

## Bruce Awad Summer Program Update

ASI families should start receiving letters as to their child's placement for the 2011 Summer Program. We are happy to announce that due to our fundraising initiatives and the tireless efforts of some ASI families, we are able to add an eighth classroom to our Windsor Program. We will now be able to accommodate 50 children at the Windsor location and 13 in the Essex Program.

Other big news is that the location for the Windsor Program has changed. The Program will now take place at St. Christopher Elementary School located at 1213 E C Row Avenue (between Walker Rd. and Howard Ave. behind Devonshire Mall). The school is centrally located and is better suited for our program.

## Summer Funding

Funding applications are now available from the Provincial Office of Autism Ontario through their website [www.autismontario.com](http://www.autismontario.com). **The deadline to apply is May 31, 2011.** Successful applicants will be determined through random selection. You do not need to be a member of Autism Ontario to qualify for funding. The provincial office can also be reached at 416-246-9592.

**Autism Ontario Windsor-Essex Chapter** will send out funding applications to Autism Ontario members in May. Please contact the local office at 519-250-1893 for details.

It is also possible for families that receive **Family Respite Services** support to apply some of their funding to the Summer Program. Please contact your child's Family Respite Services coordinator for details.

## Thanks for Supporting the Pasta Dinner!

Thank you to everyone who volunteered, donated prizes and desserts and came out to our 3rd Annual Pasta Dinner on April 8th. The event was **SOLD OUT!** Special thanks to our MC, Tony Doucette from CBC Windsor, Carolyn Levesque the children's face painter and Andre Nicholson the DJ. Your generous efforts helped make our dinner a success. We raised over \$13,000 which will benefit the 2011 Bruce Awad Summer Program.

This was the first year we sought corporate table sponsorships and we'd like to thank the following business for their generous donations: Tim Hortons, Howie & Partners Chartered Accountants, AON Reed Stenhouse Insurance Brokers, The Toybox Early Education Centres, Dr. Marco Carroccia Family Dentistry, Ken Knapp Ford, RBC Dominion Securities, Greater Essex County Occasional Teachers ETFO, Autism Awareness, Mark Luvisotto Dentistry and the Ontario Elementary Catholic Teachers Association.

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**PLEASE NOTE:** This will be the final issue of the ASI Newsletter. News, program updates, event and workshop details, as well as a variety of other autism related information will continue to be available on our website. We will continue to send out important announcements, workshop and seminar information to those on our emailing list. If you would like to be added to this list please send your email address to [autism@mdirect.net](mailto:autism@mdirect.net).

## A Father's Day Journey for Autism Services Inc.

This Father's Day June 19th, ASI parent and supporter, Sam Helou will complete two marathons (84km) along the Chrysler Canada Greenway Trail as part of an all day effort to raise funds for ASI. His journey begins with one step--your generous pledges. Pledges for Sam's Journey can be made through our website [www.autismservicesinc.com](http://www.autismservicesinc.com) or by mail to 3600 Curry Ave., Windsor, Ontario, N9E 2T6. Please print "Sam's Journey" on the front of your cheque. Donations of \$20 or more will be issued a tax receipt.



Donations can also be made at any Branch of TD-Canada Trust. Please indicate to them that the donation is for "Dawn to Dusk a Father's Day Journey for Autism Services Inc. account # 38805236798." For more information on Sam's journey please email Michelle Helou at [s\\_mhelou@yahoo.ca](mailto:s_mhelou@yahoo.ca).

Let's show Sam we support his tremendous efforts by making a pledge!

### Lending Library

Monday to Friday 8:00 am to 4:00 pm  
Summer Hours (July and August)

Monday to Thursday 8:00 am to 4:00 pm  
(Close for lunch from 12:00 to 1:00 pm)

If you would like to visit the library after hours, give us a call to set up an appointment.

Over 800 items on the topic of Autism are available to borrow including books, DVDs, books on CD, software, educational toys and more.

Computer access to make Boardmaker schedules and more.

No membership or borrowing fees.

## Pasta Dinner Highlights



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### Mission Statement

Our mission is to identify, coordinate and assure delivery of quality supports while advocating for individuals with Autism Spectrum Disorders (ASD), to enable them to reach their maximum potential within their community.

# EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES

## Recreational Swimming May and June

Recreational swimming is open to everyone at these community facilities. Individuals with disabilities can be accompanied by a caregiver. There is a cost for the individual and the caregiver is FREE. Please call for days and times or visit the website.

### Windsor Water World

400 Wyandotte St. E., Windsor  
Phone: 519-253-3806  
Website: [www.citywindsor.ca](http://www.citywindsor.ca)



### Vollmer Culture and Recreation Complex

2121 Laurier Drive, LaSalle  
Phone: 519-969-7771  
Website: [www.lasallecultureandrecreation.ca](http://www.lasallecultureandrecreation.ca)

### Essex Recreation Complex

242 Talbot Road, Essex  
Phone: 519-776-8992  
Website: [www.essex.ca](http://www.essex.ca)



### Leamington Recreation Complex

249 Sherk Street, Leamington  
Phone: 519-322-2337  
Website: [www.leamington.ca](http://www.leamington.ca)

**Summer Activities for July and August** are also available at these facilities and other Windsor Parks and Recreation facilities. For details on city programs call 519-253-2300 or visit [www.citywindsor.ca](http://www.citywindsor.ca) and check out the Summer Activity Guide.

## Special Olympics Windsor Spring and Summer Sports

Sign up for Spring and Summer sports including Softball, T-ball, Track and Field, and Golf for ages 8 to 88 with an intellectual disability. For information please call 519-250-4024 or 519-790-8714 or visit [www.specialolympicswindsor.ca](http://www.specialolympicswindsor.ca).



## Programs for Children with Special Needs

Summer programs are available at the following locations. Please call for details and indicate that you have a child with special needs.

**Windsor Vistas Gymnastics: 519-948-8969**

**Winstars Gymnastics (LaSalle): 519-972-1397**

**Whole Note Music Therapy Services:  
519-478-0060**

## Kung Fu Panda 2 for Kids on the Spectrum

**Saturday, May 28th at 10:30am  
(Doors open at 10am)**

Special showing at Lakeshore Cinemas with no commercials and sound at half volume. For kids on the spectrum and their immediate family or worker. \$5 per person and includes a kid's combo (kids only). Register early as space is limited. To register for this event, please log on to [autismontario.com/windsor-essex](http://autismontario.com/windsor-essex) and fill out the online form or call Shirley at 519-250-1893.



## Sutherland Global Services Cares

Thank you to Sutherland Global and their employees for their generous donation of \$1845 to Autism Services Inc. Employees contributed to a fund in exchange to participate in the company dress down days. The company then matched the employee contributions. A staff member at Sutherland Global recommend the funds be donated to Autism Services.

If your group is interested in raising funds for ASI please contact the office at 519-966-7383.



*Mary Walsh of Sutherland Global, Cheryl Huczel and Michelle Helou of ASI*

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# WORKSHOPS & SUPPORT GROUPS

## All About Autism Workshop Series

FREE workshops ideal for parents and caregivers of children with ASD. All workshops run from 6:30 until 8:30 pm and take place at the ASI Library, 3600 Curry Ave. (across from St. Gabriel School).

**You must register** by calling 519-966-7283 or email [autism@mdirect.net](mailto:autism@mdirect.net).

### Wednesday, May 11 Communication and Play

Join us to learn about how to promote language acquisition, as well as alternative methods of communication such as PECS. Also, learn to engage your children with autism in their play and how to make play time another time for learning and goals.

### Wednesday, June 8 Sexuality

Talking to kids about sex is hard enough but when the child has ASD, it can feel impossible. How do you make them understand the need for privacy? How do you protect them against being taken advantage of? How do you communicate the complexities of sexuality in a way they will understand? Join us and learn from a sex therapist and psychologist who works with kids with ASD.

### High Functioning Group Monday, May 16 at 7pm

This group is for parents of children anywhere on the spectrum. It is held on the 3rd Monday of each month at St. Matthew's Church, 1600 Norfolk Road. Call Ann at 972-8381 for more info or Barb at 972-9277.

### Summit Centre Parents Group & Sibling Group Mondays May 30, June 27 and July 25 from 5 - 6:30pm

Parents of children with ASD are invited to participate in a round table discussion. Siblings (4-12yrs.) are invited for activities, talks, stories, pizza and snacks. Topic for the May 30th meeting is Tantrums and Aggression. June 27 will be our Family Potluck night. July 25 will be on Social Interactions. Come and meet new families and make new connections at the Summit Centre, 940 Prince Rd. Childcare available for children with autism. RSVP to 519-255-1195.

## COMMUNITY FUNDRAISING EVENTS

### Windsor-Roseland Rotary 27th Annual Lobsterfest

Friday, May 27th

Ciociaro Club, 3745 N. Talbot Rd.

Lobsterfest proceeds support Windsor-Roseland Rotary Charities (a \$1000 donation was made to ASI in 2011).

Doors open at 6pm, dinner is served from 6:30 to 8pm. Tickets are \$85 per person. Special rates for tables of 10. Call the Ticket Hotline at 519-981-1713.



### Essex County OPP Cop Camp Annual Car Wash

Saturday, June 11th from 10am to 1pm

Tecumseh Fire Hall, 917 Lesperance Rd.,

80 students from the Values, Influences and Peers (VIP)

Program have been selected to attend this year's Cop Camp in August. As part of the program, students are encouraged to "Pay It Forward" by participating in an

event to raise money for a local charity. **This year these wonderful students will be raising money for ASI's wonderful kids. Please show your support for the VIP Program and Autism Services Inc. by stopping by to have your car washed or to make a donation at the event.**



### Oz for Autism Annual Golf Tournament

Saturday, June 26th at 9am

Rochester Place Golf Club in Lakeshore

This is an Annual Golf Fundraiser to support Autism Ontario Windsor-Essex Chapter. Cost is \$100 per player (4-person best ball scramble) and includes 18 holes of golf, cart, steak dinner, contests, gift bag and more. Please contact Kruno Ozvald at 519-979-3840 or email to [kozvald@cogeco.ca](mailto:kozvald@cogeco.ca).



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