

NASHOBA LEARNING GROUP

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

NEWSLETTER



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Coming Events

**Annual Appeal—December
2013**

**Turning 18 Meeting—January
16, 2014 at 7pm with Elaine
Cockroft**

**Full Court Charity Challenge—
March 15, 2014**

**5K Leprechaun Shuffle—
March 16, 2014**

For more information on
events and ways to help,
contact Kathy Romeo,
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**December
2013 Issue**

There is a sign at the top of the stairs at NLG, part of an art display of construction paper hands traced, cut out, and decorated by NLG students. It says, **"If you think my hands are full, you should see my heart!"** I smile each day when I see it because it so completely describes what NLG is all about. Each staff member embodies this sentiment.



Our hearts are full of love for those we serve and that is our motivation for taking on the challenging and rewarding work of enabling individuals with autism to reach their potential. Helping each person thrive and take pride in their achievements keeps our hearts full and inspires us to keep working to enhance our programming. There are days when our hands feel very full indeed. And when they do, it is our full hearts that keep us going.

Your support allows us to keep our hands and hearts full. Thanks to your generous help we now serve 105 individuals directly in our School and our Adult Program and many more through our outreach and web portal. Thanks to you we will be able to continue to grow to serve more of those who desperately need us.

2013 was a wonderful year of growth for each individual we serve and for NLG. Our Adult Program opened on schedule and is growing rapidly. We have nearly completed Phase I of our Capital Campaign. We are working to get to the finish line and poised for another year of growth and continuous improvement in 2014.

NLG means so much to so many individuals and families affected by autism. Thank you for all you do to help us enable those with autism to build productive lives. Together we allow them to have full hands and full hearts. All of us at NLG wish you joy and peace in the New Year.



Liz Martineau
President, Clinical Director

Halloween at NLG!

The kids once again enjoyed dressing up, a parade around the building, and trick or treating for Halloween this year. Both students and staff had a wonderful time.



Van Otterloo Grant

We are thrilled to report that the Van Otterloo Foundation has awarded NLG a grant for our Training Re-design project at the school. We greatly appreciate this generous support.

Adult Program Capital Campaign Update

We are delighted to report that we are within sight of our Phase 1 goal of \$4 million, with \$3.8 million raised to date! Thank you to everyone who has contributed so generously to this effort. Together with NLG's Board, we thank the entire NLG community for joining us in this campaign. And we thank the many parents and friends of the NLG community who not only contributed personally but reached out to their own friends and family to expand our fundraising reach. We thank our exceptional staff who inspire people to give because they see the results. This has truly been a team effort. As we work to get to the finish line, we appreciate your continued support and your help identifying additional sources of funding for our programs. Thank you!

Campaign Chairs: Una and Amit Basak, Karen and Bob Forlenza, Liz Martineau and John McClellan

Annual Appeal

The Annual Appeal was mailed in late November. If you have not received it, or you would like additional copies, you can access it online at www.nashobalearninggroup.org or call Kathy Romeo at 781-275-2500 to request copies. 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.

Give them Wings Auction

Our "Give them Wings Auction" was a big success. We had a great evening with wonderful speakers, a rousing auction, and a fun time for NLG parents and friends. We hope to see you all back next year!



An angry bird photo bombing yet another picture!



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

Michael Weiner and Diane Margolin

With gratitude for their generous support throughout NLG's history, their leadership support for our Adult Program Campaign and for Mike's life, we have dedicated our Skills Development Center at the Adult Services site to Mike and Diane.



PAC Corner

Hello Parents!

Thank you NLG Parents for your support of the PAC this past year! Thank you for your participation in school events (both fundraisers and staff appreciation)! Thank you for helping us build our NLG Community!!

Here's What's Happening in December:

- December 16: NLG Cookie Swap-- Send in your cookies for staff so they can each take home a bag of assorted cookies! — Send 1-2 dozen cookies in by 2.00pm
- December 18: Santa Visits NLG! From 11-2, NLG kids will visit with Santa (or not)!
- December 20: Last Day of School before Winter Break

Save the date! First PAC Meeting of 2014: Thursday, January 30 at 7 p.m. Guest Speaker: Lori Steers
All NLG Parents/Guardians Welcome!! (Please note: There was an error for this event date in the Dec important dates email)

Have a wonderful break! Happy Holidays!

Una and Barb

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Congratulations Terry!



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school and entry to NLG's
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