

NASHOBA LEARNING GROUP

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

NEWSLETTER



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Coming Events

**Comedy Night, October 18—
Montvale Plaza, Stoneham
at 6:00pm**

**Give them Wings Auction,
November 3, 2012—
Doubletree Hotel, Bedford
at 6:00pm**

**FCCC Basketball—March 9,
2013**

**Open House/Talent Show—
April 6, 2013**

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

**October
2012 Issue**

What an action packed and exciting several months we have had at Nashoba Learning Group! Development of our Adult Program is moving briskly forward towards our planned Grand Opening in March 2013. We have signed a long term lease at **170 Lexington Road in Billerica**, just 1 mile from our school, and we are working hard on all of the activities necessary for a successful start up, including renovations, fine tuning Program design, approval processes, admissions, and moving forward in our Capital Campaign. We are so grateful for the support we have received for our Campaign! While we still have much more to do, we are excited to say that we have raised sufficient funds to launch the Program as planned! We are especially grateful to the Yawkey Foundation for their leadership support. Our Adult Program will allow our students, and others like them, to achieve their potential throughout their lives, and will serve as a model for how to provide the right support to enable adults with autism to succeed at work, in the community and in the activities of daily life. It is the opportunity all our students are working so hard for in our School Program and we are excited to be moving forward!



We are looking forward to our 10th Annual Give Them Wings Auction on November 3rd! We hope you will join us to celebrate our students and their achievements. A highlight of the evening will again be our student speakers. The event is dedicated to our staff for the incredible skill, enthusiasm, dedication and love they bring to their work with our students every day. 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



NLG ADULT PROGRAM CAMPAIGN EVENT

Our Adult Program Campaign event was a big success! It was held on Thursday, September 27th at the Boston Harbor Hotel. We wish to thank all the very generous donors, our Committee and our special speakers, General Peter W. Chiarelli and sportswriter Bob Ryan. This was a very important step in allowing us to launch our Program and ensure that adults with Autism have access to work, learning and the community throughout their lives.



Bob Ryan



General Peter Chiarelli



NLG Teacher Mandy Birt and NLG Students Jantsen and Robert



NLG Staff



Our guests

YAWKEY FOUNDATION

Nashoba Learning Group is thrilled and honored to have recently been awarded a 2 year grant from the Yawkey Foundation for \$500,000 for the launch of our Adult Program. We are grateful to the Yawkey Trustees for their dedication to Tom and Jean Yawkey's mission of improving the quality of life for the underserved. We are honored by the confidence the Foundation has shown in Nashoba Learning Group since their first grant to us in 2005 and we have benefitted immeasurably from the help and support we have received from Yawkey Program staff through the years.

COMEDY NIGHT

Don't miss the 5th annual Comedy Night to benefit Nashoba Learning Group and Autism Speaks hosted by Don Gavin. Doors open at 6 at the Montvale Plaza in Stoneham. For more information please contact Paul Halloran at pkhcomm@verizon.net



GIVE THEM WINGS

Please join family and friends at our 10th annual Give them Wings Auction on November 3rd at the Doubletree Hilton in Bedford, MA. Enjoy our live and silent auctions, NLG student and parent speakers as well as student art work. Once again Big Daddy Jazz will be providing the music. We hope to see you all there. For more information please contact Kathy Romeo.

Thank you to all of our Bikeathon and Walkathon Donors!
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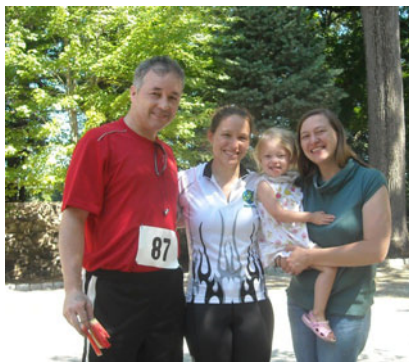
11TH ANNUAL 50 MILE BIKE RIDE AND WALK

We had beautiful weather this year as 35 riders took off to complete 25 or 50 miles for NLG. Beth Battin won the Beat Liz Challenge for the second year in a row. Bill O'Mara was first overall for the 50 and Paul Buckley was the first finisher of the 25 mile ride. Two NLG students completed the ride. Michael rode the 25 with his father Rick, and Matty completed the 25 mile ride with his father. 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. Many thanks to all our volunteers and donors, especially the **Colonial Inn of Concord** for donating box lunches for all participants.

Box Tops for Education
 NLG is collecting Box Tops for Education. You can find these on participating products. For every box top we receive NLG will get 10 cents for the school. Boxtops4education.com



Your Shopping can benefit NLG: Register at www.onecause.com and choose NLG as your school to support. Shop at Onecause.com and NLG will earn a percentage of what you spend at places like Amazon.com and more.



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