

# NASHOBA LEARNING GROUP

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

## NEWSLETTER



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### Coming Events

**Cerulo Golf Fundraiser—July 14—Stow Acres Country Club, Stow, MA**

**Bikeathon and walkathon—July 27—Concord, MA**

**NLG Curriculum Night—September 17th and 26th**

**Give them Wings Auction—October 5—Burlington Marriott**

For more information on events and ways to help, contact Kathy Romeo, [kathy.romeo@nashobalearninggroup.org](mailto:kathy.romeo@nashobalearninggroup.org)

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It has been an eventful Spring at NLG, full of celebrations of community. We are thankful to all the members of our community for all they do to help us enable individuals with autism to succeed throughout their lives! Our spring began with our annual **Talent Show and Open House** on April 6<sup>th</sup> showcasing the accomplishments of our students. The pride and delight of our students as they performed spoke volumes about all they have achieved.

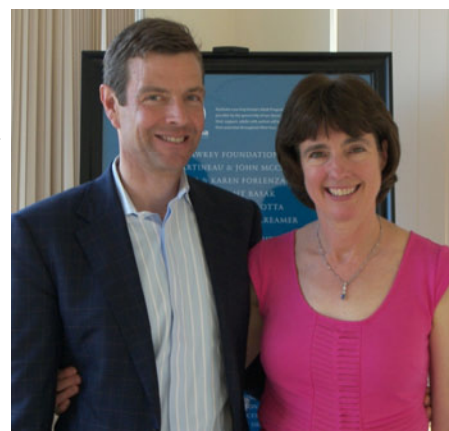
The vital ties that interweave NLG to the larger community were never more in evidence than during the terrorist attack at the **Boston Marathon** and its aftermath. Our thoughts and prayers go out to everyone affected by this tragedy. We are thankful our 4 NLG runners, Beth Battin, Brendan Cheever, Julie Copenrath and Judith Ursitti were not injured. Beth was able to finish the race but the other three were not. They are determined, as is the rest of the community, to be back next year. We were very proud to see NLG dad and Boston Police Officer Dan O'Donnell on CNN at the conclusion of the search operation and we thank him and all first responders for their service and heroism at the marathon attack scene and in Watertown. We are so proud to be part of this community and grateful for the generosity and compassion that touch us and our students with autism every day.

See inside for an update on our **Adult Program**, including our Grand Opening Celebration on May 4<sup>th</sup> and photos of our Talent Show, and Spring Dance as well as news of our recent Conference presentation and additions to our offerings to the larger autism community on our web portal [www.nashobalearninggroup.org](http://www.nashobalearninggroup.org).

Our students and staff will continue with the challenging but rewarding work of learning, and the celebration of each individual achievement all summer long. We are also looking forward to our **12<sup>th</sup> annual Bike and Walk a thon** on July 27<sup>th</sup>. Please join us in this important NLG community event and fundraiser. Together we are making a lifelong difference for individuals with autism. They can't do it without our help and we can't do it without you.

Thank you for all you do!

Liz Martineau  
President, Clinical Director



## Get ready for the 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Bike and Walk a Thon on July 27th!

For 12 years, since our first Bike a thon helped us raise the funds to start NLG, our Bike and Walk a thon has been an important fundraising event and a wonderful opportunity for NLG families, students and friends to gather for a day of fun. The bike ride begins promptly at 8:30 with registration beginning at 7:30. We have both 50 mile and 25 mile options. The ride is marked and supported and very scenic. The walk begins anytime between noon and 2 pm and is a 2 mile round trip on a marked trail in the woods to Walden Pond and back, a perfect distance for children, with a pool awaiting them on their return. All events begin and end in Concord MA.



Registration and sponsorship information is available on our website: [www.nashobalearninggroup.org](http://www.nashobalearninggroup.org) or call us at 781-275-2500. We ask all participants to gather sponsors to raise funds to support NLG in our mission. We look forward to seeing you there!

## NLG Adult Program Grand Opening Event

After all the work of planning, developing and raising funds for the Adult Program, it was very gratifying to celebrate our Grand Opening on May 4<sup>th</sup>! The establishment of our Adult Program is a wonderful milestone in NLG's mission to enable individuals more impaired by autism to be successful throughout their lives. Just as was the case when we founded our School, there are not Adult Programs out there to meet the needs of the coming wave of adults with autism. Our students and others like them are eager to be productive members of the community. Our program efficiently provides the services these adults will need to work, participate in the community,



and continue to add to their life and job skills. We are already serving seven participants. Thank you to everyone for your support in getting the Program up and running. We are excited to tackle the work still ahead of us to expand this program, serve those who need us, and make our model available to others.



## NLG Staff present at the Association of Professional Behavior Analysts Conference in Los Vegas and NLG adds to our Web Portal

NLG staff members Jessica Slaton, Stephanie Shaw, Colleen Leal, Erica Christin, and Katie Marshall presented a symposium at APBA titled: Finding the Needle in the Haystack, Teaching Kids with Autism to Attend to the Salient Cues in a Social Situation. Lynn Brennan was the symposium chair. It was a great opportunity to share our program innovations for the benefit of others with autism and we received great feedback from those who attended. We have also added 5 new curriculum write-ups and a new CEU presentation to our web portal, [www.nashobalearninggroup.org](http://www.nashobalearninggroup.org) further expanding our outreach.

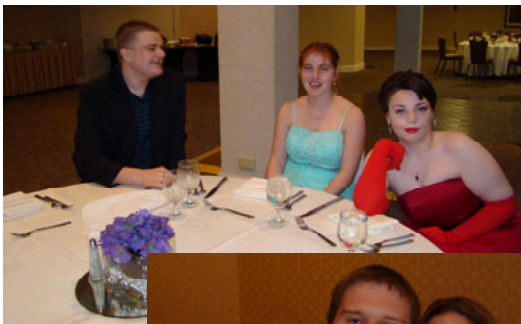
## Talent Show/Open House

On April 6th NLG opened it's doors to family and friends for our annual Open House and Talent Show. It was an great opportunity to showcase our students' talents and their growth in social skills. Thanks to all of our students and teachers who worked very hard to make this event a great success.

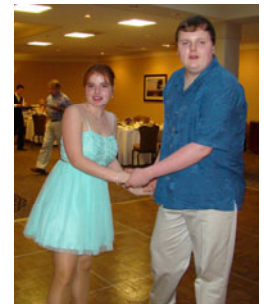


## Spring Fling

NLG's Annual Spring Fling was May 11th. Our older students enjoyed a night of dinner and dancing. This is always a fun event for our students, and gives parents and teachers a chance to enjoy the advances our students have made in their social and peer skills.



Your Shopping can benefit NLG: Register at [www.onecause.com](http://www.onecause.com) and choose NLG as your school to support. NLG will earn a percentage of what you spend at places like Amazon.com and more.



## PAC Corner

What's Happening with the Parent Advisory Council??

- 6/17: NLG Parent Lunch at 1PM at the Border Café
- 6/20: PAC Meeting at 7:00 p.m. at NLG with guest speaker Kristina Duggan from the Lurie Center who will talk about iPad apps for autism. Please RSVP to [ujbasak@gmail.com](mailto:ujbasak@gmail.com). Thank you to those who have already RSVPed!
- 6/26: Staff Appreciation Ice Cream Bar-- look for emails from your neighborhood moms about how you can help out
- 9/17 and 9/26 : Curriculum Nights-- Spend the evening with NLG Clinical Directors and learn about your child's curriculum map through different phases of their education

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Our 2013 Marathon  
Runners are Boston Strong!  
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