

ASI #1 Pledge Raising Charity for the 2nd year!

We did it!!! ASI together with Autism Ontario Windsor-Essex Chapter raised the most pledges at the 2010 Charity Challenge Fun Run. A total of \$7,650 was raised in pledges. As the number one charity we were also awarded a \$2,000 bonus from the sponsors of the event. That brings the total raised to \$9,650. We couldn't have done it without our dedicated families, staff and board members. A big thank you to National Bank Financial and the Running Factory who organized the event and to all the sponsors who made it possible. For individual results visit www.runningfactory.com.

A total of 37 people ran or walked on behalf of ASI. The top ASI pledge earner was Michael DiMenna, who collected \$1,047 in pledges! ASI Board President, Ferruccio Da Sacco was second with \$545 in pledges followed by Luisa Miceli with \$445.

Congratulations to Megan Bowyer who was the top ASI 8 km race finisher with a time of 42.14 minutes and to Jason Hull who was close behind with a time of 42.33 minutes.

Thanks again to everyone who participated. Hopefully we can make it a three-peat next year!



*Team ASI at the Charity Challenge Fun Run
September 19, 2010*



ARE YOU UP FOR A CHALLENGE?



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www.autismservicesinc.com

To receive the Newsletter please send your email address to autism@mdirect.net or you can download the latest issue from the website.

Thank You for Serving Up Support for ASI

Thanks to all the players and volunteers for coming out on a rainy, cold Saturday, October 2nd to play volleyball. A total of \$745 was raised for the ASI Summer Program. Special thanks to Jen Kutz and friends for volunteering and to Catherine McKay for organizing the event. Also, a very big thank you to the staff of Forest Glade Public School for providing a warm dry court and to the supporters who donated prizes.

If you or your group would like to organize an event on ASI's behalf please contact the office. Events such as golf or card tournaments, garage sales, school loonie days, office dress down days, bowl-a-thons, dinner dances and car washes are just some of the activities that can be fun as well as raise money for a good cause.

Board of Directors

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Mission Statement

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

If you would like to be considered for the Board of Directors please contact the office 519-966-7283.

Lending Library

Monday – Friday 8:00 am to 4:00 pm
(Closed for lunch from 12:00 to 1:00)
We are looking at extending our library hours. Please call if you are interested.

* Over 700 items including books, DVDs, educational toys & software available for lending on the topic of autism and autism related issues.

* Computer with internet access and specialized software, such as Boardmaker to create choice boards and schedules.

We're excited to be adding over **80 new resources** to the library including books, DVDs, teaching manuals, and other teaching resources. These materials have been provided by Autism Ontario Windsor-Essex Chapter and the Realize Community Potential Program.

Coming soon: ResourceMate cataloging system. This will give us endless searching capabilities, more detailed descriptions and make it easy to find what you need.



New DVDs

**The Able Individual Video Learning Series
Volumes 1 to 6**

Educational videos designed to help children with special needs function more independently in everyday life. Videos cover a variety of topics.

Model Me Kids Video Series

Videos for modeling social skills specifically for children with Autism Spectrum Disorders. Nine different videos for ages 2-8, 5-12 and 9-17.

New Books on CD

**Spotlight on Social Skills
Elementary 6-Book Set & Adolescent 6-Book Set**
By Carolyn LoGiudice and Paul F. Johnson

Social Language
By Nancy McConnell and Carolyn LoGiudice

**Functional Vocabulary for
Adolescents and Adults**
by Beverly Plass

**SPARC for Basic Routines
(Stimulus Pictures for Assessment,
Remediation and Carryover)**
By Susan Thomsen and Kathy Donnelly

EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES

Recreational Swimming at Windsor Water World

Recreational swimming is open to all in the community. Individuals with disabilities can be accompanied by a caregiver. Cost is \$2 for child and \$4 for adult. Caregivers are free. Fridays 6:30-8pm, Sat. & Sun. 12:30-2pm and Sat. evenings 7-8:30pm. Please call 519-253-3806 for details.



Preschool Swims at Windsor Water World

Swimming for preschoolers accompanied by a caregiver. Mon. to Fri. 11:30am-1:30pm and 3-5pm. Sat. & Sun. 10am-12pm. Call 519-253-3806.

Youth Gymnastics Saturdays from 2 - 2:45pm

Gymnastics for children with ASD ages 5 - 13 yrs. at the Oakwood Community Centre, 2520 Cabana Road. New session begins Nov. 6. Cost is \$18 per 7-week session. Call 519-966-6065 to register.



Bowling with PinPals Tuesdays from 6 - 7:30pm

Bowling for those with special needs at Rose Bowl Lanes, 2482 Dougall. The cost is \$3 per game and includes shoes. Call 519-969-9010 to confirm.



WSC Special Stars Registration Dates November 21 and December 12 from 2 - 3pm

At General Brock School Gym, 3312 Sandwich St. A league just for kids ages 6 to 17 years with ASD and all skill levels. All players must attend one of the registration dates in order to play soccer in the 2011 season. Registration fee is \$40. To sign up for a date contact Patrick Roberts at 519-974-2833 or email partickroberts0005@hotmail.com or call the RCP Program at 519-250-9410.



The Realize Community Potential Program and Autism Ontario Windsor-Essex Chapter have a variety of family activities planned for November and December. For the most up-to-date information email rcpwindsor@autismontario.com or call Catherine at 519-250-9410 or contact Shirley at 519-250-1893 or email autismwindsor@gmail.com.

Crock A Doodle For ASI

Looking for that unique Holiday present? Everyone is welcome to come out to Crock A Doodle (at Manning and Tecumseh) for a pottery painting party on Monday, Nov. 22 from 6 to 8pm.



There will be volunteers on hand so kids with ASD can make a "surprise" present for their parents for \$25. Prices for others vary depending on pottery choices. Please register by calling 519-966-7283 or email autism@mdirect.net. All proceeds to benefit Autism Services Inc.

NEW Kinder Village

Your imagination destination! Educational Toys/Climber/Costumes. Perfect for play dates and birthdays. Located at 317 Talbot North in Essex. Open Wed., Thurs. & Fri. 10 to 7 and Sat. & Sun. 10 to 6. Admission \$7 for ages 1-3 and \$8 for ages 4-9. For more information call 1-888-776-7005 or visit the website www.kindervillage.ca.

Fall and Winter Sports Special Olympics Windsor

Sports opportunities for people ages 8 to 88 with intellectual disabilities. All sport activities have certified trained coaches. It's not too late to join the fun for Fall and Winter Programs in **Swimming, Bowling, Rhythmic Gymnastics, Martial Gym, Floor Hockey and Curling**. For more information call 519-250-4024 or 519-790-8714 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

Wednesday, Nov. 10 from 6:30 - 8:30pm

All About Autism: Community Resources

A FREE workshop ideal for parents and caregivers of children with ASD. Representatives from 10 agencies will discuss the services they offer and answer your questions. This is also a great opportunity to meet other parents and learn from their experiences.

Location is at the ASI Library, 3600 Curry Ave. To register call 519-966-7283 or 519-250-9410 or email rcpwindsor@autismontario.com. For a complete 2010/2011 AAA Workshop schedule visit www.autismservicesinc.com/workshops.html.

Bullying in Youth and Teens with ASD: Risk Factors, Prevention and Intervention Presented by Dr. Weiss and Maggie Slursarczak Saturday, Nov. 20 from 10am - 12pm

Unfortunately many kids with autism experience bullying of some type during their time at school. But how can we prevent it as parents, educators or workers? Drs. Weiss and Slursarczak will go over the latest research and talk about the implications for our kids. Cost is \$10 for Autism Ontario members, \$20 for others. Location is at Place Concorde, 7515 Forest Glade Dr. Please register by calling 519-250-9410 or emailing rcpwindsor@autismontario.com.

Daytime Support Group

Thursday, Nov. 11 & Dec. 9 from 9:30 - 11am

Support Group for parents, grandparents and other family members of children with autism. Meetings usually take place on the second Thursday of each month at the Gino Marcus Complex, 1168 Drouillard Rd. Please call 519-250-9410 to confirm. New group members are always welcome.

Summit Centre Parents Group & Sibling Group Monday, Nov. 22 & Dec. 20 from 5 - 6:30pm

On Nov. 22 parents of children with autism are invited to listen to a guest speaker as well as participate in round a table discussion on **Succeeding with ASD in Elementary School**. Siblings (4-12yrs.) are invited for activities, talks, stories, pizza and snacks. On Dec. 20 families are invited for the Holiday Potluck. Come and meet new families and make new connections at the Summit Centre, 940 Prince Rd. Childcare available for children with autism. RSVP to Csilla at 519-255-1195.

Register Disability Savings Plan (RDSP)

Monday, Nov. 29 from 6 - 7:30pm at the Essex Civic Centre, 360 Fairview Dr., Essex OR

Tuesday, Nov. 30 from 9:30 - 11am at Place Concorde, 7515 Forest Glade Dr., Windsor

A FREE information session with Brendon Pooran, a lawyer specializing in disability issues, on RDSPs. Register on line at www.clwindsor.org or by calling the RCP Program at 519-250-9410.

Dollars and Sense

Monday, Nov. 29 from 7:30 - 9pm at the Essex Civic Centre

Tuesday, Nov. 30 from 11 - 12:30pm at Place Concorde

A FREE information session on Wills, Trusts, Power of Attorney, Guardianship, ODSP and more! Presented by lawyer Brendon Pooran. Opportunity for questions and answers. Register by contacting the Windsor-Essex Family Network at 519-974-1008 or email info@windsorsexfamnet.ca.

Wednesday, Jan. 12 from 6:30 - 8:30pm

All About Autism: Behaviour and Safety Issues

A FREE workshop ideal for parents and caregivers of children with ASD. A representative from the Regional Children's Centre will talk about behavioural issues and present tips on how to deal with them. Jason Hull from Windsor Fire and Rescue will provide information on the best ways to keep you family safe in the home. Location is at the ASI Library, 3600 Curry Ave. To register call 519-966-7283 or 519-250-9410 or email rcpwindsor@autismontario.com.

Behavioural Intervention: A Positive Systems Introduction

Friday, Jan. 14 from 9:30am - 3:30pm

Learn about the Positive Systems Approach (PSA), which is highly effective in helping individuals with intellectual disabilities that have serious behavioural challenges. PSA combines Applied Behavioural Analysis and Social Systems Theory into a comprehensive and positive treatment model. Location at the Serbian Community Centre. Cost is \$55. For details call Karen at 1-800-640-4108 or 519-433-7283 or email karaujo@wgh.on.ca.

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