

NASHOBA LEARNING GROUP

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

NEWSLETTER



Letter from the President:

Greetings from Nashoba Learning Group! 2017 is already a year of growth as our incredible staff continue to help each person we serve achieve their potential and as we continue the expansion of both of our Programs! We now serve 145 individuals between our two School sites and our Adult Program and we will continue to grow.

This spring we are planning an important project at our 170 Lexington Road site. We will be completing outdoor renovations that will bring needed improvements to outdoor queuing, entry areas, and the parking lot. Most exciting of all, we will be adding outdoor recreation space for our students and adults! This project is the lynchpin of the new phase of our Capital Campaign: Gateway to the Community. In this phase we must raise \$1 million. In addition to the outdoor renovations, funds will support community access for all of those that we serve at both sites and our continued growth in enrollment. We are looking to Foundation grants to help the Campaign and we ask you to let us know if you have a contact at a Foundation or corporation and can introduce us. We will be hosting a gala event on May 4th at the Boston Harbor Hotel as an important source of funding for the campaign. Invitations and sponsorship information have gone out. We are truly grateful to those of you who can be part of this event and can help us reach out to your networks.

Upcoming Events

- Annual Fund Drive— April Gala - May 4, 2017 Boston Harbor Hotel**
- Carnival—May 20, 2017 NLG— 10 Oak Park Drive**
- Student Spring Dance— June 3, 2017 Doubletree Bedford**
- Bikeathon/Walkathon— July 22, 2017**
- Fishin' With A Mission— July 30, 2017**
- Give them Wings Auction— October 21, 2017 Westin in Waltham**

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

An important recent event highlighted in this newsletter is the Full Court Charity Challenge Basketball Tournament with proceeds benefitting NLG and the Lurie Center. We are grateful to Bob Forlenza for organizing this event which raises important funding for NLG. And finally, we thank Tina Cerulo and Kim Yee for organizing the 5th Annual Leprechaun Shuffle for the benefit of NLG! This 5k and fun run, created by Julie Copenrath, is great fun for the entire NLG community!

We are looking forward to an exciting Spring of continued growth at NLG! On behalf of those we serve, thank you for all you do!

Liz Martineau
President



Celebrate student and adult achievements!

C. has been doing a fantastic job at his external work placement!

S. has done an awesome job with his new token board and reducing vocal stereotypy!

B. has done a great job communicating with his therapists what he needs and wants!



J. has done a great job tolerating different treadmills without engaging in interfering behaviors!

S. is quickly transitioning from 1:1 to 1:3 staffing and to being a part of the adult group!

I. has done great using his iPad to communicate with therapists, especially if he wants to change or needs a break!



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18th Annual Full Court Charity Challenge

Thank you to Bob Forlenza for running a very successful basketball tournament! Players, spectators and volunteers had a great time at Boston University Fitness and Recreation Center on March 11th. Competition was fierce this year with many returning and new players. All funds raised go to Nashoba Learning Group and the Lurie Center. Congratulations to team JN Phillips who took home the Corporate Division trophy and team SCS who won the Open Division!



SCS Open Division Champs!



JN Phillips Corporate Division Champs!



Austin, an NLG student, speaks with his mother about his work in the community.

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5th Annual Leprechaun Shuffle



A huge thank you to , Tina Cerulo and Kim Yee for all their hard work and dedication to make the 5th Annual Leprechaun Shuffle a success! Amy Ursitti, sister of an NLG student, sang a heart felt rendition of the national anthem. Over 150 participants enjoyed either running the 3.2 miles or cheering them on, all had a blast at Burtons Grill for food and laughs after the race. See results at Racemenu.com.



2017 Boston Marathon



Nashoba Learning Group is excited to announce our runners for the 121st Boston Marathon. We have three runners supporting NLG. **Terry Medearis** is an Uncle to one of NLG's students and is so happy to travel from Colorado for the Boston Marathon experience. **Judith Ursitti**, mother of an NLG student, has run and fundraised for NLG's team before and can't wait to be part of it again. **Nicole Fuccione Mitsakis**, is a friend of NLG and will be accomplishing her first full marathon. We are excited to cheer them on as they cross the finish line and support them in their fundraising efforts. We thank our runners and wish them good luck on April 17th! To support our runners and their fundraising goals, visit our website www.nashobalearninggroup.org to donate.

Congratulations to Kate Raftery!

Congratulations to NLG Clinical Director Kate Raftery who was selected to receive the Dr. Margaret Bauman Award for Excellence at the Current Trends in Autism conference on Friday March 10th! Kate was nominated by the Halloran family whose child, Martha, has worked with for many years. The award cited a specific intervention that Kate implemented as well as the general excellence she brings to NLG every day. We are so proud of Kate and her work and the great work that goes on at NLG every day. This well-deserved award honors Kate and also brings honor to all of us at NLG. At NLG we make a difference for those we serve!

Gateway to the Community

In this phase of our Campaign, Gateway to the Community, we will raise \$1,000,000 to complete our expansion at the 170 Lexington Road site and fund community access for all we serve. The project includes building age-appropriate outdoor spaces for our students and adult members to step outside our walls and engage with their surroundings and the community. Additionally, we will fund increased member engagement in paid and volunteer work in the community. We will grow and expand relationships with employers and surrounding businesses and support our students and adults with transportation and staffing. This will allow them to contribute to and to be a part of the life of the community. Funds also support continued growth in our enrollment. We have raised \$200,000 to date; we need your help to achieve our \$1,000,000 goal!

Contact Emily at Emily.wheet@nashobalearninggroup.org to RSVP or sponsor event.



PAC Corner

PAC Dates to Remember:

Saturday, April 8: Annual NLG Parent Party at Baker's house in Dover, MA at 6:30 pm. RVSP via the evite you received or email bakerdover@aol.com; **Friday, May 12:** PAC meeting @ NLG at 9:30 am – Guest speaker – NLG Vocational Director, Steph Daniels; **Friday, May 12:** Parent lunch at 11:30 a.m. –Location TBD; **Saturday, May 20:** NLG Spring Carnival
Happy Spring Everyone! We hope to see you soon!
Barb and Una

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NLG students enjoyed ice skating during the winter months at Edge Sports Center in Bedford!

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