

NASHOBA LEARNING GROUP

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

NEWSLETTER



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Coming Events

Give Them Wings Dinner and Auction

Saturday September 25th, beginning at 6 p.m. At the Collings Foundation with Professional Auctioneer Kathy Kingston CAI, BAS
Call Kathy Romeo at 781-275-2500 for tickets and information

Thursday October 7th at 6 p.m. All-Star Comedy Night hosted by Don Gavin to benefit Nashoba Learning Group and Autism Speaks Montvale Plaza Stoneham, MA

Contact Paul Halloran at 617-872-0384 or pkhcomm@verizon.com
Donation \$50

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LETTER FROM LIZ

It has been a busy and productive summer for NLG and our students! School continues and our students continued their individualized learning all summer long. Life at NLG is full of many small victories every day and we celebrate each and every one. From our newest students to those that have been with us for 7 years, we rejoice in their progress and their pride of achievement. Day by day, year by year, these small victories, enabled by our talented teachers and our individualized programming bringing the best Applied Behavior Analytic teaching to each skill, cumulate as each student builds a repertoire of lifelong skills.

We are now 80 students strong and poised to reach 90 students over the coming year. Recently, I was asked to share start-up advice with a mother endeavoring to start a school to meet the needs of her child with another disability. It gave me pause to remember our beginnings, when we had nothing but a dream, a plan and a huge amount of hard work in front of us. Making the dream a reality for 80 and soon to be 90 students has required the help and support of so many of you. And we are not finished – not with over 200 children on our waiting list and some of our students nearing adulthood. All of us on the NLG team are energized by your support. Thank you everyone for all you do to help NLG allow individuals with autism to achieve their potential.

-Liz Martineau, President

NLG'S GIVE THEM WINGS EVENT!

We are looking forward to seeing everyone on September 25th at our 8th Annual Dinner and Auction to benefit NLG students and to celebrate our students and our fantastic teaching staff. We are thrilled to be returning to the Collings Foundation, in Stow MA, the site of our first 4 events. Guests at the event will have a rare opportunity to view the vintage planes and automobiles of the Collings Foundation's world-famous collection as well as to enjoy the music of Big Daddy Jazz. We are also delighted to be working with Professional Auctioneer Kathy Kingston. Kathy and our Committee have planned an exciting evening with more variety and more opportunities to mingle than in past years. We can't wait to enjoy this wonderful evening with you. Tickets have been mailed, please call for more information.

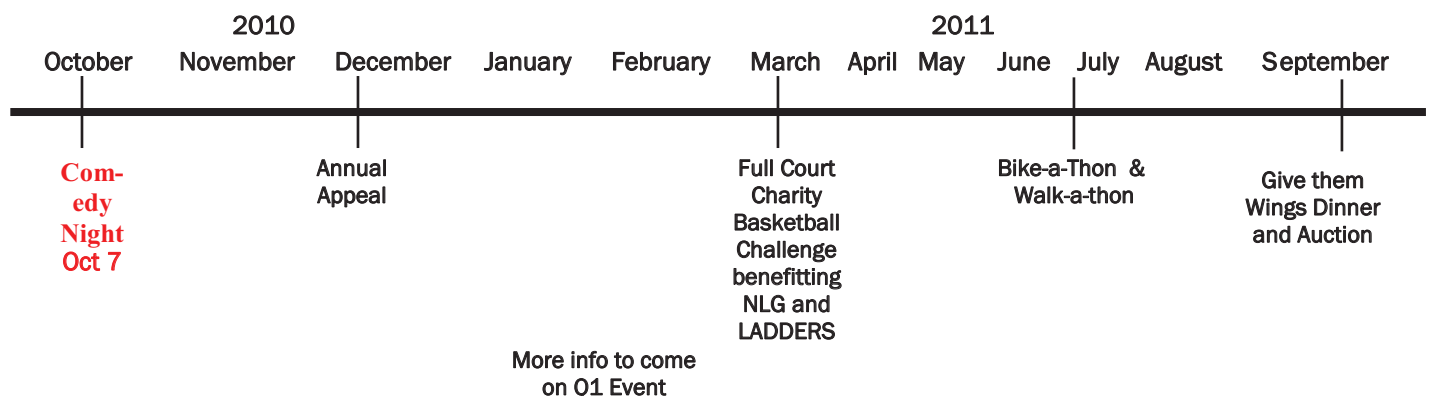


NLG 9TH ANNUAL BIKE AND WALK A THON

A record 32 riders participated in the NLG bike a thon with most riders completing 50 miles and some opting for our new 25 mile option. Pete Fry was our first finisher and Josh Dahlin was the winner of the “Beat Liz” challenge. Kevin O’Connor, an NLG student, completed the 50 mile ride with his father John for the second year in a row. Despite the very hot weather, a record number of NLG families and NLG students participated in the walk a thon and many NLG students engaged in an informal “swim a thon” to keep cool. It was a wonderful day of fun activity for our students and their families and a successful fund raising event for NLG!



NLG EVENT TIMELINE



For more information on events and ways to help, contact Kathy Romeo, kathy,romeo@nashobalearninggroup.org

NLG HOSTS INTERNATIONAL VISITORS

NLG had several opportunities to host professionals from other nations as part of our ongoing commitment to enhancing services for all those with autism. On August 16th we welcomed 25 Special Education professionals from [Japan](#) for a day of learning about our program. The group was organized and led by Keiichi Takeda, M.D. LD Center Advisor Osaka Medical College. In June we hosted Cherine Basfer, BCBA, from the JISH Clinic in [Saudi Arabia](#) for a 2 week internship. JISH, a speech and hearing clinic founded by Sultana Alireza has developed one of the first ABA programs in Jeddah, Saudi Arabia. And, NLG hosted Marie Penot, an Autism educator from [France](#) for a 2 week observation in July.

NLG AND TRIANGLE INDUSTRIES

NLG is pleased to announce that we have developed a working partnership with Triangle Inc. of Malden MA. Triangle provides employment and a full range of job related services to adults with disabilities, serving over 3,000 adults in Southern New England, most of them placed in competitive employment. Triangle operates its own contract fulfillment center in Malden that employs developmentally disabled adults. In the first stage of our partnership, Triangle is providing NLG with a variety of actual work projects to be completed each week at NLG by our students. These projects allow us to teach our Vocational students critical job skills. We are looking forward to expanding our relationship with Triangle over time, potentially having some NLG students work at the Triangle fulfillment center as part of their Vocational training. We are very pleased to be able to learn from Triangle's expertise in adult employment and to teach them about the needs of our students with autism. Triangle's mission of empowering those with disabilities through support, challenge and opportunity, and the uplifting, productive environment we observed at their facility, resonate with NLG's mission. We look forward to working together for the benefit of our students. Learn more about triangle at www.triangle-inc.org.



NLG's MISSION

Rates of autism are now reported as 1 in 110 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!



Thank You
Riders and
Walkers!



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