

NEWS & NOTES

PROVIDING HELP FOR THOSE WITH AUTISM
AND HOPE FOR THEIR FAMILIES

UPCOMING EVENTS

'BURNS SUPPER' - WHISKY TASTING

January 26, 2024 (Tickets available)

NEW PARENT/GUARDIAN DINNER

February 8, 2024

ADULT SERVICES

PARENT/GUARDIAN MEETING

February 29, 2024

PROFOUND AUTISM SUMMIT

Burlington Marriott

April 5, 2024

5K AND FAMILY FUN DAY

TBD

June 2, 2024

BIKE-A-THON

Carlisle, MA

July 21, 2024

Questions?

events@nashobalearninggroup.org

A Letter from the President

Happy Holidays from all of us at Nashoba Learning Group! As we complete our 20th year, we have much to be thankful for! We are grateful to the students and adults we serve for their perseverance, motivation, joy, and love, and for all they teach us. We are grateful to the families who entrust us with the education and care of their loved ones.

We are grateful that the many initiatives we put in place this year have allowed us to return to full staffing, and bring staff turnover to very low levels! We have incredible staff and we are grateful for their skill, dedication, and love for our students and adults.

We are grateful to the NLG community for support that enables us to realize our mission. Without the advocacy and support of so many families, friends, and community organizations, we would not be able to provide the quality services needed by those with Profound Autism.

Thank you for all your support! This past year brought many challenges as the costs of hiring and retaining staff have exceeded the funding rates. We appreciate all the help we have received advocating. We will continue to work on getting rates to reflect the inflation we have experienced and we appreciate your continued support to help us close our funding gap! Thank you for responding to our Annual Appeal, which provides essential support to our programs.

We look forward to continuing to engage our community in 2024! We are grateful for the support that made our 2023 Auction our most successful yet. We look forward to our 2024 slate of events, including the FCCC Basketball Tournament, and the NLG 5k. We are also excited about our upcoming Profound Autism Summit on April 5, 2024, where we will bring together clinicians, scientists, advocates, teachers, service providers, and parents/guardians for informative sessions on the many aspects of enabling those with Profound Autism to thrive.

We are so grateful for you as we work to enable those with Profound Autism to reach their full potential throughout their lives. We appreciate your continued support as we navigate these challenging times!

Thank you for allowing us to help those who need us most. On behalf of our staff and the amazing individuals that we serve, thank you for your support!

Liz Martineau

Liz Martineau, President and CEO



FALL FUN AND TURKEY TROT



Excitement filled the cool November air as our students and members gathered for a lively Turkey Trot around the school. Although a bit cold (and a few days after Thanksgiving), it didn't stop our NLG community from enjoying and celebrating the joys of movement and camaraderie, leaving everyone with cherished memories and hearts full of gratitude.

On this picture perfect fall day, some of our students and their teachers were able to enjoy a quintessential fall day at the local pumpkin patch. As they immersed themselves in the spirit of the season by picking the perfect pumpkin and strolling through the orchards, this fall-fun day gave students a chance to learn outside the classroom with their friends and create memories that will undoubtedly linger well beyond the falling leaves.



PROFOUND AUTISM SUMMIT

On April 5, 2024, Nashoba Learning Group (NLG), in collaboration with the Profound Autism Alliance (PAA), is proud to present the inaugural Profound Autism Summit—a one-day conference uniting leaders in research, medicine, treatment, advocacy, education, and human services to address the unique needs of individuals with Profound Autism across disciplines and throughout the lifespan.



Under the leadership of Founder and CEO Liz Martineau, NLG has been a steadfast advocate for individuals on the autism spectrum for two decades. The day school and adult day program at NLG provide services to people on the autism spectrum, most with Profound Autism. Profound Autism Alliance was co-founded by Judith and Amy Ursitti, to improve the health and connection for people with Profound Autism through inclusive research and focused advocacy.

The Profound Autism Summit will feature a long list of distinguished speakers on a wide range of topics. The Profound Autism Summit is not merely a conference; it is a collaborative effort to bridge gaps and foster a community dedicated to advancing the well-being of those with Profound Autism. By bringing together professionals from diverse fields, and parents, NLG and PAA aim to create a supportive network that advances cohesive, effective, and compassionate approaches to care, as well as access to this care.

NLG and PAA invite professionals, caregivers, and advocates to join the conversation that will shape the future of Profound Autism support. Together, we embark on a journey toward improved well-being and positive change for individuals and families affected by Profound Autism. For more information, please visit: www.profoundautismsummit.org

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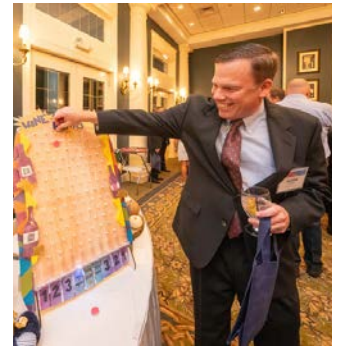
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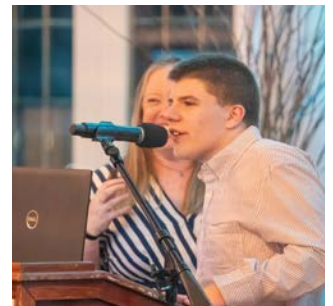
GIVE THEM WINGS AUCTION: *One of Our Favorite Things!*

The success of NLG's Annual Give Them Wings Auction – which was held at the beautiful Charter Oak Country Club in Hudson, MA and raised over \$610,000 in gross revenue – is not only a testament to the generosity of NLG's community but also a wonderful tribute to our dedicated staff. Thank you to everyone who donated, bid, attended, and volunteered.

You are shaping a brighter future for our students, members, and staff. Special thanks to our speakers – Lori Ayanian, Peter Hanson, and Alden Waring & Jess Slaton – for sharing what NLG has meant to you and your families, and why supporting our ongoing work is so critical to those we serve. As Alden reminded us, even when we face challenges, we can pause and sing, "These are a few of my favorite things!"



THANK YOU FOR HELPING US SHOWCASE THE BEST OF NLG, AND FOR INSPIRING AN UNPRECEDENTED LEVEL OF GENEROSITY.





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HAIRCUT PRACTICE



Snip-snip, buzz-buzz! At NLG, we understand the impact a supportive environment can make for students and members with Profound Autism and other complex needs. We are grateful for skilled barbers who share their expertise and create an environment where our students and members can build confidence and practice life skills.

Annual Fund: Making a Profound Difference

At Nashoba Learning Group, our goal is to be the best at serving those with Profound Autism or other complex needs 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 fully 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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