

NASHOBA LEARNING GROUP

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



Letter from the President:

A very happy New Year to you from the NLG family! All of us at NLG are looking forward to a new year, and decade, of achievement for each individual with Autism that we serve!

We look back with pride at the decade that has just come to a close. Ten years ago, NLG had grown to serve 75 students. Our innovative Adult Program was just an idea. Since then, we have more than doubled in size to serve 135 students and 43 adults. We have developed a strong research capability. We have created external employment and volunteer opportunities for many of those we serve. We have enabled the training and development of hundreds of talented, caring staff members who continue to serve individuals with Autism, either at NLG or in public schools. We have adapted to the changing profile of our students as School Districts have enhanced their ability to serve those with more moderate needs, and we have continued to enhance the quality of the services we provide to each individual.

We look back with gratitude to you for all you have done to allow NLG to bring achievement, joy, and hope to an ever growing number of wonderful individuals affected by Autism. With your continued support we look forward with confidence as we develop our plans for the coming decade. Our goal will be to sustain and enhance what we have already created, and to continue to expand our reach to serve more of those who need us.

Upcoming Events

Annual Fund underway. Donate at www.nashobalearninggroup.org

March 14th FCCC Basketball Tournament

April 5th NLG 5K

April 20th Boston Marathon

May 9th Carnival

July 19th Bike-A-Thon

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

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NLG changes the lives of those we serve. It is your support that makes all of this possible. Thank you for all you do to help those with Autism! We are grateful to you for being a vital part of the NLG family!

All of us at NLG wish you joy and peace in the New Year.
Liz Martineau



Celebrate student and adult achievements!

O. has worked hard to transition appropriately around the school and has now graduated to successfully visiting the school playground every day. He has been doing so well staying with his teachers that he got to go on his first community outing!

D. has been participating in his group with peers and making excellent comments!

M. started folding Fitness Together towels and works diligently for the whole hour.

A. has begun tolerating having her device out all the time.



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Annual Fund

NLG's Annual Fund began in late November with our Annual Appeal. You can access it online at www.nashobalearninggroup.org or call Emily Wheet at 781-275-2500. We thank you for your support! There has always been a need for philanthropy at NLG because payments from School Districts, the Department of Developmental Services, and MassHealth do not fully cover our costs. Annual Funds are ongoing drives to raise unrestricted support. For instance, staff professional development and training are funded by donations. The specialized staff who are so critical to our adults' and students' success in learning to manage their behavior so they can participate in the community, are funded through philanthropy.

Spirit Week at NLG



PAC Corner

Hello NLG community! Thank you so much for your help this holiday season! We were able to put together a massive cookie swap and give gift cards for all staff! Staff absolutely loved each event and we appreciate all the volunteers and donations that we received. Save the Date: February 28th is the 2nd PAC meeting of the school year. Hope to see you all there. We hope everyone has a wonderful start to their New Year!



Give Them Wings Auction

Guests enjoyed an Oktoberfest themed Give Them Wings event; including a beer tasting by Lord Hobo, a talented Accordion player, complimentary Tito's cocktails, and a festive photo booth. Bidding was fierce with our silent auction moving to an online platform. Our live auction included a Romantic Spain trip, Cruise to Canada, Indian Dinner and more. Tyler Buckley, an NLG student who works at LogixHealth, and Amy Casale, his Clinical Director, spoke about his growth over the last 10 years. Stacey Lannan, mother of a 20 year old NLG student, shared her family's journey and the crucial role NLG plays in helping her son soar. And NLG student Daniel O'Donnell spoke about the importance of NLG's state of the art staff training. With the tremendous support of match donors, sponsors, long-time supporters, and friends, we are thrilled to report that we raised \$325,000 net of expenses. These vital funds are so important to allowing us to enable children and adults with Autism to soar!



Family Fundraisers



The O'Donnell Family held a Raffle and raised \$2,250 for NLG!



Boston Police Department, Area D raised and donated \$1,500 through an annual golf tournament.



The Hanson Family worked with their local CrossFit and held a Fundraiser for NLG. They raised over \$11,000!

The Halloran Family held their 12th Annual Comedy Night and raised \$7,500 for NLG.

The Ploof Family held their 11th Annual Poker Night and raised \$3,700 for NLG.

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