



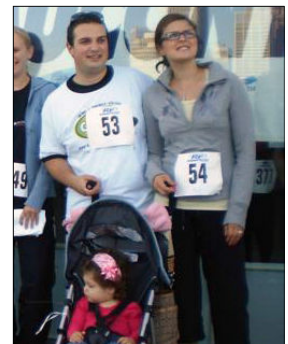
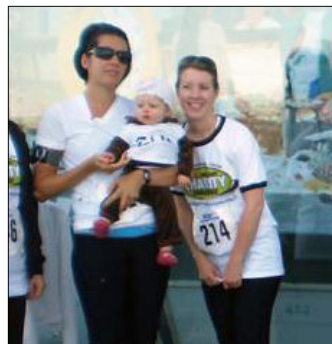
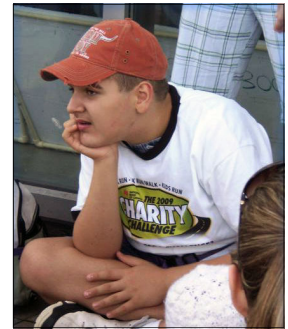
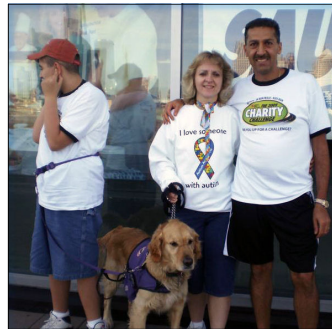
Newsletter

ASI AWARDED TOP PRIZE AT THE 2009 CHARITY CHALLENGE Fun Run!

On Sunday, September 20th, 456 adults and children ran or walked on behalf of 12 local charities at the 2009 Charity Challenge Fun Run. Participants were asked to get pledges for their chosen charity of which 100% raised would go directly to that charity. There were 24 people who walked or ran on behalf of ASI. After all the pledges were tallied it was announced that newcomer charity ASI had raised the most funds! Our 24 racers brought in a total of **\$4,468** in pledges resulting in ASI receiving a **\$2,000** first place award. We were also the recipients of two corporate sponsorships; \$250 from TD Asset Management Inc. and \$150 from Dynamic Funds. **At the end of the day, we raised a total of \$6,868 which will go towards ASI's Summer Program.**

All of us at ASI would like to thank each and everyone who ran, walked, pledged, or cheered for this event. A special thank you to Bill Bryant of National Bank Financial and Gary Belanger of the Running Factory for organizing this wonderful event and giving us the opportunity to participate.

Hopefully we will have the privilege of doing this again in 2010. Just think of how much we could raise if every ASI family were to get involved with this event!!



Team ASI on a beautiful race morning.

Results

Top ASI Pledge Earners:

1. Laura Stark-Helkie \$705.00
2. Ferruccio Da Sacco \$520.00
3. Jared Klassen \$395.00

Top ASI 8K Runners:

1. Ben Soulliere 67th (Personal Best!)
2. Jared Klassen 83rd
3. Jason Hull 97th

See race results at www.runningfactory.com.

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If you would like to receive this Newsletter send an email to autism@mdirect.net.



Supplies Needed

Looking to recycle some of that clutter. We will be gathering material for next year's Summer Program. We are specifically looking for:

- * Shoe boxes
- * Old button down shirts to be used for paint smocks
- * Plastic baby food containers with lids for paint.

Please hold on to these items and drop them off when you're in the neighborhood or hold on to them until next summer. Check back with us as we will be adding items to this list.



Respite Workers Available

There are a number of Summer Program staff that are interested in doing some respite work. If you are looking for someone to do respite work please call the ASI office at 519-966-7283.

We will be happy to give you the names and contact information. It will be your decision as to who to interview and hire. We are not responsible for your decision. The current rate for respite workers is \$12 to \$15 per hour.

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If you are interested in becoming a member of the Board please contact the ASI office.

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.

News

The Board and all of us at ASI would like to extend our best wishes and positive thoughts to Heather Clarke. Heather and her family will be relocating to Oshawa. ASI has had the great fortune of benefiting from Heather's service both as the Summer Program Director and as a Board member. She will be missed!

Lending Library

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

Holiday Hours



The ASI Office and Library will closed for the holidays starting **Friday, December 18 and will not re-open until Monday, January 4, 2010.**

We have books, DVDs, toys, and specialized computer software to create choice boards, schedules, social stories and more!!



Check Out These New Books!

Autism Handbook for Parents
by J. Janzen

Early Intervention and Autism
by J. Ball

Inclusion of Students with Autism: Using ABA by J. Hundert

No More Meltdowns
by J. Baker

My Brother is Autistic
By J. Moore-Mallinos

The Way I See it: A Personal Look at Autism and Asperger's by T. Grandin

American Medical Association: Boy's Guide to Becoming a Teen
by A. Middleman & K. Gruenwald Pfeifer

PLACES TO GO & THINGS TO SEE & DO

Every Friday 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



Saturday, Nov. 14 from 3:30 - 4:30pm Swimming in Essex

The RCP program has rented the pool at the Essex Recreation Centre, 242 Talbot Road in Essex. The area has a slide, Tarzan rope and two pools. Register early as there is a limit of 100 people. Please call Catherine at 519-250-9410 or email rcpwindor@autismontario.com.

Registration for Spring & Summer Soccer

The RCP Program and Windsor Soccer Club will team up again this year and will offer two soccer divisions for kids with autism; 6-10 and 11-15 years. The season will start indoors in March and continue outdoors as the weather permits until July. If you are interested please register as soon as possible by contacting Patrick Roberts at 519-974-2833.



Saturday, Dec. 12 at 10:30am Princess and the Frog

The RCP Program has rented Lakeshore Cinemas for a special presentation of Princess and the Frog. Cost is \$2 per person and includes popcorn and drink for the kids only. Doors open at 10am. Please contact Catherine at 519-250-9410 or email rcpwindor@autismontario.com to register.

Access 2 Entertainment

People with disabilities who require a support person can get an Access 2 Entertainment card. The card provides free admission, or substantial discount, for the support person at participating venues. The person with a disability pays regular admission fee. The cost of the card is \$20 and it's good for 5 years. Venues include Cineplex Odeon, Silver City, Art Gallery of Ontario, and Ontario Place just to name a few. For more information and to apply visit www.access2.ca. The program is administered by Easter Seals Canada.

Sensory Friendly Films

Saturday, Nov. 21 Planet 51 at 10am

Saturday, Dec. 12 The Princess and the Frog at 10am

A number of theatres in the Metro Detroit area have special screenings available to provide people with autism a more accepting and comfortable setting. Families can bring in their own gluten free snacks and audience members are welcome to get up and dance, shout, and sing. Tickets range from \$4 to \$6. Participating Theatres are AMC Gratiot 21 in Clinton Twp., AMC Livonia 21 in Livonia, and AMC Forum 30 in Sterling Heights.

Saturday, December 5 from 6 - 8pm

41st Annual Windsor Santa Claus Parade

Come out and enjoy bands as they march to the beat of Christmas tunes. Floats, entertainers, dancers and more. Bring out a new or gently used book for the Raise a Reader float or contribute to the Windsor Fire and Rescue Toy Drive. Call 519-254-2880 or visit www.santaparade.org for details.



Saturday, Dec. 6 and 13 All Day
Christmas at Colasanti's

Meet Santa at Brunch and take a picture with Santa and his sleigh. Enjoy Animal Encounter Shows at the zoo, Bounce Town and more. Call 519-326-3287 ext. 39 for details or visit www.colasanti.com.

Special Olympics Windsor

Sports opportunities for children and adults with intellectual disabilities. All sport activities have certified trained coaches. It's not too late to join. Winter and Spring sports include programs in **Swimming, Bowling, Rhythmic Gymnastics, Martial Gym, 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

November/December/January

Thurs. & Fri. November 5 & 6

Where Dreams Meet Action

A conference beginning Thursday evening and continuing through Friday at the Caboto Club focusing on self-determination and independent facilitation. Contact the W-E Brokerage for Personal Supports at 519-966-8094 for details.

Wednesday, November 11 at 6:30pm

All About Autism: Explaining Autism to Your Family

Presented by Dr. Marcia Gregg of the Summit Centre. A FREE workshop to help families explain a diagnosis of ASD to their family. Location is at the ASI Library, 3600 Curry Ave. Please register by calling Catherine at 519-250-9410.

Thursday, Nov. 12, Dec. 10 & Jan. 14 from 9:30-11am
Daytime Support Group

Support Group for parents, grandparents and other family members 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.

Sat. & Sun. Nov. 21 & 22 from 9am - 3:30pm

Autism and Applied Behavioural Analysis (ABA)

A 2-day workshop for parents (professionals welcome upon availability) at the Summit Centre, 940 Prince Rd. Parents are encouraged to bring someone for support. \$10 per family and \$20 for professionals. To reserve your space please pay by Nov. 13. Call 519-255-1195 for more information.

Unity Intensive Parent Training: Feb. to May 2010

The Summit Centre is seeking eligible candidates for a 3 month program for parents of children with Autism Spectrum Disorders up to 5 years and 8 months old. Parent and child must attend 5 days/week for 3 hours/day. There is a modest user fee based on income. For details and to find out more about eligibility please call 519-255-1195.

Monday, November 23 from 5 - 6:30pm

Summit Centre Parents Group & Sibling Group

Parents of children with autism are invited to a round table discussion on **Anxiety**. 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 by Nov. 18 to Jackie at 519-255-1195.

Monday Nov. 23 from 6:15 - 9pm

Dollars and Sense - Essex

A Focus on the Future information seminar for families supporting and planning with their family member who has a disability. Topics include Disability Tax Credit, Child Disability Benefits and RDSPs. Register by calling the Windsor-Essex Family Network by Nov. 20 at 519-974-1008 or email: info@windsoressexfamnet.ca. Location is the Essex County Civic Centre in Essex.

Tuesday, Nov. 24 & Jan. 26 from 9:30 - 11am

Support Group for People of Asian Descent

The RCP program will be offering this program to Asian families with children with ASD. 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. **Please note there will not be a meeting in December.**

Monday, December 14 from 5 - 6:30pm

Summit Centre Parents Group & Sibling Group

Families of children with autism are invited to a Holiday Potluck. Join us at the Summit Centre, 940 Prince Rd. RSVP by Dec. 9 to Jackie at 519-255-1195.

Wednesday, January 13 at 6:30pm

All About Autism: Funding Options throughout the Lifespan

A FREE workshop to inform families about the funding sources that are available. Location is at the ASI Library, 3600 Curry Ave. Please register by calling Catherine at 519-250-9410.

Tuesday, January 26 from 6:15 - 9pm

Dollars and Sense - Windsor

See description for Essex above. Location is Place Concorde, 7515 Forest Glade Dr. Call the Windsor-Essex Family Network at 519-974-1008 to register or email: info@windsoressexfamnet.ca.

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. Located at the Gino Marcus Complex, 1168 Drouillard Rd. New members welcome. Call 519-250-9410 for information.



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