

NASHOBA LEARNING GROUP

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

NEWSLETTER



Letter from the President:

As is typical in New England, winter seems to have lingered until suddenly it is summer! With the warmer weather we look forward to the opportunity to bring more of our Programs' activities outside. We are eagerly looking forward to the completion of our project to create outdoor space at our 170 Lexington Road site. This space will allow those we serve to safely engage in recreation, fitness and social activities outdoors. This project also includes needed renovations to the buildings entrances and parking lot. These activities are part of our \$1 million Gateway to the Community Campaign which launched in January. In addition to these renovations, funds raised will allow us to provide needed support to those we serve when they are in the community and help us fill our funding gap. We are so appreciative of the generous support we received from the sponsors and attendees of our May 4 Gala! More on the event inside!

At NLG, learning doesn't stop over the summer. We are looking forward to a busy summer of helping children and adults with autism learn the skills they need to reach their potential. We will continue to add new students over the summer to help more of those who need us! We will also continue to integrate our students and adults into the community to engage in paid and/or volunteer work and to increase their independence in the activities of daily life. We appreciate everyone's continued help in supporting us and reaching out to friends, foundations and corporations on our behalf! We are already almost halfway to our Campaign goal! Together we can get to the finish line and allow a growing number of children and adults with autism to achieve their potential and contribute to the community throughout their lives!

On behalf of those we serve, thank you for all you do, we can't do it without you!

Liz Martineau
President

Upcoming Events

Bikeathon- July 22, 2017

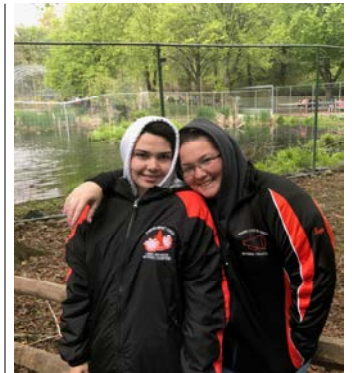
Fishin' With A Mission - July 30, 2017

Field Day - September 15, 2017

Give them Wings Auction - October 21, 2017

For more information on events and ways to help, contact Emily Wheat
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Celebrate Student and Adult Achievements!

C. is doing a fantastic job reading phonetically.

B. independently asks for a break from a task when he gets frustrated.



S. has excelled in assembly room jobs, such as folding/sealing/addressing newsletters.

M. has been doing an amazing job of using his iPad to request his wants and need.

D. has learned to brush her teeth independently.



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Spring Carnival

NLG students, adults, families and friends had a blast at the 2nd Annual Carnival. Guests participated in fun games and made festive crafts. Everyone had a wonderful time. Guests loved the Teacher Target game, Learning Express Table, Fitness Together obstacle course, and artistic face painting. We thank the sponsors who made this event possible!

SalemFive Bank - Bay Path University - Hannafords - Jezowski Family - O'Donnell Family— Gaughen Family and Campbell Family



2017 Boston Marathon

Congratulations to the three NLG runners who participated in the 121st Boston Marathon! Terry Medearis, Nicole Mitsakis and Judith Ursitti raised a total of \$37,240 to benefit Nashoba Learning Group! We thank John Hancock for providing NLG with three bibs, all those who donated to our runners, and a huge round of applause to the runners for completing 26.2 miles!

Annual Fund Update

Thank you to all the families and friends who have contributed to NLG's Annual Fund. Our goal is to have 100 parents participate by the end of June 2017! Help us reach our goal! Your donations are critical to ensuring that we provide high quality services to our children. To donate to NLG's Annual Fund visit <https://nashobalearninggroup.org/support-nlg>

Gateway to the Community Gala

Thank you to everyone who attended and/or supported NLG's Gateway to the Community Gala. May 4th was a wonderful evening of giving. NLG raised funds for outdoor renovations, providing community opportunities, and continuing our growth. Amy Ursitti and Ben Brennan welcomed guests with a beautiful duet. The rest of the evening was packed with wonderful and heartfelt speakers: Ethan Freimont and Lauren Savioli, Adult Services member and Director; Nayiri Ayanian, Mikaeel Yunus and Chris Forlenza, siblings of students/members. We were so excited to hear from sportscaster Malcolm Huckaby and actor who spoke with his niece, NLG student Rosie Basche, David Basche.



NLG Bike-A-Thon

Support NLG at our 16th Annual Bike-A-Thon on Saturday, July 22nd. Both rides begin registration at 7:30 am and roll out at 8:30. The group has a few serious riders but is mostly composed of semi-fit parents and friends who ride at a more leisurely pace enjoying beautiful scenery and great conversation. Ride begins in Concord and goes through the surrounding towns. Van support, water stops and post ride refreshments are provided. For registration details or to sponsor a rider contact Emily Wheet Emily.wheet@nashobalearninggroup.org.

NLG Outreach

Dr. Jessica Slaton, NLG's Director of Applied Research, spoke at the Association for Professional Behavior Analysts (APBA) conference in New Orleans and at the Association for Behavior Analysis International (ABAI) conference in Denver. She presented NLG's research on assessment and treatment of problem behavior, as well as data from a multi-site study including NLG on teaching children with autism the right time and place to engage in stereotypy.



PAC Corner



Hello NLG Parents and Guardians,

Many thanks to all who donated this spring for the staff appreciation events. We were able to treat our wonderful staff to an Italian buffet and also give them a surprise on National Teacher Appreciation Day. We will be hosting an ice cream bar for them on June 7. Let us know if you'd like to serve ice cream after school that day!

We are so encouraged by the great attendance at our PAC sponsored events, including both Touchchat and LAMP training, as well as our PAC meeting focused on the vocational path at NLG. We love having lots of families (new and old) involved to learn and connect with one another.

We wish you all a very happy summer and watch your email for fall events!

Barb and Una

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