



ARE YOU UP FOR A CHALLENGE?

Run/Walk For ASI Sept. 19

Once again Autism Services Inc. has been chosen as one of the official charities that will be benefiting from the 2010 Charity Challenge Fun Run. The 8K Run, 3k Run/Walk or 1K Kids Dash takes place on **Sunday, September 19th** along the riverfront in downtown Windsor. This is a fun family event.

Last year ASI raised almost \$7,000 which included a \$2,000 bonus for being the charity with the most pledges. This year we're setting our goals even higher and have partnered with the Windsor-Essex Chapter of Autism Ontario to get more people walking for autism.

For those not familiar with how the Charity Challenge works, each participating charity will receive financial rewards based on the money they raise. Every race participant receives a pledge sheet where they indicate which charity their pledges will go to. **Best of all, 100% of pledges received will go to the charities.**

ASI Summer Program families also have the opportunity to offset their summer program registration fees. Contact the office for details. Registration information and pledge forms are available online at www.runningfactory.com. **Please make sure you indicate on all pledge sheets that you are collecting pledges for Autism Services Inc.**

Let's do it again and be the #1 pledge raising Charity!

Thank You Green Shield for \$5,000 Grant

ASI received a \$5,000 grant from the Green Shield 2010 Social Surplus Program. The \$5,000 was put towards the new one-to-one classroom that was added to the Windsor program. Thank you to Green Shield Canada for helping make this possible.

We'd also like to extend our gratitude to the staff at the Green Shield Windsor office who held a 50/50 draw on our behalf on August 20th. A total of \$600 was raised.



*Bruce Awad Summer Program field trip to the park.
August 3, 2010*



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

2010 Bruce Awad Summer Program Wrap-up

At the Annual General Meeting of the Board on June 14, 2010 a motion was passed to name the summer program after its creator and founder, Mr. Bruce Awad. Mr. Awad started the program in 1984 and was its dedicated leader for many years. The Board of Directors also recognized the many years of service from Mr. Dan Tremblay who is retiring from the Board. Both these gentlemen have been instrumental in advocating for individuals and families affected with autism.

In addition to the official name designation there were some other notable changes to the 2010 program. A new one-to-one classroom was added in Windsor, made possible partly due to the \$5,000 Green Shield grant as well as the Focus on Youth (FOY) Program.

The FOY Program provided six summer students for six weeks. The program has a dual purpose of supplying ASI with extra support as well as providing practical work experience to senior high school students.

By adding another classroom we were able to reduce the waiting list. This year, ASI supported 45 clients in the Windsor Program and 12 in the Essex Program—seven more than in 2009. It is our goal to eliminate the waiting list altogether.

Another new initiative this summer was the Day Camp Support Program. ASI together with New Beginnings were able to provide support staff so that children with autism could attend summer camps at St. Clair College and the Atkinson Community Centre. Fifteen New Beginnings students, whose wages were paid by New Beginnings, participated. When the students were not needed in the community programs they assisted staff at the Windsor Program.

Thank you to all ASI staff and families, Focus on Youth, New Beginnings, and all our community supporters for another successful summer! A special thank you to everyone who helped with this year's open houses. There were wonderful donations of food and generous donations of money many of which were made possible by the tireless efforts of Michelle Helou.

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)**

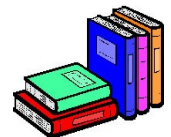
* Over 700 items including books, DVDs, educational toys & software available for lending on the topic of autism and autism related issues.

* Computer with internet access and specialized software 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 such as the Life

Centered Career Education System. These materials have been provided by the Windsor-Essex Chapter of Autism Ontario and the Realize Community Potential Program.



ASI has also obtained the ResourceMate Library Cataloging System. We will have endless searching capabilities, more detailed descriptions and an easy to use self-service option. We will be converting all library material over to the new system shortly.

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 for swimmer \$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. There is a cost for the caregiver. The child is free. Please call 519-253-3806 for details.

City of Windsor Parks & Recreation Various Programs Starting in September

Programs offered in community centres and pools are available to all people in the community. Many programs will accommodate individuals with disabilities as well as their respite workers or caregivers. Please contact your community centre or Parks and Recreation at 519-253-2300 for details.

Saturdays from 10 - 11am Basketball

A RCP Program for kids on the spectrum at General Brock School on Sandwich St. For ages 8 to 13 years. Program starts September 18. Cost is \$12 for 6 weeks. Please register by calling 519-250-9410.



Saturdays from 2 - 2:45pm Youth Gymnastics

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



The Realize Community Potential Program has a variety of family activities planned for September and October. For the most up-to-date information email rcpwindsor@autismontario.com or call Catherine at 519-250-9410.

Volleyball Tournament

There will be a tournament for adult mixed volleyball teams on Saturday, October 2 from 10am to 4pm at Place Concorde. All proceeds to support ASI. To register a team please call 519-966-7283. Entry fee is \$180 per team.

We need raffle prizes. Please call the ASI office if you have a donation.



MonkeyTown

A 3,700 square foot indoor playspace designed for crawlers, toddlers & kids to age 7. Open for fun and play every day. Located at 3181 Marentette, behind Devonshire Mall. For more information visit the website www.monkeytown.ca or call 519-969-0707.

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 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

Thursday, Sept. 9 & Oct. 14 from 9:30-11am

Daytime Support Group

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. All are welcome.

Monday, Sept. 27 & October 25 from 5 - 6:30pm

Summit Centre Parents Group & Sibling Group

On Sept. 27 parents of children with autism are invited to participate in round a table Parent to Parent Discussion. The Oct. 25 topic will be Toilet Training. Siblings (4-12yrs.) are invited for activities, talks, stories and pizza and snack. Join us at the Summit Centre, 940 Prince Rd. Childcare available for children with autism. RSVP to Csilla at 519-255-1195.

Parents and Educators Working Together
Leamington: Friday, Sept. 17 from 6-8:30pm at Mt. Carmel School

Windsor: Saturday, Sept. 18 from 9:30am-12pm at the Gino Marcus Centre

Lynn Ziraldo is a speaker on educational issues who has sat on the board for the Learning Disabilities Association of Ontario and on the Mister's Advisory Committee for Special Education. She will discuss how to foster a positive relationship with your child's school and how to prepare for a school meeting. No cost for Autism Ontario members, \$10 for others. Please register by calling 519-250-9410 or emailing rcpwindsor@autismontario.com.

Thursday, Sept. 30 from 1pm-4pm or 6pm-9pm
Personal Assistants & In-Home Support Workers

Place Concorde, 7515 Forest Glade Drive

The sessions will focus on the work of belonging and supporting a person to be a contributing citizen.

Friday, October 1 from 9am to 4pm

Your Family; Your Future

Place Concord, 7515 Forest Glade Drive

A day for people and families to connect and re-connect with other families. Discovering contributions for supporting people to be contributing citizens and planning for the future.

Sat. & Sun., Sept. 25 & 26 from 9am - 3:30pm

Autism and Applied Behaviour 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 Sept. 17. Call 519-255-1195 for more information.

Both presentations are Co-created with Inclusion Press and sponsored by Family Respite Services, Windsor-Essex Brokerage for Personal Supports, Windsor-Essex Family Network and Avenues Project. Please call 519-972-9688 to register and for information. Cost is \$15 per session.

Unity Intensive Parent Training: February 2011

The Summit Centre is seeking eligible candidates for a 3 month program for parents of children with ASD up to 5 yrs. 8 mo. old. Parent and child must attend 5 days/wk. for 3 hrs./day. There is a modest user fee based on income. For details call 519-255-1195 or visit the website www.summitcentre.org.

Wednesday, October 13 from 6:30 - 8:30pm

All About Autism: Introduction to Autism & Explaining Autism to Your Family

A FREE workshop. We will go over exactly what autism is, its core characteristics, and give you tips on how to disclose the diagnosis to others. Location is at the ASI Library, 3600 Curry Ave. To register call 519-250-9410 or email rcpwindsor@autismontario.com. For a complete 2010/2011 AAA Workshop schedule visit www.autismservicesinc.com/workshops.html.

Monday, September 27 from 6:45-8:45pm
Individual Education Plans (IEPs) and More

Presenters from both area school boards will discuss the IEP process. Register by contacting the Windsor-Essex Family Network by Sept. 23 at 519-974-1008 or email info@windsorsexfamnet.ca. Please see attached flyer for more information.

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