



FALL 2022

# NEWS & NOTES

PROVIDING HELP FOR THOSE WITH AUTISM  
AND HOPE FOR THEIR FAMILIES

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### Full Court Charity Challenge

March 11, 2023

### The NLG Experience: Curriculum Night

March 23, 2023

### Boston Marathon

April 17, 2023

### NLG 5k Shuffle

TBA

### Preparing for When Your Child Turns 18/21

TBA

### New Family Dinner

For parents/guardians who have joined NLG  
since 2020

May 18, 2023

## *A Letter from the President*

As 2022 comes to a close, all of us at NLG are looking forward to a new year of achievement for each individual with Autism that we serve! January 3rd will mark 20 years since NLG welcomed our first 2 students for their first day at our new program. Since then, those students, Ian and Will, have been joined by another 180 plus students and adults. We are so proud of our growth and even prouder that we have stayed true to our founding value that every person with Autism deserves the opportunity to develop to their fullest potential. Over the years, with love and care, we have served each person with fully individualized programming, delivered by the best staff, using state of the art teaching, and in partnership with the family.

We have delivered on our mission during the last several years, which have been very challenging for all due to COVID, the workforce crisis, and growing economic headwinds. We know that the coming year will be difficult as the wages needed to attract and retain our wonderful staff have outpaced the funding we receive. We so appreciate the generous support we have received throughout our history and during the COVID crisis. This support has allowed us to grow and make life changing differences for so many children, adults and their families. We ask for your continued support as we work through this difficult economy so we can be strengthened in our ability to help those with Autism, Intellectual Disability, and clinical needs increase their independence and take their place as contributing members of the community.

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  
President and CEO



# Bringing Our Future Into Focus

On October 22, 2022, NLG families and supporters gathered online and in-person at Nashawtuc Country Club for our Annual Auction and a celebration of our 20th Anniversary. Raising over \$350,000 in vital support for NLG, the evening was full of reminiscing and reconnecting, celebration toasts, and inspiring generosity as we looked back on our first 20 years and ahead to our next 20.



## RESEARCH & PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

- In September, Dr. Jessica Slaton, NLG’s Director of Applied Research, spoke at the Association for Behavior Analysis International (ABAI) conference in Dublin, Ireland. She presented a paper that NLG published on different methods for assessing and treating problem behavior.
- In October, Dr. Slaton spoke on a panel at the Berkshire Association for Behavior Analysis and Therapy (BABAT) conference, about teaching functional communication in school settings.
- Lauren Savioli, MS, BCBA, LABA, and NLG’s Director of Clinical Practice, also spoke on a panel at the BABAT conference about staff training and supervision.



Jessica Slaton, Ph.D., BCBA  
Director of Applied Research



Lauren Savioli, MS, BCBA, LABA  
Director of Clinical Practice

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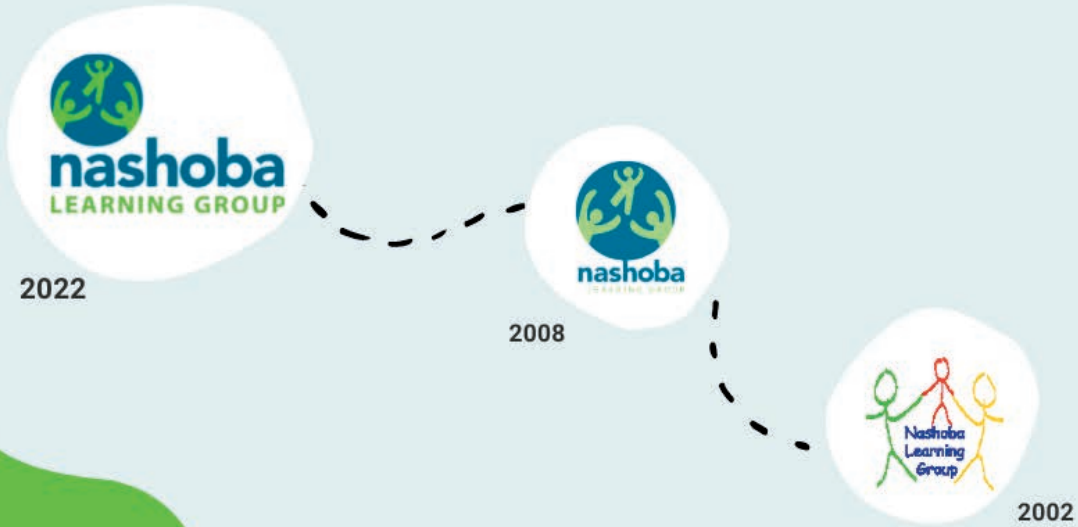
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# Introducing Nashoba Learning Group's New Logo



NLG is pleased to announce the launch of a new logo. As our organization has grown and changed over the years, we recognized it was time to refresh our look and create a logo that helps elevate our branding and name recognition.

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## QR CODE CORNER



*Review Our  
Strategic Plan*



*Check Out Our  
New Website*



*Additional  
Resources & News!*

# Fall Fun: Turkey Trot & Halloween

On a crisp fall morning, NLG students trotted their way towards the finish line during our **second annual Turkey Trot**. As part of the Turkey Trot, families were encouraged to contribute dry goods to our Thanksgiving Food Drive *benefiting the Merrimack Valley Food Bank*. As a result, **we collected over 650 pounds of food** to give our neighbors in need.



**Halloween 2022 was spooktacular at NLG!** From pop culture references to creatures that go bump in the night, students, members, and staff had a blast showing off creative costumes.

## BARN BABIES!



NLG students and staff were excited to have the **traveling petting zoo**, Barn Babies, visit NLG in September. Students were able to hold and interact with a number of baby animals, including puppies, kittens, bunnies, a goat, and a pig! Special thank you to NLG parent, Karen Kahrl, for coordinating this special day for our students.

## FALL FLING



10 Oak Park Drive  
Bedford, MA 01730



## BOSTON MARATHON

Nashoba Learning Group has four motivated individuals running in the 127th Boston Marathon® on April 17, 2023! NLG is proud to be an official Partner of John Hancock in the Marathon Non-Profit Program.

### Meet #TEAMNLG!



Emily Rakers | Ashley Hanson & Peter Hanson | Amy Ursitti

This dedicated team of runners will be racing towards the finish line with a combined goal of raising \$40,000 for NLG this year! **Scan the QR Code to learn more about #TeamNLG and how you can help them reach their goal.**



## ANNUAL FUND

At Nashoba Learning Group (NLG), our goal is to be the best at serving those with Autism by becoming the best place to work for staff who are inspired by our mission and committed to excellence.

Donations to NLG's Annual Fund allow us to invest in staff recruiting, training, and retention – **critical costs** which are not funded by the tuition and payments we receive.

*We cannot do this important work without your support. Please give as generously as you can!*

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