

# NASHOBA LEARNING GROUP

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

## NEWSLETTER



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### Coming Events

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

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

**Annual Appeal—December  
2013**

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

**September  
2013 Issue**

We are looking forward to a wonderful fall season at Nashoba Learning Group! Our students and staff are excited to be busy all fall with the reinforcing working of learning. All fall we will continue welcoming young adults to our new Adult Program. In September we will have our first ever Curriculum night for parents at the school. At this event we will share our Life skills inventory and assessment tool and how we use it to shape individualized programming at each stage of a student's life.



And this fall we have an ambitious agenda of continuous improvement activities underway. NLG has long been known for the comprehensiveness of our Behavior Plans, particularly our focus on increasing appropriate behavior and prevention of inappropriate behavior. This fall we will complete implementation of an enhanced Behavior Plan development and review process designed to ensure best practices, such as functional analysis and frequent review, in all our behavioral programming. We are also hard at work at efforts to enhance our processes for training, development and mentoring. Our goal is to continuously improve both of our Programs so that we provide the highest quality service to our students and members.

October 5<sup>th</sup> is our Give Them Wings Dinner and Auction at the Burlington Marriott benefitting both the School and the Adult Program. We hope you will participate in this event that is so important to NLG.

All of our efforts have one purpose, enabling individuals with autism to reach their potential by learning the skills they need to enjoy productive and full adult lives. Thank you for all you do to support us as we build the future for those with autism!

Liz Martineau  
President, Clinical Director





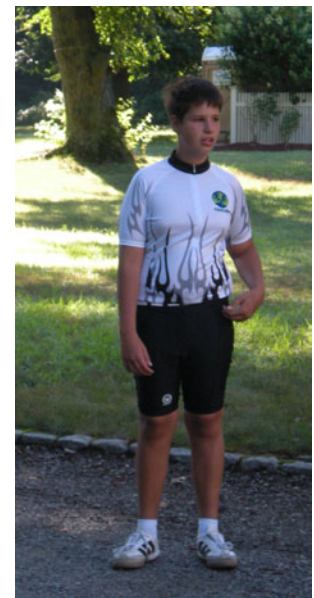
## Give them Wings Auction



Don't forget to buy your tickets for this exciting event where NLG supporters gather to honor our wonderful teachers, gain inspiration from our student and parent speakers and participate in our lively auction. The event begins at 6 pm at the Burlington, MA Marriott. Contact Kathy Romeo at 781-275-2500 for more information or go to the Events tab at [www.nashobalearninggroup.org](http://www.nashobalearninggroup.org) to order tickets and space in our Program Book.

## 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Bike and Walk a Thon

The weather was wonderful for the 12<sup>th</sup> annual NLG bike a thon. Twenty-five riders took off at 8:30 for 25 or 50 miles for NLG. Beth Battin again won the Beat Liz Challenge. Although her 15 minute margin of victory was not enough for the Double Challenge of winning by more than the difference in ages, it was an impressive showing. Overall, the first finishers were John, Julia and Casey McClellan, riding on a triplet. The first student finisher was Michael Vroman, riding with his father Rick. Many NLG students and 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 NLG students and their families. Many thanks to everyone who sponsored a rider or walker. Thank you to our volunteers and donors, especially the **Colonial Inn of Concord** for donating box lunches for all participants.



## Lemonade for NLG!

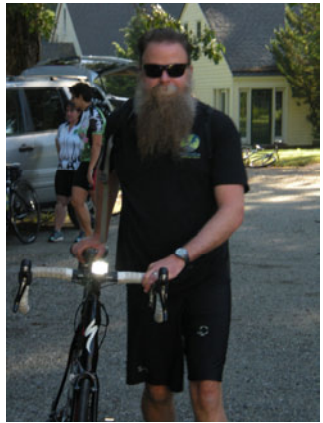


A big thank you to Shannon, Hannah, Luke, Noah, Ryan, Shannon, Jack and Annie for all of their hard work selling lemonade to earn money for NLG. They generously donated \$36.80 to the school!



## Cerulo Golf Tournament—Stow Acres

NLG was the beneficiary of the Cerulo Golf tournament on July 14th at the Stow Acres Country Club. Thank you to the Cerulo Family, Don Bidy and all of the volunteers that helped make this event a great fund-raising event and a fun time for all who participated.



## NLG Clothing Drive

Thank you to everyone who sent in clothes for our clothing drive, and thank you to our laundry crew of vocational students who washed, folded, and packed all the clothes! This was a great opportunity for our students to practice their laundry skills while also helping those in need. The generous response from our NLG community was wonderful. Together we sent 8 big boxes with over 300 pounds of clothes to the Hugs for Romania charity. Each box contained a packing slip with the NLG logo and a note stating that the clothes were washed and folded by students from Nashoba Learning Group in Bedford, MA, USA. The laundry crew gathered here for a group photo before sending out the final shipment.



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

Hello Parents!

- Please mark your calendars for the first ever NLG Curriculum Nights – Sept. 17 and Sept. 26 -- two dates are offered for your convenience! Learn about how NLG plans your child's curriculum from age 3-22 with break-outs into curriculum by age groups as well. A number of Clinical Directors will be present to discuss NLG's process and answer questions. Please rsvp to [ujbasak@gmail.com](mailto:ujbasak@gmail.com)
- Don't miss the Annual Auction on October 5th. Let us know if you'll be coming solo and want to sit with other NLG parents.
- And...next Parent's lunch is on Friday, Oct. 11. Place TBD.
- Watch your email for information on our first Staff Appreciation Event on October 23. We'll be looking for parents to donate and help out!

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