

NASHOBA LEARNING GROUP

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

NEWSLETTER



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Coming Events

**FCCC Basketball—
March 16, 2013**

**1st Leprechaun 5 K Fun
Run—March 17, 2013
(10:00 Start, Burlington
High School)**

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

**Adult Program Grand
Opening—May 4, 2013**

Bikeathon—July 20, 2013

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

**December
2012 Issue**

As 2012, NLG's 10th year, comes to a close, it is appropriate to reflect on the accomplishments of the year. For each of our 90 students with autism, each year brings the mastery of over 50 new learning objectives. Each essential skill enhances the student's ability to communicate and achieve success at home, in the community and in the workplace. This wonderful process is made possible by the hard work of our students and the talent and dedication of our amazing teachers using NLG's innovative teaching procedures.

For hundreds of other students with autism, 2012 brought access to NLG's programming innovations through our Web Portal. Professionals and families from 15 states throughout the US and 4 other countries have obtained our presentations on teaching critical skill areas since the portal launch in March. And, this month we have added an additional presentation and a new offering: write-ups for a series of our Teaching Programs. We are excited that through this portal we are furthering our mission of enhancing the services available to all children and adults with autism.

2012 was also a very important year in the development of our Adult Program, scheduled to open in early 2013. We have completed the first phase of our Capital Campaign, ensuring that we can open the Program, and we are working to ready the space we have leased at 170 Lexington Road in Billerica. Although much remains to be done, we are thrilled to be on the cusp of launching this model program which will demonstrate the capabilities of adults with autism in the workforce, community and daily life when the right support is provided.

NLG means so much to so many individuals and families affected by autism. Your support means so much to all those served by NLG. Thank you for all you do to help us enable those with autism to build productive lives. Together we bring them the joy of achievement and access to the world.

All of us at NLG wish you joy and peace in the New Year.

Liz Martineau
President



GIVE THEM WINGS AUCTION - NOVEMBER 3RD

It was a great evening! Thank you to all of you who were able to attend. It was our biggest crowd ever. And thank you to those who could not attend but still participated through donating items, soliciting sponsorships and participating in the neighborhood baskets. We really appreciate everyone's efforts!

It was wonderful to see so many parents together with friends, family members and colleagues at the event. The 3 student speakers, Braeden, Helen and Austin and their Clinical Directors were fantastic! Jody Marcoux made the evening with her heartfelt and moving parent story. And many NLG Moms got in front of the microphone to introduce the neighborhood auction baskets. A good time was had by all and we were able to raise close to \$100,000 for NLG!! It was a night to be remembered!

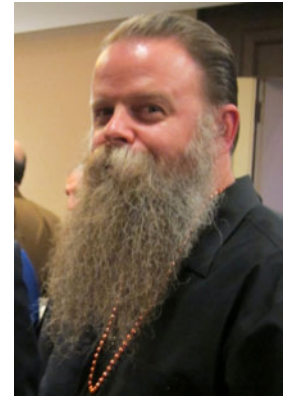


NLG ANNUAL APPEAL

The Annual Appeal was mailed in early December. If you have not received it, or you would like additional copies, you can access it at www.nashobalearninggroup.org or call Kathy Romeo at 781-275-2500 to request one. The Annual Appeal is an important source of funding for Nashoba Learning Group and we thank you for your generous support for those with autism.

NLG STUDENT LEARNS TO TRAVEL ON AN AIRPLANE

NLG is grateful for the opportunity enabling an NLG student to learn to travel successfully on an airplane. Rory and his NLG team undertook a 2 year program in which NLG systematically worked with Rory to overcome his anxiety about airports and airplanes and fly successfully. This exercise included bringing Rory to a hangar for desensitization training and culminated in a flight around New England. Since this program, Rory has been successful on commercial flights with his family.



Box Tops for Education
 NLG is collecting Box Tops for Education. You can find these on participating products. For every box top NLG will receive 10 cents for the school. For a list of products or for more information please visit Boxtops4education.com

NLG'S CURRICULUM WRITEUPS

Announcing the launch of NLG's Curriculum Write-ups! NLG is pleased to make available through our website a selection of our teaching programs. These write-ups detail NLG's innovative teaching methodologies for a variety of essential life skills. They are available to download for the benefit of individuals with autism. Click on the Training and Outreach tab to access these materials. Don't forget to share our website www.nashobalearninggroup.org, with anyone interested in teaching individuals with autism!

PAC CORNER

It's been a busy year for the PAC thus far!! Our most heartfelt thanks to all the parents who help support NLG staff and students to do their very best everyday! Special thanks to Julie Coppentrath for managing the NLG Google group and our dedicated neighborhood liaisons Kim Yee, Mary Cheever, Tina Cerulo, Carol Rakers, Susan Parziale, Julie Coppentrath, Nan Leonard, Holly Swan and Cynthia Reed! Our meetings and social gatherings have been productive and fun. We look forward to more in the new year!

Upcoming dates include:

[Dec 14 Coffee Open House](#)—Hosted by PAC co-chair Una Basak

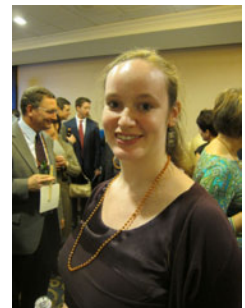
[Jan 28 7:30 pm](#) - EVENING PAC meeting at NLG

[Feb 8 9:30 am](#)—DDS discussion of ARICA and MassHealth at NLG Q&A

[Feb 9](#)—Wine & Cheese hosted by PAC co-chair Barb Baker

As always feel free to contact or call us with suggestions and ideas.

Happy Holidays! - Una and Barb



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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