

NASHOBA LEARNING GROUP

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

NEWSLETTER



Letter from the President:

April 2022 marks 20 years since I filed to incorporate Nashoba Learning Group! We will mark the 20 year anniversary of opening the School in January 2023. We look forward to celebrating these milestones throughout the year ahead! These 20 years have been years of incredible growth for NLG, and over this time there have been enormous changes to the environment in which we operate. It is gratifying to look back on all we have accomplished on behalf of individuals with autism, but we are also looking forward to the next 20 years. Our Board and management team are working to develop a vision for NLG's future that allows us to succeed in the current and projected future environment, and furthers our mission of enabling individuals with Autism to realize their potential throughout their lives. I am excited about this process and energized by the talent and passion of our leadership team!

I know you join me in thanking our outstanding staff for their resilience and commitment to our students and adults at all times, and especially during the last two years of COVID. We salute our heroic nurses for their incredible work, especially during this ongoing crisis. We thank the families of those we serve for working with us as we have continually adapted to changing guidance and conditions. And we are so grateful for the incredible ongoing support we have received from you, our NLG community. Your support has been instrumental in helping us meet each day's challenges and continue to serve the individuals with Autism who need us most.

Upcoming Events

Annual Fund :
April— June 30

NLG 5K Fun Run:
Virtual: **April 29—May 1**
In Person: **May 1**

CEU Workshop:
May 18

Comedy Night:
June 1

Fishing with a Mission, 10th
Anniversary: **July 31**

Give them Wings Auction:
October 22

In March we were thrilled to mark the return of the Full Court Charity Challenge Basketball tournament. We have launched our Spring Annual Fund Drive, and our annual 5k will take place on May 1 in-person with a virtual option. We hope you will support us for these events!

Thank you for allowing us to persevere, and for your continued support that will allow us to further our mission. Thanks to you we can be excited about the future!

On behalf of our staff and the amazing individuals that we serve, thank you for your continued support!

Liz Martineau

For more information on events and ways to help,
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10th Annual 5k Run for Autism

Nashoba Learning Group's Virtual 5K Run for Autism is going HYBRID!

Registration is now open!

With the success of our virtual races over the past two years, we decided to offer both options this year!

For those who have enjoyed creating their own adventure, the virtual race will run April 29th through May 1st.

For those who revel in the excitement of friendly competition, the live event will be held on May 1st at the Davis Elementary School in Bedford beginning at 9am!



Find all the details about these two race options here:
racemenu.com/nlg5k

After Party at Red Heat Tavern
May 1 from 12-2pm



Full Court Charity Challenge

The 21st Annual Full Court Charity Challenge was held at the Millworks in Westford on March 5th. It was wonderful to get back on the courts after a 2 year hiatus due to COVID. What an exciting day of basketball it turned out to be!

A special congratulations to Donohue's and Max's All Stars for being the 2022 Open and Corporate Team Champs. Congratulations to all the players who made this a great tournament!

We are so grateful to everyone who attended and donated to this event and the overwhelming support for both Nashoba Learning Group and The Lurie Family Autism Center at MGH.



Max's All Stars - Corporate Division Champions



Thank you to our student speaker, Tyler Buckley. Tyler's 10 reasons why he loves NLG made us proud and put a smile on all our faces. Tyler has such amazing comedic timing!

And a special thanks to Tyler's mom, Maura Sullivant, who gave a heartfelt and inspiring speech about the importance of both NLG and the Lurie center to her family.



Donohue's - Open Division Champions

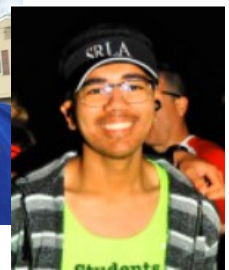
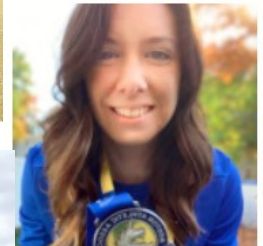
126th Boston Marathon - April 18th, 2022

Nashoba Learning Group is proud to be an official Partner of John Hancock in the Marathon Non-Profit Program. The Non-Profit Program provides over 1,000 Boston Marathon® bibs to select non-profit organizations throughout the community, allowing each organization a significant fundraising opportunity.

This year our dedicated runners consist of NLG's very own staff members Lauren Savioli and Samantha Cooper, and family and friends of NLG, Casey McClellan (sister) and David Castillo-Moreira.

If you would like to make a donation to these Boston Marathon runs for NLG, you can find each runners campaign page here: <https://www.givengain.com/cc/2022nlg/> or you can make donations on our website www.nashobalearninggroup.org — Fundraising will continue through May 20th, 2022.—

*Congratulations to all our runners who ran the 26.2 miles along the iconic marathon route into Boston.
Thank you for your ongoing dedication and support for the NLG community!



Annual Fund

Donate to NLG's Annual Fund online at 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. This year we need to raise funds to cover the increased costs of recruiting, attracting, training and retaining staff due the impact of COVID-19 on the workforce and our need to recover from higher than usual attrition and surmount ongoing challenges in hiring and retaining outstanding staff. 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 Sara Robbins at

Dr. Jessica Slaton Presents Workshop Virtually - May 18th @1pm

On May 16th at 1, Dr. Slaton will present: **Balancing instructional time with free access to stereotypy: Strategies for establishing stimulus control**. This workshop will be available to live stream for professionals from other organizations to advance their knowledge. Establishing stimulus control of stereotypy is one way to balance an individual's right to engage in non-injurious stereotypy with their right to also access educational and therapeutic services that stereotypy may otherwise impede. To register for this event, please contact Sara.Robbins@nashobalearninggroup.org.

10th Anniversary of Fishing with a Mission - July 31st

Stay tuned for all the details surrounding this family fun event.

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