Letter from the President:

Happy Spring from all of us at Nashoba Learning Group! The now 170 students and adults we serve have been learning and growing all winter, and they are looking forward to a productive spring! We are so happy that we have added 12 new children and their families to the NLG community so far this fiscal year! We also welcomed many visitors this winter, including representatives from the Cummings Foundation, Autism Speaks, the Bureau of Special Education Appeals, and the Disability Law Center. We are always glad to have the opportunity to talk about the needs of those we serve, and how our programs make a life changing difference for these individuals and their families! One of our goals is to enable teens and young adults to succeed in community based volunteer and paid work. Over the last year we have added 12 new volunteer and paid worksites, allowing an additional 18 students and adults to increase the amount of time working in the community.

In March, Bob and Karen Forlenza conducted their 20th Full Court Charity Challenge Basketball Tournament. NLG has been one of the two beneficiaries of this tournament for the last 10 years, and we are so grateful for all the support we have received. We were happy to be able to honor Bob, Karen, and their family by naming our new basketball court at 170 Lexington Road The Forlenza Family Basketball Court!

And finally, we thank Tina Cerulo, Allison Biggio, and Amy Casale for organizing the NLG Shuffle! This 5k and fun run, created by Julie Coppenrath, went off smoothly on April 7, was great fun for the entire NLG community, and raised funds for NLG!

Our Annual Fund ramps up in the Spring with a closing date of June 30. We are so grateful for your support to help us mitigate the gap between the payments we receive and the cost of providing essential services. We celebrate each and every achievement of the students and adults we serve. We are grateful for your support which makes these achievements possible. Thank you for all you do!

Liz Martineau
President

Celebrate student and adult achievements!

D. is becoming very proficient on his communication app. He is constructing sentences!
M. has learned all of her teachers’ names!
L. successfully got his blood drawn.
A. started vocation for the first time, and is already independently completing some office tasks!
N. is doing extremely well with all of his fluency programming.
C. has been independently requesting his headphones.

For more information on events and ways to help, contact Emily Wheet, emily.wheet@nashobalearninggroup.org
20th Annual Full Court Charity Challenge

Thank you Bob and Karen Forlenza for running a very successful basketball tournament for 20 years!

Players, spectators and volunteers had a great time at Boston University Fitness and Recreation Center on March 16th. 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 Max’s All Stars who took home the Corporate Division trophy and team NYC who won the Open Division! There was an inspiring tribute to the teams and players who have supported this event for NLG and the Lurie Center for years.

Jimmy McCaffrey and Carmen Scarpa teamed with NLG and the Lurie Center to create a tribute to Bob and Karen and their family. NLG’s new basketball court will be named for the Forlenza Family.

Thank you to all of the FCCC sponsors!

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**Annual Fund**

The Annual Fund is a critical source of unrestricted funding for NLG. Our goal is 90% participation by NLG parents. Last year we achieved 85% participation and our goal is to exceed this!

We also have set a goal of 200 donations from our wider NLG community. Last year we received 125 gifts. Please help us reach our goal!

Donations can be made at any time by sending in your donation to 10 Oak Park Drive Bedford, MA 01730, going to NLG’s website www.nashobalearninggroup.org/support, or contacting Emily Wheet at Emily.Wheet@nashobalearninggroup.org.

We will also focus on May 29th as a Day of Giving. Stay tuned for information on this day and on the Annual Fund drive.
2019 Boston Marathon

Nashoba Learning Group was excited to cheer our runners for the 123rd Boston Marathon across the finish line. We have four individuals who ran on Marathon Monday for NLG. Lanae Caruso, Katie Teixeira, Ailbhe O’Neill, and Sara Hanlon are all dedicated supporters of NLG and experienced a memorable day. If you would like to support them in their fundraising efforts, you can still do so! visit our website www.nashobalearninggroup.org to donate. We thank our runners for accomplishing 26.2 miles and their lofty fundraising goals.

Dr. Jessica Slaton Presents Workshop at NLG

To extend our outreach, NLG held our first workshop for area Board Certified Behavior Analysts. The workshop covered how to design and implement a practical functional assessment model using an interview-informed synthesized contingency analysis (IISCA) to address problem behavior. The workshop focused on teaching practitioners to conduct a highly individualized functional assessment in the student's natural environment. The workshop utilized data from the research conducted and published by NLG over the last several years. Over 50 professionals attended the workshop conducted by Dr. Jessica Slaton. We look forward to holding another workshop in the fall that will focus on developing treatment plans for problem behavior.

7th Annual 5k and Fun Run

Thank you to Tina Cerulo, Allison Biggio and Amy Casale for their hard work and dedication! They made the 7th Annual 5K Shuffle a success! Ashley Breen, an NLG student, sang a terrific rendition of the national anthem. Over 200 participants ran the 3.2 miles and enjoyed the after party at Red Heat Tavern. We had a spirited team competition this year with Send in the Reinforcements, Running on the Stage, and Ella’s Shining Stars as the top 3 fundraising teams! Other teams included: Justin’s Lucky Charms, Hashtag Adulting, TeamCole and Sean’s Giant Leprechauns.

PAC Corner

Hi Everyone! Looks like Spring has finally sprung! Thanks to your contributions, food items, and time, the PAC served up a delicious Mexican Fiesta themed luncheon for all of NLG’s 225 amazing staff! It was a huge hit! We have more events coming up including Teacher Appreciation Day, our famous Cupcake Swap for the Staff and our last PAC meeting of the school year on Friday, May 17th. In this PAC meeting we will have Amy Casale, BCBA-Clinical Director, explain what the clinic note is all about, how to read it, and how it is utilized by clinical staff. We hope to see you all there. As always, feel free to email any of the PAC Co Chairs with questions, comments or ideas for guest speakers and topics at our PAC meetings. - Carol Rakers, Tina Cerulo, Mary Woodward, Kristi Hennessey, Melissa Carter, Justine Neely & Kim Walsh
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Ben, brother of an NLG student, set up a facebook donation page asking friends and family to donate to NLG for his birthday.
Left to Right: Ben Doucette, Josh Doucette, Liz Martineau