

NASHOBA LEARNING GROUP

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

NEWSLETTER



Letter from the President:

It has been a summer of learning and growing at NLG! Our students and adult members continued the important work of developing lifelong skills. They also celebrated the end of summer with an NLG Field day. During the summer we were busy welcoming and training new staff and welcoming new students to both of our school sites! We will continue to grow our School over the next 2 years until we reach our target of 130 students across both sites. We are thrilled to welcome new families to the NLG family and look forward to helping you participate in our community! We are proud to be known as a high quality program and pleased with the results of our annual surveys of Parents/Guardians for the School and the Adult Program, School Districts and DDS. All constituents gave us very high ratings for quality of our staff and programming and affirmed that we change the outcome for those we serve!

As we look towards fall we are busy planning our annual Give them Wings Dinner and Auction to be held on October 15th. We are excited about our new site at the Westin in Waltham, our new auctioneer, Sherry Truhlar, and our plans to make the evening memorable! This important fundraising event is a wonderful celebration of NLG's community and

will feature inspiring speakers. We look forward to seeing parents and friends, old and new, at the event!

On behalf of those we serve, thank you for all you do!

Liz Martineau
President

Coming Events

Comedy Night - September 29, 2016, 6PM at the Montvale Plaza in Stoneham, MA. Contact Paul Halloran at pkhcomm@gmail.com

Give them Wings Auction - October 15, 2016 6 PM at the Westin in Waltham, MA

Gift Cards - November

Annual Fund - November/December

For more information on events and ways to help, contact Emily Wheat, emily.wheat@nashobalearninggroup.org

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Celebrate Student and Adult Achievements!

- I. learned to use his iPad to communicate with therapists, especially if he wants to change or needs a break
- T. has done a great job increasing his functional communication with new staff.
- D. is able to attend community outings without a nurse attending with him.
- M. has increased his work rate and independence in internal work crews.



Students and staff enjoyed cooling off with a water balloon fight!

Welcome to
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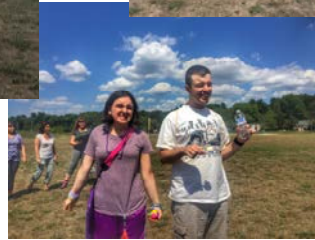
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Field Day

NLG students and members enjoyed relay races and games during Field Day. Everyone had a blast with the small obstacle course and lots of laughs were heard during the potato sack races.



14th Annual Give them Wings Dinner and Auction– New Venue!

At a new venue and with a new auctioneer, NLG could not be more excited for this year’s Give Them Wings event! As our student and member population grows, so do our events. To accommodate our numbers we are moving the Gala to the Westin in Waltham. We also welcome a new benefit auctioneer, Sherry Truhlar. Don’t forget to buy your tickets for this exciting event as NLG supporters gather to honor our wonderful teachers, gain inspiration from our speakers, and participate in our lively auction. The event begins at 6 pm. Go to the Events tab at www.nashobalearninggroup.org to order tickets and space in our Program Book.

15th Annual Bike-A-Thon

NLG’s Bikeathon was a great success! We had a gorgeous morning where 16 bikers enjoyed the 25 or 50 mile ride. Two NLG Adult Program staff beat Liz in her challenge and received two PTO days! This event provided a great opportunity to support NLG and was great fun!



Annual Fund Update

Thank you so much to all who supported NLG's Annual Fund benefitting our School and Adult Programs! The Annual Fund is an important source of funding which supports general operations and annual priorities of NLG. We received great support from NLG families and NLG friends! Our Annual fund year runs from July 1 to June 30 and includes a year end appeal and a spring effort led by our Annual Fund Chairs. However, donations to the Annual Fund may be made at any time throughout the year. Many thanks to our Chairs Cynthia Reed, Marta Wolf, Carol Rakars and Brendan Cheever for all their work in making the Fund a success! We raised \$79,025 a 26% increase from last year. Our goal for the upcoming Annual Fund is to raise \$100,000 and achieve at least 80% participation from NLG families. We look forward to another successful Annual Fund this year! We are so grateful of all the NLG parents, families, and friends who participated!

Congratulations Graduates!

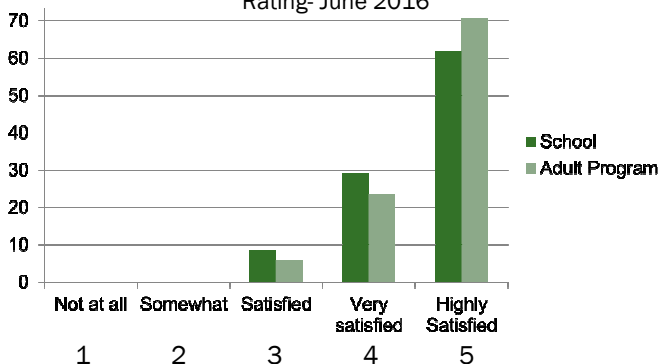
Congratulations to two NLG students who have been part of NLG since the beginning. Will started at NLG on our 1st day of operating in January 2003. He has accomplished so much and we are so happy to welcome him to the Adult Program. Ethan was our 5th student. He has achieved so much and we are excited to welcome him to the Adult Program. Ethan gave everyone a special treat at the graduation, he wrote and recorded a song!



NLG Constituent Satisfaction Survey

To assess NLG's performance and identify areas for improvement, we ask constituents to rate our performance across multiple categories each year. Surveys were sent out this past May. We are very pleased with the high overall satisfaction and we will continue to work to improve!

NLG Parent/Guardian Survey Overall Satisfaction Rating- June 2016



NLG School Parent/Guardian Survey Satisfaction Rating

Category	Average Rating on a 5 point scale 2015	Average Rating on a 5 point scale 2016
Care for individuals and families	4.59	4.67
Application of ABA	4.61	4.57
Satisfaction with Service Delivery	4.54	4.53
Administration and Facilities	4.49	4.50
Overall Rating	4.70	4.53

☀️ PAC Corner ☀️

Hello NLG Families!

The PAC is back! And we'd like to especially welcome all of our new families to NLG! Here are some important dates for the fall:

Friday, Sept. 30 at 9:30 at 10 Oak: Welcome back PAC meeting! All parents/guardians welcome! Find out what's planned for the year for our NLG parent community and share your own ideas with us! We'll provide the coffee!

Friday, Sept. 30 at 11:30: Parent/Guardian Lunch (location TBD) Join other parents to socialize, get to know one another and build community!

Save the Date: Friday, November 18 at 9:30 --Parent/Guardian Annual Fall Coffee (stay tuned for details)

We hope you all had an enjoyable summer and we are so excited to see you again! Please join us!

Barb and Una

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