

NASHOBA LEARNING GROUP

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

NEWSLETTER



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Coming Events

Comedy Night—October 20th—Montvale Plaza—Stoneham to benefit NLG and Autism Speaks

NLG Annual Appeal December 2011

Full Court Charity Challenge—coming in March 2012

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

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LETTER FROM LIZ

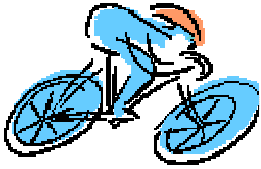
Nashoba Learning Group is now 9 years old! We began with a dream that children with autism could be surrounded by expert teachers who would teach them to communicate, understand and use language, take care of themselves, care about others, engage in meaningful work, and enjoy full, productive lives. Nine years later, that dream is a reality for 90 students and we are hard at work creating an Adult Program that will provide work and community support to our graduates throughout their adult lives.



I can't even describe to you the tremendous effort it has taken to get to this point and how much we have relied on, and continue to rely on your support. But I can tell you that the dream of NLG is a reality for 90 terrific kids because of the incredible skill, enthusiasm, dedication and love our teachers pour into their work with our students every day. Our 9th Annual Give them Wings was a celebration of our fantastic staff, and every day at NLG is a celebration of our students' successes. Thank you for all you do to support our teachers as they bring out the best in all our students with autism!

-Liz Martineau, President





10th Annual Bike and Walkathon

A torrential downpour delayed the start of our bike a thon, but at 9 o'clock 34 riders took off to complete 25 or 50 miles for NLG in weather that gradually got sunnier and hotter through the day. There were 2 winners of the Beat Liz Challenge- Jane McClellan (for the second time) and Beth Battin in her first attempt at the ride. Patrick Autissier was first overall for the 50 and Casey McClellan was the first finisher of the 25 mile ride. Two NLG students completed the ride. Kevin O'Connor rode the 50 (for the 3rd time) with his father John, and Michael Vroman rode the 25 with his father Rick. Many NLG students' and their families and friends completed the 2 mile walk-a-thon and enjoyed a swim. The event was a successful fundraiser and a wonderful day for the NLG community. Many thanks to all our volunteers and donors, especially the **Colonial Inn of Concord** for donating box lunches for all participants.



Thank you NLG Riders/Walkers

50 Mile Riders

Katherine Amano
Forrest Anderson
Patrick Autissier
Beth Battin
Leo Bertolami
Keith Boughrom
Cesar Brea
Rebecca Licht
Liz Martineau
Jane McClellan
John McClellan
Julia McClellan
Liz Miceli

John and Kevin O'Connor
Robert and Lynn Principe
Don Ryder

Jim Shalkoski
Fabrizio Zanella

25 Mile Riders

Kevin and Cathy Boyle
Stephanie Davidoff
John Davidson
Arnab Gupta
July and Pavel Khaykin
Caroline Kleeman
Casey McClellan
Kim Quirk

Gerry and Matty Vaio
Rick and Michael Vroman

Walkers

Judy and Paul Doucette
Jay Gulley and Jason Aylsworth
Therese and Mike Oliver
Maureen and Ed Lacerte
Lannan Family
Kuida Family
Missy Rupprecht
Woodward Family



GRANT AWARD

NLG thanks the Lannan Foundation and the Lannan family for awarding NLG a grant to fund equipment for our Occupational and Physical Therapy Room and provide general operating support. We are very grateful for this generous grant and very pleased to provide additional equipment for the benefit of all our students.



Give Them Wings Auction

The 9th Annual Give them Wings Auction on September 24th was a record breaking night. Our largest crowd ever enjoyed the evening and helped us make our 9th auction the most successful yet. 250 attendees celebrated our students, teachers and staff. Many thanks to our speakers: NLG parents, Erin Dunham and Lynn Principe, NLG teachers Fiona Santiago and Jessica Slaton, and NLG students Neil Buckley, Claire Principe, and Ryan McCarthy. They reminded all of us how much NLG means for our students and their families. Special thanks to Bob and Caroline Collings for the use of the Collings Foundation and to Kathy Kingston our Auctioneer for making the evening special.



Gift cards that benefit NLG!

Nashoba is once again participating in the Great Lake Scripts gift card program with a portion of all sales going to NLG. Forms will go home to students' families in early November. For others interested in participating please see our website www.nashobalearninggroup.org or contact Kathy.romeo@nashobalearninggroup.org



Your Shopping can benefit NLG:

Register at www.onecause.com and choose NLG as your school to support. Shop at One-cause.com and NLG will earn a percentage of what you spend at places like Amazon.com and more.

COMEDY NIGHT

The 4th Annual Comedy Night to benefit Nashoba Learning Group and Autism Speaks, hosted by Don Gavin, is scheduled for October 20th at 6:00pm at the Montvale Plaza in Stoneham. For more information or to purchase tickets contact Paul Halloran at 617-872-0384.

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