

NASHOBA LEARNING GROUP

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

NEWSLETTER



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Coming Events

Cheer on our Marathon Runners at the **April 21st** Boston Marathon. To sponsor the NLG team, call us at 781-275-2500.

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Stay tuned for information about the Tribute to Heroes Event planned for **May 8th**.

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The 7th Annual Ken Oliver Memorial Bike Ride and Walk a thon will be on Saturday **August 2nd**. Start your training now!

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The next "Give them Wings" dinner and auction is being planned for **September 20, 2008**. The Committee is forming now. Contact jenny.kane@nashobalearninngroup.org to be part of the fun!

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IN OUR NEW HOME AT LAST!

It has been a very exciting few months at NLG! We completed our building renovations and moved into our beautiful new building over the February vacation week. On February 26th, with our approvals for operation from the Town of Bedford and from DOE hot off the presses, our students had their first day at the new school. It was a wonderful day!

Our students and staff are thrilled with their new surroundings. One of our student's parents said it best, commenting, "Now the quality of your facility matches the quality of staff and instruction that you have always had."



Sean McClellan, Jack Kerrigan, and Paige Campbell cut the ribbon at our March 1 Grand Opening party.



So many people have helped us in the process of finding, financing, equipping, moving and settling into 10 Oak Park Drive. We appreciate all your efforts! Special thanks to Maureen Vibert and Steve Vibert who took on the Herculean effort of managing the construction, moving, and settling in process, in addition to all of their other duties.

We have already settled into our new home and we are even better able to continue our mission of enabling all of our students to achieve their potential. We look forward to welcoming additional new students with autism over the next year and enabling them to become successful and motivated learners. See inside for more about our move and our Grand Opening Celebration. On behalf of our students, present and future, thank you!

Liz Martineau

NLG MOVE HONOR ROLL

Our move was a massive effort involving at least 16 truckloads and 6 days of actual moving. The move would not have been possible without the tireless help of many staff, parents, and friends.

Thank you one and all! Our moving team:

Maureen and Steve Vibert
Liz Martineau & John & Casey McClellan
Janet and Gary Flynn
Karen and Brian Abruzzi
Debra Campbell
Paul Centrella
Ben & John Collins & Cynthia Reed
Cindy & John O'Connor
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And special thank you to Jim Curran and the staff of Creative Office Pavilion.

NLG GRAND OPENING

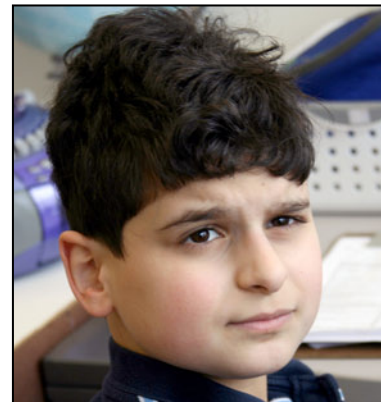
Our Grand Opening party on March 1st was a great opportunity for many members of the NLG community to see our beautiful new building, including the Doug Flutie Jr. Exercise Center, our new Vocational Training Rooms, our spacious classrooms and abundant work spaces for staff and students. Even a snowstorm did not stop approximately 400 attendees!

Many thanks to **Dan Roche of WBZ** for serving as our MC. Thank you to everyone who made our Grand Opening a success:

The Grand Opening Committee including: Jenny Kane (Chair), Julie Coppentrath, Erin Dunham, Tina Sylvester, Wendy and David Greenhalgh, Cindy O'Connor, Erica Ploof, Holly Swan, Lynn Brennan, Kathy Cullen, Stephanie Daniels, Karen Abruzzi, Therese Oliver, Hillary DeMello and Marilyn Driver.

Tour guides: Maureen Lacerte, Tara Montoure, Jessica Slaton, and Robyn Stewart. **Photographer** Brian Abruzzi and **Videographer** Kurt Daniels.

Food and drink donors: David and Wendy Greenhalgh, Polar Beverages, The Flatbread Company-Bedford, Quizno's- Bedford, 99 Restaurants- Billerica, Dunkin Donuts- Bedford, Starbucks- Bedford, Ichabod's- Acton.

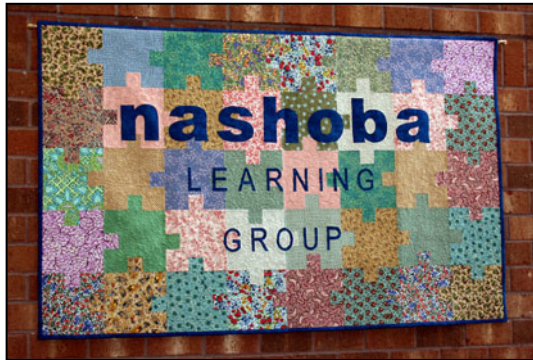


NLG'S MISSION

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, opening in 2003 in order to provide more impaired children and adults with autism with the services they need to succeed.

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!



RECENT GRANTS RECEIVED

NLG is proud to report that we have been awarded several foundation grants. We received a grant from **The Daniel Jordan Fiddle Foundation** to equip a Vocational classroom. The DJF Foundation is the first organization in the US with the specific mission to award grants to benefit adolescents and adults with autism. We received a grant from the **Demoulas Foundation** which we will use towards equipping our Vocational kitchen. And just last week we received a grant from the **TD Banknorth Charitable Foundation**.

We are grateful for this generous support!



HOW YOU CAN HELP

“Wish List” The remaining items from our Grand Opening Wish List have been added to our website. Click on the link provided at nashobalearninggroup.org to provide support.

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.

Be an Employer Partner: Help us prepare our students for adult employment and gain access to valuable services for your business.

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

Volunteer to serve on the Committee for the Bike and Walk a thon or the Give them Wings Auction.

Sponsor the NLG Marathon team through our website. *Mandy Birt, Mike Ellowitz, John McClellan, Jeff Taylor, and Judith Ursitti* will run 26.2 miles to raise funds for NLG! Support them in their efforts!



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