

NASHOBA LEARNING GROUP

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

NEWSLETTER



Letter from the President:

Remember those dreaded “What I did this summer” writing assignments from your childhood? Well we know what our students and adult members have been doing- they have been continuing to learn and develop lifelong skills all summer long. And our amazing staff members have made this learning motivating and fun so that our students are happy to be in school. During the summer we have also been busy welcoming and training new staff and welcoming new students to both of our school sites! We will reach our target of 130 students across both sites over the course of the year. We are thrilled to welcome new families to the NLG family and look forward to having you as valued members of our community! It is our mission to provide the highest quality services to those with autism and we are very pleased with the results of our annual surveys. All constituents affirmed that we change the outcome for those we serve! We look forward to continuing to earn these high ratings each day!

As fall begins, we are busy planning our annual Give Them Wings Dinner and Auction to be held October 21st. This is our most important annual fundraising event and we need your help! The night is a wonderful celebration of NLG’s community and will feature parent and student speakers. I look forward to seeing parents and friends, old and new, at the event!

Coming Events

Comedy Night - September 28, 2016, 6PM at the Montvale Plaza in Stoneham, MA. Contact Paul Halloran at pkhcomm@verizon.com

Give them Wings Auction - October 21, 2017 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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On behalf of those we serve, thank you!

Liz Martineau
President



Celebrate Student and Adult Achievements!

- C. started grocery shopping and lunch prep!
- T. works a 45 minute shift at the Snack Shack on Fridays!
- J. has been increasing his pro-social behaviors! 
- M. has been using his voice to make requests!
- S. graduated to NLG's adult program!
- A. independently put his shoes on!

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Expansion Campaign Update

Nashoba Learning Group thanks everyone who has participated in our Expansion Campaign! We are excited to announce that construction of the outdoor recreation area at 170 Lexington Road will begin in September! We expect the recreation area to be completed in November. Save the date for a Grand Opening/Open House on April 28th, 2018. Our campaign goal of \$1 Million will fund the playground and community based lifeskills programming across both sites. We are more than halfway there! Please help us by contributing online or by mail. For more information on sponsorship opportunities contact Emily Wheet.



Current outdoor space at 170. Members and staff are excited for the changes!

15th Annual Give them Wings Dinner and Auction

Nashoba Learning Group's Annual Dinner and Auction is quickly approaching and we are all looking forward to a wonderful evening! The Auction is NLG's most important annual fundraising event and we need your help to make it a success. The event will be held at the beautiful Westin in Waltham and Sherry Truhlar, our Auctioneer from last year, will be returning. We urge you to attend and to invite family and friends to this great event that is so crucial to NLG! Don't forget to buy your tickets and join us as we gather to honor our wonderful teachers, gain inspiration from our speakers, and participate in the lively auction. The event begins at 6 pm on October 21st. 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 success as 20 bikers enjoyed the 25 or 50 mile ride. We thank our State Rep, Ken Gordon for riding for us! Two NLG Adult Program staff members beat Liz in her challenge and received an extra day off. However they did not beat her by more than their age difference, letting Liz also claim victory! 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 friends! Our Annual fund year runs from July 1 to June 30 and includes a year end appeal and a spring effort. However, donations may be made at any time throughout the year.

Many thanks to our Chairs Cynthia Reed, Marta Wolf and Carol Rakers for all their work in making the Fund a success! We raised \$85,931 and we are so grateful of all the NLG parents, families, and friends who participated! Our goal for the upcoming Annual Fund is to double our total and achieve at least 80% participation from NLG families.

Spring Fling

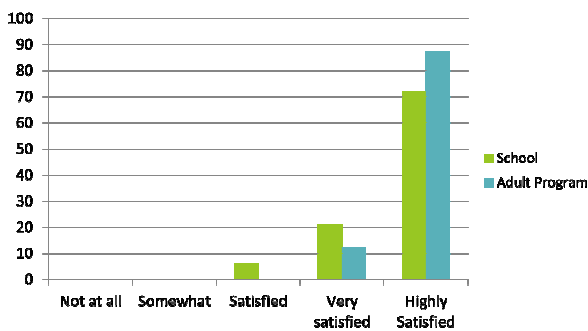
NLG’s Spring Fling, held in June this year, was a blast! Our teenage and young adult members danced the night away and posed like rock stars for the photo booth. Thank you to all our staff members who volunteered their time to make this night amazing!



NLG Constituent Satisfaction Survey

To assess NLG’s performance and identify areas for improvement, we ask constituents to rate our performance across multiple categories in May of each year. We are very pleased with the high overall satisfaction and we will continue to work to get even better!

NLG Parent/Guardian Survey Overall Satisfaction Rating- June 2017



NLG School Parent/Guardian Survey Satisfaction Rating

Category	Average Rating on a 5 point scale		
	2015	2016	2017
Care for individuals and families	4.59	4.67	4.66
Application of Applied Behavior Analysis	4.61	4.57	4.71
Satisfaction with Service Delivery	4.54	4.53	4.70
Administration and Facilities	4.49	4.50	4.65
Overall Rating	4.70	4.53	4.66

☀️ PAC Corner ☀️

Welcome Back Parents/Guardians! And a special welcome to all of our new families! We hope you all had a wonderful summer and we are excited to get the PAC back in action!

Important Dates:

Friday, September 22, 9:30 at 10 Oak: 1st PAC meeting with our guest Liz Martineau, Founder and President of NLG. Come hear about her vision and ask questions!

Friday, September 22, 11:30 at Tony C's in Burlington: Parent/Guardian lunch! Time to catch up after the summer! RSVP to Carol Rakers at lcraakers@verizon.net

Thursday, September 28, 6:00 pm Montvale Plaza in Stoneham: Annual Comedy Night to benefit NLG. Please contact NLG parent Paul Halloran at pkhcomm@verizon.net for tickets or with questions

You should have received the fall PAC folder with neighborhood liaison information and the latest school directory. Please let us know if you did not receive it! We are always available for questions! Hope to see you all soon! Barb (bakerdover@aol.com) and Una (ujbasak@gmail.com)

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Two NLG members were hired to work at Whole Foods in Bedford. We are so proud of our students and adult members and look forward to partnering with additional businesses in the community.

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