too.



Come as you are. **Let your Light Shine.**

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## Questions?




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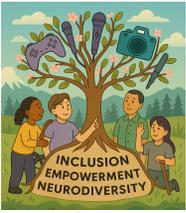
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### Upcoming Workshops:

**Intro to the Easterseals Disability Film Challenge**  
Saturday, December 13th, 2025 @ 2:00pm  
Nic Novicki - Founder of Disability Challenge (via Zoom)

**Storyboarding for Film Production**  
Saturday, January 24th, 2026 @2:00pm  
Suzanne Moulton (via Zoom)



Take our interest survey to let us know  
what you are most interested in!



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### How to Connect with Us!



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