

# NASHOBA LEARNING GROUP

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



## Letter from the President:

Let me jump on the crowded bandwagon of people celebrating the end of 2020, and express my hopes that 2021 will be a far better year for all. As we look back on 2020 at NLG, we find many challenges that we hope never to see again, but also much to celebrate.

As we pivoted to remote learning, invested heavily in reopening safely, and adapted to our new way of being together, we saw the dedication and creativity of NLG's staff as they rose to each challenge, the resiliency and adaptability of our students/adults and their families as they dealt with each new pivot and learned to learn in new ways, and we felt the full embrace of support from our NLG community as you helped us weather each new twist of the storm.

Your steadfast support and care has made such a difference to NLG. To quote Earvin "Magic" Johnson, "When you face a crisis, you know who your true friends are." Thank you for being true friends to NLG! We can't do what we do without you! Thank you for allowing us to persevere, and continue to further our mission by providing the essential services needed by 180 children and adults with Autism to realize their potential.

On behalf of our staff and the amazing individuals that we serve, I wish you peace and joy in the New Year and look forward to your continued support as we tackle 2021 and whatever challenges it brings!

Liz Martineau

## Upcoming Events

Annual Fund Donate at  
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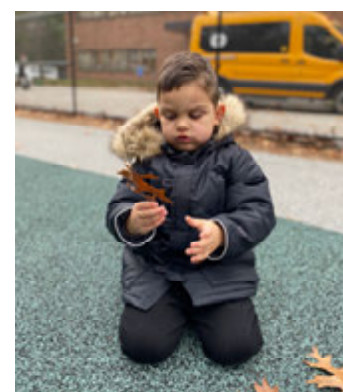
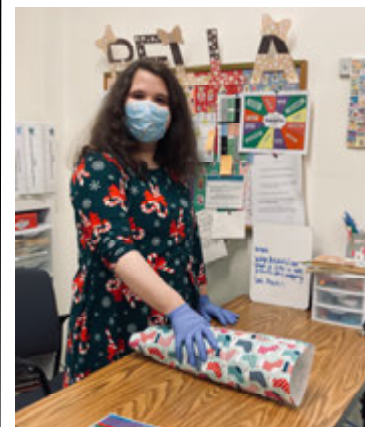
January 29th Virtual Workshop with Dr. Jessica Slaton

January 30th Virtual Trivia Night

April 16th-19th Virtual 5K

For more information on events and ways to help, contact Emily Wheat,  
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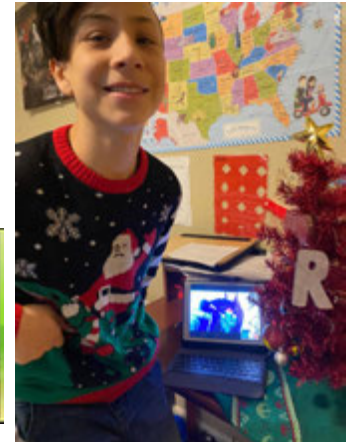
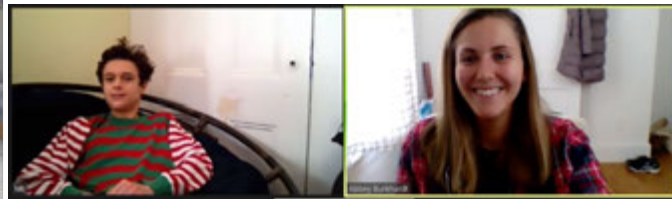


## Annual Fund

Donate to NLG's Annual Fund online at [www.nashobalearninggroup.org/support-nlg](http://www.nashobalearninggroup.org/support-nlg). 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 Annual Fund helps fund unexpected expenses, such as the many extra costs incurred related to COVID-19. These added costs will continue on in 2021.

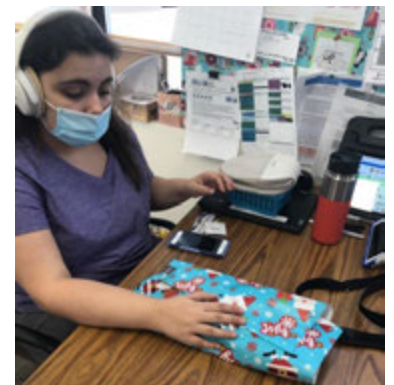
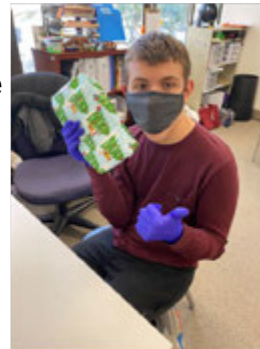


## Remote Spirit Week at NLG



## Holiday Project for Lowell Healthy Families

During the month of December, NLG worked with Lowell Healthy Families, a social services agency in the Merrimack Valley. Students and members wrapped, sorted and labeled gifts for the holidays. Lowell Healthy Families is an organization that helps and supports young, first time parents. NLG was honored to help this organization and the families it serves.





## Virtual Workshop with Dr. Jessica Slaton

On January 29, 2021 from 12pm – 3pm, Nashoba Learning Group is offering a virtual workshop that will enable BCBA's to translate IISCA results into skill-based treatment of problem behavior in a school setting. This is a follow-up to our previous workshop and will be conducted by Dr. Jessica Slaton. To register:  
<https://nashoba.z2systems.com/event.jsp?event=36&>

## Special Donations to NLG

NLG thanks the **Becton Dickinson Foundation** for a very generous donation of 450 BD Veritor Plus Antigen tests for rapid detection of COVID-19. NLG is using these tests to screen staff and students following the holiday break. We are very grateful for this generous gift of hard to get tests!



NLG received a special contribution, a 1991 Mazda MX-5 Miata! NLG was able to sell the vehicle and benefit from the proceeds. We thank **Susan Putnam** for her generous donation to NLG!

## Trivia Night

You are invited to NLG's virtual Trivia Night! January 30th at 7pm join in on the fun and showcase your knowledge of random facts. Complete in 4 rounds, 10 questions each, with other NLG friends and families. Prizes will be awarded to the top teams. Tickets can be purchased on NLG's website, \$25 per family.

<https://nashobalearninggroup.org/news-events/upcoming-events>



## PAC Corner

The PAC hopes everyone had a safe and healthy holiday break. We were happy to provide gift cards to each and every staff member to show our gratitude for all that they are and all that they do.

Children flourish when they feel emotionally and physically safe, when they know they have adults who care about them, and when they are challenged in their learning. A growing number of studies emphasize the importance of positive school climate in reducing achievement inequities, enhancing healthy development, and promoting the skills, knowledge, attitude and behavior that provide the foundation for success. In a school with a healthy climate, all staff are part of these essential components of a positive school environment.

As parents of NLG students, we know that every staff member our child encounters over the course of his or her day is a positive influence and plays a role in providing the safe, fun, warm and respectful environment in which our kids thrive.

This year, more than ever, we want to thank each and every staff member for their hard work, dedication and creative thinking to provide remote services for those who need it and for putting themselves "out there" and doing everything they can to make it possible for our kids to come to school for in-person learning every day. Some may be more visible than others, but without question, each is an essential part of the healthy, positive school climate we treasure at NLG.

Thank you! The NLG PAC wishes everyone a happy, HEALTHY 2021!



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