



Help raise money for ASI

THE 2009

CHARITY

CHALLENGE

Fun Run!

**8K RUN / 3K RUN/WALK & 1K KID'S DASH
SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 20/09**

ASI has been chosen as one of the official charities that will be benefiting from the 2009 Charity Challenge Fun Run. The Run/Walk will take place on Sunday, September 20th along the riverfront in downtown Windsor with the Kid's Dash starting at 9:00am and the 3K and 8K Run/Walk beginning at 9:15am. The event is sure to be a fun, friendly, family event.

We cannot stress enough, how important it is for all ASI families to get involved with this event. You can sign up to be a race participant and seek out sponsors. You can also encourage family, friends and co-workers to participate on our behalf. It's important to get as many people walking or running for us as possible.

100% of the pledge money raised on ASI's behalf will come directly to us. This money will help support ASI's Summer Program. With bingo revenue gone, government funding limited, and other sources of revenue increasingly difficult to find, our fundraising efforts must increase now, more than ever. **Unless more families participate in our fundraising efforts, the registration fees for next year's Summer Program will increase substantially.**

For more information on the Fun Run visit www.charitychallengefunrun.net or call the ASI office at 519-966-7283. Pledge sheets are available at the office or through the website.

*Let's put the pieces together,
one step at a time.*

ASI receives \$5,000 grant from the Raptors Foundation for Kids

All of us at ASI would like to thank the Raptors Foundation for Kids for their generous gift of \$5,000. This much-needed grant was used to purchase musical instruments and recreational equipment for the 2009 Summer Program.

The musical instruments, including drums, tambourines and shakers were used in the music therapy portion of the program -- which has many benefits for individuals with autism including providing alternatives for self-expression, reducing anxiety, and promoting positive life experiences.

The new recreational equipment, including scooters, hula hoops, scoops and balls, were purchased to expand the program's recreational element, providing for physical activity as well as lots of fun.

The Raptors Foundation for Kids, the charitable arm of the Toronto Raptors Basketball Club, is committed to lifting the spirits and changing the lives of at-risk youth in Ontario through grants, scholarships, basketball court refurbishments and community programming. All of us involved with the Summer Program are grateful to have had the opportunity to benefit from that commitment.

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Please help us save money and go green too! If you would like to be added to our email list or if you received this Newsletter by regular mail and have email please send your email address to autism@mdirect.net.



Thank You!

To our many generous donors...

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News from the Board

Annual General Meeting

The Board of Directors of ASI held their Annual General Meeting on June 15. In his President's report, Jason Hull touched on the many highs of the year, including the addition of new board and staff members, the expansion of the Summer Program, the popularity of our resource lending library, and the success of new fundraising initiatives. He also addressed the difficult challenges ahead, primarily the limited sources of available funding. In closing, Jason Hull announced that Ferruccio Da Sacco would be taking over as President while he would assume the role of Past-President.

New Members Welcome

We currently have openings for Board Directors preferably with legal or financial experience. If you are interested in being a member of the Board please contact us. Meetings take place monthly on the second Monday starting at 5:30 in the ASI Library.

Board of Directors 2009/10

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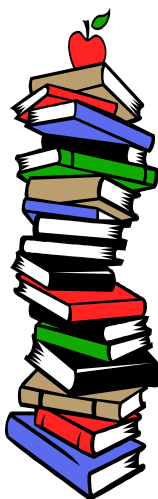
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Mission Statement

Our mission is to identify, coordinate and assure delivery of quality supports while advocating for individuals with Autism and Pervasive Developmental Disorder, to enable them to reach their maximum potential within their community.



Lending Library

Monday – Friday
 8:00 am to 4:00 pm
 (Closed for lunch from
 12:00 to 1:00)

Stop in and check out our books, DVDs, toys, and specialized computer software to create choice boards, schedules, social stories and more!!

Make sure to look up the new books generously supplied by Autism Ontario Windsor-Essex Chapter and watch for other new books coming in September.

PLACES TO GO & THINGS TO SEE & DO

Thursday to Sunday, September 3 to 6 155th Harrow Fair

One of the longest running fairs in Canada! A family event with everything from tractor pulls to pie eating contests. Adults \$7 kids 12 and under are FREE. Family Day is Thursday and ride tickets will be at a discount from 1-5pm. For a complete list of events visit www.harrowfair.com or call 519-738-3262.



Weekends Only September 12 - 27 Family Migration Treks

At Point Pelee National Park, Leamington. For details visit www.pc.gc.ca/pointpelee or call 519-322-2365.

Saturday and Sunday, September 26 - 27 Ruthven Apple Festival

At Colasanti's Tropical Gardens. Call 519-776-6483 for more information.

Every Friday Starting September 11 from 1 to 2pm

Windsor Water World

Swimming for individuals with disabilities. Cost for swimmer \$2.00. Caregivers are free. Call 519-253-3806 for more details



Friday to Sunday, October 16 to 18 Migration Festival

Events include outdoor show, market place, parade, and children's events. Venues are in Kingsville at Jack Minor Sanctuary, Lakeside Park, and Kingsville Secondary School. For more information call 519-733-2123 or visit www.migrationfestival.ca.

Saturdays starting September 19 from 1 - 2pm Basketball

The RCP program is starting up a basketball program for children with ASD for ages 7 to 12 years at the Gino Marcus Centre at 1168 Drouillard Road. The program will run for 12 weeks and children will be able to learn different basketball skills and enjoy mini games. There will be a coach and helpers. The cost is \$20 per child. Please call Catherine at 519-250-9410 for more information.



October 17, 18 and 24 Boogie to the Beat

Windsor Symphony Orchestra PB 'n' J Kid's Concerts. Learn about the beat in music with the WSO ensemble. For young families. Sat., Oct. 17 at 10am & 11:30am at Windsor Public Library, Sun., Oct. 18 at 2pm & 3:30pm at Place Concorde, Sat., Oct. 24 at 10am & 11:30am at Nikola Budimir Library. Cost is \$10 per adult and \$5 per child. Call 519-252-6579 for more information or visit www.windsorsymphony.com.

Monday, September 21 Kid Fit and MonkeyTown

The RCP Program has booked both venues on the same day. From 5:30 to 8pm at Kid Fit for people of all ages and at Monkeytown from 6 to 7pm for kids ages 7 and under. Space is limited so please register early. Water and juice will be available. Cost is FREE. To register call 519-250-9410 or email rcpwindsor@autismontario.com.



Daily at MonkeyTown

Safe playspace designed for children 7 and under. Playhouse town, playground equipment, Velcro wall and more. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Admission \$6.50 per child. Located at 3181 Marentette (behind Mall). Call 519-969-0707 or visit www.monkeytown.ca for more information.

Special Olympics Windsor

Sports opportunities for children and adults with intellectual disabilities. All sport activities have certified trained coaches. Register now for fall and winter sports programs in Swimming, Bowling, Rhythmic Gymnastics, and Martial Gym. Also, new sports to be added this fall and winter include Floor Hockey, Basketball and Curling. For more information call 519-250-4024 or for a complete list of sports, times, locations and program information visit the website at www.specialolympicswindsor.ca.



NOTE: Event information is always subject to change by the event holders. Always call ahead.

WORKSHOPS & SUPPORT GROUPS

SEPTEMBER & OCTOBER

Thursday, Sept. 10 and Oct. 8 from 9:30am - 12pm Daytime Support Group

Support Group for parents of children with autism. Meetings take place on the second Thursday of each month at the Gino Marcus Complex, 1168 Drouillard Rd. Please call 519-250-9410 for information. All are welcome. **Please note this is at a new location.**

Wednesday, September 16 at 6:30pm All About Autism: How to Recruit and Support Your In-Home Worker

Presented by Family Respite Services. A FREE workshop to help families find a worker that will best fit with their child and their program. Location is at the ASI Library, 3600 Curry Ave. Please register by calling Catherine at 519-250-9410.

Le samedi, 19 septembre 10 h à 12 h30 C'est quoi l'Autisme?

Votre jeune fut diagnostiqué avec un des troubles envahissants du développement (TED) c'est à dire l'autisme, l'autisme classique, les troubles autistiques ou le syndrome d'Asperger? Ceux qui s'intéressent à en apprendre davantage à la recherche de ressources francophones et de lieux de dépistage précis, venez-vous joindre avec nous. Conférencière: Suzanne Murphy. Où: Centre communautaire Gino Marcus, 1168 chemin Drouillard. S'il-vous-plaît confirmer votre présence auprès de: suzannemurphy@autismontario.com

Monday, September 28 from 5 - 6:30pm Summit Centre Parents Group & Sibling Group

Parents of children with autism are invited to a round table discussion on **Eating Issues**. Siblings (ages 4-12) are invited for games and crafts. Pizza and snacks provided. Join us at the Summit Centre, 940 Prince Rd. Childcare available for children with autism. RSVP to Jackie at 519-255-1195.

Tuesday, Sept. 29 and Oct. 27 from 9:30 - 11am New Support Group for People of Asian Descent

The RCP program will be offering this new program to Asian families with children with ASD. Many of these families face unique cultural and language challenges. The meetings will be facilitated by a parent from Japan who has a child with autism. Meetings will take place on the last Tuesday of each month at the Gino Marcus Complex, 1168 Drouillard Rd. For more information please call 519-250-9410.

Saturday, October 3 from 9:30am - 3:30pm Applications of ABA: How to Design an ABA Program for Your Home

An interactive workshop, presented by Dwayne Wessell, will teach you about applied behaviour analysis and how to make it work with your child. Workshop will take place at the Place Concorde, 7515 Forest Glade Drive. Cost is \$20 for AO members, \$30 for non-members and includes a light lunch. You must pre-register by Sept. 26. Email Catherine at rcpwindsor@autismontario.com or call 519-250-9410.

Wednesday, October 14 at 6:30pm All About Autism: Accessing Community Agencies

Representatives from 9 local agencies will be on hand to answer your questions. The workshop is FREE and located at the ASI Library, 3600 Curry Ave. Please call Catherine at 519-250-9410 to register.

Monday, October 26 from 5 - 6:30pm Summit Centre Parents Group & Sibling Group

Parents of children with autism are invited to a round table discussion on **The Best Activities, Toys, and Books**. Siblings (ages 4-12) are invited for games and crafts. Pizza and snacks provided. Join us at the Summit Centre, 940 Prince Rd. Childcare available for children with autism. RSVP to Jackie at 519-255-1195.

Thursday Evenings from 6 - 8 pm Social Group for Adolescents with Aspergers

A RCP Program that brings together adolescents with Aspergers ages 12 to 16 with A Place of Our Own Teen Group. Activities include video games, cards, pool, and ping pong. Located at the Gino Marcus Complex, 1168 Drouillard Rd. New members welcome. Call 519-250-9410 for more information.



Check out these Website Picks

<http://www.autismfamilyonline.com>

<http://www.parentingaspergerscommunity.com>



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