



**PROVIDING HELP FOR THOSE WITH AUTISM AND HOPE FOR THEIR FAMILIES**

## *A Letter from the President*

### UPCOMING EVENTS

**NLG Family Mingle**  
February 12, 2026

**Adult Service  
Parent/Guardian Meeting**  
February 26, 2026

**Full Court Charity Challenge**  
March 14, 2026  
Boston University

**Profound Autism Summit**  
April 16 & 17, 2026  
Park Plaza Hotel

**Grandparents Tea**  
April 29, 2026

**5k Walk/Run  
Adventure at the Zoo**  
June 13, 2026, 5:00 PM  
Stone Zoo, Stoneham, MA

Questions?  
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As we look ahead to 2026, we are filled with gratitude and energized by the work underway to ensure continued growth and excellence in all we do. We are deeply grateful to the 210 autistic students and adults we have the privilege to serve. Each person is a unique and wonderful individual—full of joy, love, and determination—and we applaud their hard work and perseverance as they build lifelong skills.

We are grateful to the families who entrust us with the education and care of their loved ones. Your partnership strengthens our community and inspires us every day. We are deeply grateful for our exceptional staff. Their skill, dedication, and compassion empower each student and adult to reach their fullest potential.

This year, we were thrilled to open our new storefront space at 307 Great Road in Bedford and to welcome additional adults to our Adult Program.

We are also actively advancing other critical initiatives, including enhancing clinical excellence and completing much-needed renovations to our buildings to ensure safe, modern spaces for all we serve. Our outreach efforts continue to expand, enabling us to support a growing number of individuals beyond those enrolled in our programs.

We are grateful for the strength of the NLG community. The support of families, friends, and community partners makes it possible for us to provide the high-quality services our students and adults need. As state and federal budget pressures increase, fundraising remains essential to bridging the gap between the true cost of services and the funding we receive.

Thank you to everyone who contributes to our Annual Appeal—you make a meaningful difference.

Thank you for allowing us to support those who need us most. On behalf of our staff and the incredible individuals we serve, we extend our heartfelt appreciation for your continued support.

*Liz Martineau*

Liz Martineau, President and CEO



# GIVE THEM WINGS - AUCTION



## The Story Continues



This year's auction was an unforgettable evening of celebration and impact, raising a **record-breaking \$550,000**—the highest total in our history.



The night came alive with inspiring stories, spirited games, and heartfelt speeches, filling the room with joy, hope, and gratitude for Nashoba Learning Group and the future we are building together.

We are **incredibly thankful** to everyone who joined us and gave so generously. Your support is transforming lives and ensuring that our students and adults continue to learn, grow, and thrive.



# Words from our COMMUNITY...

*"We LOVE NLG! Sean's fantastic, brilliant, dedicated, and thinking-outside-the-box team of support staff has helped shift the trajectory of his life. Sean has made the progress he has in large part, to his attendance at NLG. Nine out of ten times, Sean loves going to school. He loves seeing his friends, and he knows who is safe people are. It is not always butterflies and rainbows, but everyone is always thinking about how to make things better, easier, safer, more accessible, or attainable for Sean."*

*"Samantha has a place to go each day where people care about her, want the best for her, and appreciate her for who she is. As her big sister, that brings me so much comfort and peace. The NLG community makes our family feel understood and supported wholeheartedly. Together, we figure things out and continue to make progress towards the lives we want for our loved ones with autism."*

*"NLG, not only gave my child a program to help her grow, but we also met so many families and friends that we can count on, and just know there are others, "who just get it" without explanation. We have laughed, cried, and shared stories with each other and supported each other when needed. NLG is not just a community, but a family! I believe the connections we have made at NLG will be a long-lasting journey from young children through adulthood, and we are all getting through it together."*

*"To me, NLG means that I'm no longer alone. I couldn't have asked for a better clinical team as they've supported him both at school and at home. No behavior has been too big or too small to target. No goal that I've had for him is too arbitrary. They've truly customized his learning experience, which has allowed him to thrive in ways I never thought were possible."*



# What a Summer!

## PROFOUND AUTISM 5K WALK & RUN ADVENTURE AT THE ZOO!



For the second year in a row, our incredible NLG community came together at Franklin Park Zoo—and not even the rain could dampen the energy, joy, or enthusiasm of the day. From the starting line to the final finish, runners and walkers were met with cheers, high-fives, and heartfelt encouragement, creating an atmosphere filled with connection and purpose.

United by a shared commitment to NLG and to supporting individuals with Autism, participants showed up with determination, compassion, and pride. The event was more than a race—it was a powerful celebration of community, resilience, and inclusion.

Through every step and every smile, the unwavering spirit of our supporters shone brightly, making the day both joyful and deeply inspiring.



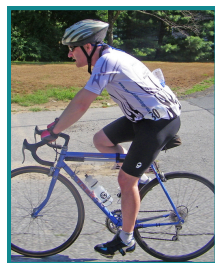
**Mark your calendars for June 13, 2026,** and join us for a special early evening event at Stone Zoo in Stoneham. The zoo will be exclusively open to the NLG community, creating a unique and memorable experience for all.

## BIKE-A-THON

A heartfelt thank you to all the incredible riders who took part in this year's Bikeathon.



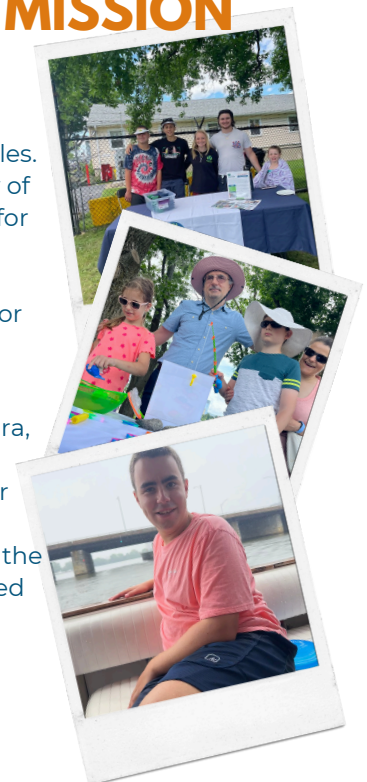
Your enthusiasm, determination, and support made this event a tremendous success. Together, we raised vital funds that will directly support our programs and help create a brighter, more inclusive future for our students and adults. We are deeply grateful for the energy, generosity, and strong sense of community you brought to the day—it was truly inspiring to witness.



## FISHIN' WITH A MISSION

The Fishin' with a Mission event was a truly unforgettable experience, filled with boats, bubbles, BBQ, and plenty of smiles. It was wonderful to see so many of our NLG friends come together for this special gathering, which celebrates community while raising awareness and support for autism.

A heartfelt thank-you to NLG parents Jim and Esther DeOliveira, My Little Buddies Boat, and the Mystic Wellington Yacht Club for making this incredible event possible. We are also grateful to the NLG staff members who attended and proudly represented our community during such a joyful and meaningful family fun day.





# PROFOUND AUTISM SUMMIT

## Get Ready for the next Profound Autism Summit

# 2026!

Join us on **April 16–17, 2026**, at the **Park Plaza Hotel in Boston, MA**, as we welcome more than 750 attendees for an inspiring two-day event. Enjoy full access to a wide range of dynamic content, including three concurrent tracks each day, offering numerous opportunities to explore the latest research, innovative treatment strategies, and inspired advocacy efforts.

Whether you are a professional, a parent, or a caregiver, this conference offers something for everyone—and a chance to connect, learn, and grow together.



### A NATIONAL GATHERING WITH A SINGULAR FOCUS

The Profound Autism Summit is a two-day, in-person conference dedicated exclusively to addressing the needs of individuals with Profound Autism across the lifespan.

### CROSS-DISCIPLINARY EXPERTISE

Featuring leaders in research, medicine, education, advocacy, and service delivery, the Summit fosters collaboration across fields to drive meaningful change.

### FOR PROFESSIONALS & FAMILIES ALIKE

Attendees include clinicians, educators, administrators, researchers, direct support professionals, and families — all working toward a shared goal: improving outcomes and quality of life for people with profound autism.

## PROFOUND VILLAGE

Profound Village ([profoundvillage.org](https://profoundvillage.org)) is our follow on to the Summit.

This online learning community will provide information, resources, and connection to members of the Profound Autism Community.

We already have several webinars scheduled, and Profound Village is where the talks from the Summit will be available.

Join us now at [profoundvillage.org](https://profoundvillage.org) to be part of the conversation!



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## ANNUAL FUND

At Nashoba Learning Group, our mission is deeply personal. Every day, we serve individuals with Autism and complex needs who depend on consistency, compassion, and highly skilled support to thrive. To provide that level of care, we must first support the dedicated staff who show up each day with heart, patience, and unwavering commitment.

Gifts to NLG's Annual Fund make this possible. **Your generosity helps us recruit, train, and retain exceptional team members—** ensuring stability, trust, and meaningful progress for the students and adults we serve. These essential investments are not fully covered by tuition or program funding, yet they are critical to changing lives.

*Scan here to  
make a gift today!*

We cannot do this work alone. Your support **directly touches the lives of individuals and families who rely on NLG every day.** Please give as generously as you can and be part of the care, hope, and opportunity you help create.

