

NASHOBA LEARNING GROUP

PROVIDING HELP FOR CHILDREN WITH AUTISM, AND HOPE FOR THEIR FAMILIES.

NEWSLETTER



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RECENT AND COMING EVENTS:

Congratulations to John McClellan and everyone who participated in the **4th Annual Sprague Energy Doing More Tour!** John biked over 1,000 miles and raised nearly \$50,000 for NLG!

Planning is underway for the **Grand Opening** of NLG's new site in Bedford. The event is planned for the weekend of February 9th 2008. Contact Jenny Kane at Jenny.Kane@NashobaLearningGroup.org to find out how you can help!

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WELCOME TO OUR 1ST NEWSLETTER!

We are pleased to (finally!) begin this quarterly newsletter as an important way to communicate with all those who support NLG! We will use this vehicle to provide updates on NLG's activities, to thank those who have supported us, and, to highlight ways that you can assist NLG in our important work of enabling children and young adults with autism to



function with the greatest possible success and independence in the community, home and workplace throughout their lives. We look forward to your ideas on how we can best meet these goals. Thank you for all you do for our wonderful students and for being part of the NLG community!

Liz Martineau, President



EXPANSION UPDATE!

The renovation of NLG's new building at 10 Oak Park Drive in Bedford Massachusetts is underway! The building now has a new roof and the interior is being prepared to be rebuilt to provide the enhanced classrooms, specialized spaces, and vocational, recreational, and daily living areas that our students need.

6TH KEN OLIVER BIKE RIDE & WALK A THON WAS HELD ON AUGUST 4TH

This event has special meaning because just 5 years ago, the first bike a thon was the vehicle we used to launch NLG! Organized by Liz Martineau and John McClellan and named in honor of Ken Oliver, Ian's dad, who was planning to ride but passed away just before the event, the initial ride raised the funds that got NLG started! August 4th was a great day for our 6th half century bike ride (50

miles). 15 riders braved the distance with wonderful road side support from the Leonard/Brea, Vibert, Freimont, Cullen, and Kane families. **The Concord Inn** provided sponsorship for the event. 11 NLG students and many more families and friends participated in the two mile walk-a-thon that followed. We appreciate everyone's participation in this NLG tradition as we raise funds for our new facility.

WHAT'S NEW

In addition to the exciting news about our new building, NLG has added 3,400 square feet of space in Westford near our Church Street location. ***This has allowed us to add 12 new students to our school with several more scheduled to start this fall!***

Beyond space, it is NLG's organizational growth which has allowed us to welcome new students. We now have an accomplished team of Clinical Directors (CD), all with outstanding credentials (including 7 BCBA's) and all of whom have developed their skills at



NLG through our extensive training and mentoring process. Each new student is ably served by a member of our Clinical Team.

Each CD customizes all of our teaching to the needs of each student and provides each student with an individualized, balanced and challenging curriculum. Each student has the benefit of his or her CD,

and the CD has constant access to the rest of the Clinical Team. This outstanding breadth of expertise within our school has benefited all of our students!

BOSTON MARATHON

GOING THE EXTRA MILE FOR OUR STUDENTS!

On April 16th, enduring not only a 26.2 mile challenge, the NLG team endured high winds and rain to complete a heartfelt mission in support of our school. The Team raised over \$20,000! Congratulations go out to Megan Buck, Josh Dahlin, Erik Duisberg, John McClellan and Tina Taylor who ran the marathon to help raise funds for NLG. Behind the scenes and working hard for the NLG Team were Carrie Laurendeau and Heidi Warren. We

appreciate their time and effort! We would like to thank those who made donations in support of the team as well as the generous sponsors of this event: **Tudor Ventures, Sprague Energy, Harvey Industries, Insight/ On Site Group, Inc., Transaction Corporate Shuttles, Inc., Root Farm Foundation, Sullivan, Shuman, & Freedberg LLC, RSM Mc Gladrey, Inc., and Jim Trombley Plumbing & Heating.**

ASSOCIATION FOR BEHAVIOR ANALYSIS CONVENTION

Members of our incredible staff presented a symposium at the 33rd ABA convention in May 2007, in San Diego entitled: ***Thinking outside the prompt: Innovative prompting and teaching strategies for students with Autism.*** Participating in the development and presentation of the symposium were: Jessica Slaton, Jessica St. Pierre, Tara Montoure, and Liz Martineau. Copies of the presentation are available at NLG.



NLG'S MISSION

Rates of Autism are now reported as 1 in 150 children by the Center for Disease Control. Children with Autism require intensive educational intervention in order to develop to their potential. Nashoba Learning group was formed as a non-profit corporation in 2002 in order to provide more impaired children and adults with Autism with the services they need to succeed. We opened our



Building a brighter future!

school in 2003. We provide outstanding, individualized education, training, and intervention to children and young adults with autism, allowing those we serve to achieve their full potential and participate as fully as possible in family and community activities throughout their lives. We can't do this without your support! Thanks for all you do to help us achieve our mission!



"GIVE THEM WINGS" 2007

On April 28th, 2007 NLG hosted it's 5th "Give them Wings" Dinner and Auction at Bentley College. Many thanks to Lynn Brennan, chairperson for the event, and all the parents and friends who lent a hand in making this a wonderful and successful event. Virtually all NLG families participated in the event in some way!

The auction raised \$100,000 for NLG! This event is a major annual fundraiser for the school. Over 250 attendees were treated to wonderful food, great music, a silent auction and a lively and spirited live auction led by auctioneers, Bob Lobel and John McClellan.

HOW YOU CAN HELP:

"Wish List" New to our website: We have created a "wish list" of items needed on a regular basis, from markers to tables and everything in between. Visit our site - click on the link provided and these needed items can be purchased and will be sent directly to the school. In addition- there is a link allowing monetary donations through the website.

Matching Gifts: An easy way to increase the value of your donation is through a matching gift. Speak with your employer about a matching gift program. You can literally double the amount of your donation to NLG!

Donate your vehicle: If you have vehicle of any kind that you would like to donate, call the school for further information.

Volunteer: your time to help us run one of our fundraisers or propose a new one. Be on the **Grand Opening Committee.**

igive.com: Log on to this site and shop at over 650 stores. A percentage of your total purchases go directly to the school. Log on to igive.com/ NLG for more information.

Ebay: Do you sell on this site? Donate a portion of your sale to NLG. We are now listed with MissionFish!



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