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Winter 2011



We are blessed with two grandchildren with autism...Jade,10, and Zev, 9. At 18 months, Jade would sit and stare into space, not react to her name, and occasionally bang her head on the floor. Zev did not speak more than one or two words until he was four or five years old. He was also hyper-sensitive to noise.

Jade is now in advanced classes in public school, has many interests including the violin...which, as it turns out, she has quite an aptitude for and was playing one or two classical pieces (Beethoven's Ninth) after only four or five group lessons...hadn't even had a one on one lesson. Her music teacher is quite excited. She has a huge interest in science, mostly to help children like her in the future. She is currently taking robotics classes after school through the STEMS (one site for more info. <http://www.stemedcoalition.org/>) program and, thanks to one of her inventions, she got to be in a video that is being submitted to Michele Obama's Joining forces Challenge. Her school is also very excited as they now know that Jade sees a color for each letter. That is, all the numbers 0 through 9 each have a distinct color associated with them. It is called synesthesia and quite rare. Anyone interested might check out this site... <http://abcnews.go.com/Technology/story?id=98039&page=1>

Zev has shown quite an aptitude for math, which

is just now being looked at. He is in Cub Scouts and has started to play baseball.. In fact, he was presented with the game ball a week or so ago for his most improved performance. He is excelling at Cub Scouts by earning badge after badge. He is learning how to deal with those that have difficulty understanding his hesitant speech.

So, yes, we are blessed. And we have a message of hope for all of those trying to find a way to unlock their child or grandchild. Do not be afraid to try something

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President's Message

Welcome to another newsletter of the Autism Society of Maine (ASM). My name is Janine Collins and I am ASM's new Board President. I have served on the Board for two previous terms, most recently as Vice President. I look forward to rounding out my service to the Board in my new role.

The Board has added many new members and we look forward to their contributions. Welcome to Jon Duguay, Dick Farnsworth, Ken Huhn, Laurie Raymond (our new Secretary) and Matt Siegal (who joined us 5 months ago to fill out a term and decided to stay on). Many thanks to Cindy Bernstein, Marla DiBiase, Debbie Gilmer, Mike Lamoreau (Treasurer), Jean Mason, Lynda Mazzola (past-President) and Nancy Ponzetti-Dyer for their continued service.

This is sure to be a busy year for ASM. The staff will be coordinating the annual events: the Walk for Autism to be held April 29, the Family Retreat Weekend scheduled for July 20 -22 at St. Joseph's College, Summer Camp happening July 30 – August 23 and the Ride for Autism on September 15. Mark your calendars.

Meanwhile, new initiatives are being launched. ASM is a grant partner with the Developmental Disabilities Council (DDC) to establish a medical-home model here in Maine. A medical-home model will simplify the process for families coordinating care across providers.

ASM also will be helping make a difference in navigating post-secondary transition. First, Autism Information Specialists (AIS) have launched a new presentation on post-secondary transition. If you are interested in bringing this presentation to your area, contact Darlene Lepoff, AIS Coordinator. Second, as a partner in a three-year grant project with the Center for Community Inclusion and Disability Studies (CCIDS), ASM will build capacity to support youth in post-secondary transition through a family-centered approach to planning.

There will be many challenges as well. As difficult financial times continue to drive State fiscal and legislative initiatives, the Board will monitor the activities and keep you informed. Together, we will ensure that resources and informed choice remain available.

I hope you enjoy the current newsletter.



Editorial Notes: Maine Autism Connections and Autism Society of Maine programs and services are made possible by donations from people like you and funding from the Maine Department of Health & Human Services. We hope you will also visit us online at <http://www.asmonline.org>, where we have a great deal of information available about autism, programs, resources, news, a calendar of events, legislation and more.

Awards from the Annual Meeting Plus New Board Members

Awards were given and new Board Members were elected at the Autism Society of Maine's Annual Meeting on September 16, 2011 that was held at Keeley the Katerer, Portland

Special Guest Speakers for the evening were from The Center for Neurological and Neurodevelopmental Health, New Jersey.

George Niemann, Ph.D, Director of Clinical Development

Mark Mintz, MD, President & CEO

Awards in honor of:

For dedication and commitment to educating students with special needs

RECIPIENT: Kathleen Dekker

For dedication and commitment to providing therapy for children with Autism Spectrum Disorder

RECIPIENT: Pam Perry

For support and dedication for individuals with Autism Spectrum Disorder and their families

RECIPIENT: The Maine Dance Academy

For dedication in advocating for individuals with Autism Spectrum Disorder

RECIPIENT: Jean Youde

For continued commitment and dedication to families and children with Autism Spectrum Disorder

RECIPIENT: Dr. Ellen Gellerstedt

For continued commitment to providing services to families and individuals with Autism Spectrum Disorder
RECIPIENT: Washington County Children's Program (Elaine Cale – ED)

New Board Members:

The Autism Society of Maine is pleased to announce that Janine Collins is our incoming Board President. Lynda Mazzola is now Past President.

We also welcome new ASM Board Members: Jonathan Duguay, Jean Mason, Laurie Raymond, Richard Farnsworth, Kenneth Huhn, and Matthew Siegel. They will be joining current Board Members: Michael Lamoreau, Cindy Bernstein, Marla DiBiase, Deborah Gilmer and Nancy Ponzetti-Dyer.

We want to also say goodbye and thank you to former Board Members: Beth Whitehouse, Joseph Stone and Jane Brennan.

Board Members volunteer their time in support and guidance of ASM. In addition, each Board Member has chosen a committee of interest. The following committees have openings for more volunteers: Fundraising, education and legislative. Please call ASM for more information call 1-800-273-5200 or asm@asmonline.org



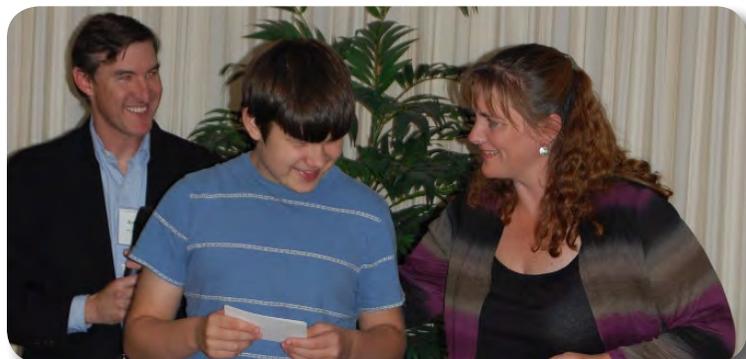
Janine Collins & Lynda Mazzola



Nancy Ponzetti-Dyer & Jean Youde



Board of directors



Kathleen Dekker, Hugo Buckley & son Tad

Ride for Autism

Thank You riders, fundraisers, volunteers, sponsors and supporters for making the **5th Ride for Autism** an incredible success!! We raised over **\$14,000!**

The Ride for Autism was held on September 24th at the Kennebunkport Conservation Trust. It had rained overnight and into the early morning but thankfully cleared up a bit for the day. Over 61 participants got out of bed early be it rain or shine. We had hamburgers, hotdogs on the grill and salads for lunch after the ride.

Donations go directly, at no cost, towards programs that impact Maine families, children and individuals whose lives have been affected by autism.

A Special Thank You to Our Sponsors!

Flagship Cinemas, Bull Run Striping, Kennebunkport Conservation Trust, Pine Tree Society, Saco & Biddeford Savings Institution, Evergreen Custom Printing, NoMad Pictures, Pepsi Corporation, Marston's Marina, Saco Bay Physical Therapy, Blow Brothers, and Royal River Natural Foods.

6th Annual Ride for Autism

This year's event was great and we are already gearing up for our next ride. Save this date, September 15, 2012 in Kennebunkport.

If you would like to volunteer or be a sponsor please contact ASM.



Autumn Ride for Autism

Save this Date!

Autumn Ride for Autism

Saturday, September 22, 2012

United Bikers of Maine and L-A

Harley want you to join them on their annual Autumn Ride for Autism to benefit the Autism Society of Maine.



10th Annual Walk for Autism

Please join us at one of our walks on April 29, 2012. We are hoping for a record number of people to come out and support the Autism Society of Maine for this event. The walks will be in Bangor, Biddeford and Farmington.

You may register for the walks at www.Firstgiving.com/ASMMaine/WalkforAutism

Get a team together and register early.



Be Careful Who is Asking you for Money!

Maine families are being asked to solicit their neighbors by a group called "Autism Spectrum Disorder Foundation" this group calls and asks if you want to raise money for autism. They give the impression that it's for Maine but actually no money goes to Maine families. All the donations go out of state and if you call and ask what the money goes toward, they give no clear answers. Please be aware that anyone can ask you for a donation, but you need to know where your money is going.

All non – profits need to have a license to ask you for money, just being a non-profit does not give you permission to ask for money/solicitation. **THEY NEED A LICENSE.** Ask to see their license and ask where your money is going.

The Autism Society of Maine license #CO2366

Family Retreat Weekend

July 20 – 22, 2012

NEW LOCATION – St. Joseph's College

ASM has decided to move on from UNE where our retreat has been held for the last 12 years. We are pleased to announce that St. Joseph's College in Standish is the new location for our Family Retreat. Families will enjoy the same benefits and more. St. Joseph's offers gluten free and casein free meals and a new dorm building. Kids will still enjoy swimming plus a rock climbing wall. We will have more information in our next issue of the newsletter.

Medical Home Model

The Autism Society of Maine has a new web page about Medical Home Model. We would like feedback on this new page on our website. This is part of a grant for the Maine Autism Spectrum Disorders Development Project (MeASD) with the Maine Developmental Disabilities Council.



Membership

Membership will now be due in January 2012 – be on the lookout for your membership letter. Autism Society of Maine (ASM) membership is no longer combined with Autism Society (ASA) membership. You now have the choice to join ASM without having to join ASA. All ASM membership money stays here in Maine to help support our agency which in turn supports Maine families.

new, including approaches that may seem a bit unusual. The key to each child may be different. For Jade, it was constant interaction... talking to her even if it seemed she wasn't listening. Holding her gently and looking directly at her when speaking. Exposing her to various textures, colors, sounds, and tastes...but always careful not to cause her pain or anxiety. For Zev, it was taking an approach that his speech therapist advised us against... using sign language. Though the speech therapist felt teaching him sign might keep him from speaking, we, Grandmother Audrey and I, decided his obvious frustration at not being able to speak or be understood was a greater danger to him.

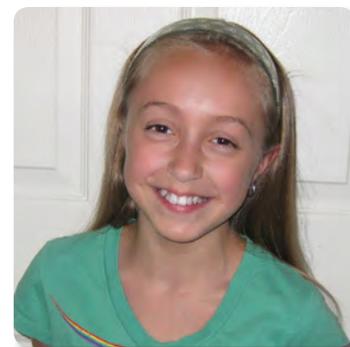
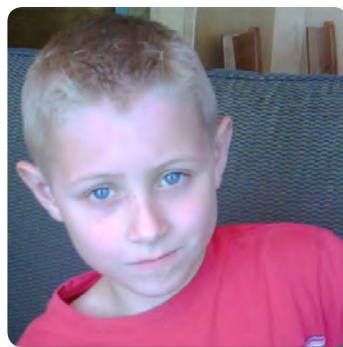
So, we began, with the support and tireless effort of their mom and dad, to teach him to sign simple words. We bought the DVDs, *Signing Time* (see <http://www.signingtime.com/#> for more info.), off the Internet and incorporated them into each day's activities. Zev began, slowly, to say each word as he signed it. His older sister, Jade, picked up on the signing quickly and would also interact using both her speech and signing. It worked!!! Progress was being made and we do believe the constant trying and interaction is a big reason they were able to attend public schools...even enduring several moves. See, they are military kids...they move often and it is a constant battle for our daughter to insure they are receiving what they need in each school. There were and continue to be many meetings over IEPs (Individual Education Programs...see <http://ed.gov/parents/needs/speced/iepguide/index.html>) with principals and superintendents as well as teachers and teacher's aids. The battle is never-ending, but the results can be spectacular.

We must also mention that Jade first asked for a violin

when she was 5 or 6, but everyone thought it would be too much for her! Her music teacher is already talking about taking her to try out for local orchestras as soon as she expands her knowledge and hones her technique a bit more! We wonder what might have been the outcome had we actually given her a violin at age 5!! Jade also is a type I diabetic and within two weeks of being diagnosed, she was checking her own blood and giving herself her own injections! Of course, mom and dad monitor her very closely. And, as though that were not enough, she has extreme allergies that can cause anaphylactic shock in seconds. In fact, we nearly lost her a few years ago before all her allergies had been identified. The quick actions of mom & dad and a well-trained ambulance crew brought her back to us.

She understands the dangers and was recently awarded second place by FAAN (Food Allergy & Anaphylaxis Network) for the drawing she submitted to them to generate support for FAAN. For those desiring more information on FAAN, we recommend this site... <http://www.foodallergy.org/>.

The bottom line...never, never give up! Try singing to your child, signing to your child, anything that might unlock his or her world.



Social Networking for Youth

This group is designed to address the many social issues faced by youth 11 – 18 who have been diagnosed with Asperger's or autism. The group has been meeting once a month at Thrive on Canal Street in Lewiston. Each month an activity is planned for the following month. The group has gone bowling, golfing and recently went to Pumpkin Land in Mechanic Falls. (See pictures). We are looking to add more members to this group. If you're interested in participating, please email either Cathy at asm@asmonline.org or Stacey at laflamme3@roadrunner.com



Our next meeting is scheduled for December 16th at 6:00 pm. All meeting dates and times can be found on our website under support groups. See link. http://www.asmonline.org/support_groups.asp

The Best Steak in Oklahoma

By Deb Lipsky

Last week while speaking in Tulsa and Oklahoma City, my co-coordinator Val and I decided that we should have steak for supper seeing as Oklahoma is known for its delicious steaks. We trusted “Jill” our GPS navigational device to get us the 1.2 miles she insisted had the best steak house in town. After 3.6 miles and countless “re-calculating” remarks by Jill, it was obvious to me that “Jill” was suffering from GPS dementia and hadn’t a clue where she was leading us. Val decided in true non autistic fashion to, “just drive around and see what we come up with” which didn’t sit well with my autistic way of thinking that, “spontaneity is an invention of the non autistic mindset and absolute torture to the autistic way of being”.

For me living without a script for 5 minutes is difficult, never mind the 30 minutes we drove around aimlessly searching for a restaurant. Finally, Val exclaims, “Oh look there’s a Cheesecake Factory, they have great food so we will eat there”.

Frazzled from our script deviation all I could think of when I heard Cheesecake Factory was a literal over-sized bakery specializing in cheesecakes. I became adamant in my opposition to finding a good Oklahoman steak at a place that didn’t have the word “steak” in its name. Val insisted and basically dragged me in kicking and screaming as I was boldly proclaiming “I DON’T LIKE CHEESECAKE SO WHY DO I WANT TO EAT HERE!!!” all the way in. Attempts to calm me down while waiting to be seated failed when I spied the glass desert case filled a virtual cornucopia of towering cheesecakes in a myriad of flavors, and Tony Bennett crooning over the PA system. I cried out, “Oh God they play the same music as the Olive Garden and their desert case is severely limited with only cheesecakes in it.”

I will say this for the staff there though, they were very prompt in getting us seated, even seating us before the other patrons waiting who gladly volunteered that we be seated before them. Completely unnerved over not being in a steakhouse I nervously followed behind the waiter who was taking us to our table. Perhaps because of my “grand entrance” he attempted to seat us in the far corner of the dining area. I NEVER sit at the corner in any restaurant, and no its not because of any autistic ritual but because it is just bad Feng Shui (Feng Shui sounds better and camouflages the ‘ritual’ part). It only took moments of my hand flapping and echolalia for the the

waiter to realize just how much bad Feng Shui the corner table was to me so he gave us a new table. I managed to get through the meal but truth be told I was embarrassed at how going off script really impacted my social etiquette at fine dining establishments. I tried to let go of this for now and focus on tomorrow which surely couldn’t top this incident.

The next day while at lunch with a group of my seminar attendees, they told me about the best steak house in Oklahoma. A couple of them even volunteered to take Val and I to the Oklahoma City Bombing Memorial and then to the legendary steakhouse, “Cattleman’s” down in the stock yards. The woman mentioned this to me just as I was getting close to the curb at the hotel’s entrance. I was so excited at this prospect I forgot where my feet were in relation to space. My Timberline boots were no match for an unyielding curb which just reached up and grabbed my foot. It wasn’t a little stumble but a full face plant inches away from the revolving door which was activated by my tumbling frontal assault. Mind you it wouldn’t have been so bad had this happened at midnight but it was the hotel’s busiest hour full of patrons (or witnesses in my case) who quickly came running. What a sight.....there I lay spread eagle on the concrete inches away from a continuously revolving door activated by my “presence” where the patrons who wanted to come over to me were wrestling with whether to go thru the revolving door and step over me or exit thru the handicap access which had to be activated manually for each person. The attendees I was with were initially too dumbfounded seeing their respected and well liked speaker do a swan dive onto the concrete to react. When help arrived I reassured the multitude of people who managed to run to my aid that the only thing I hurt severely was my sense of dignity and self respect.

After the seminar and a solemn visit to the Alfred Murrah Federal Building Memorial it was time to get that elusive Oklahoman steak at Cattleman’s restaurant. I was really feeling like “one of the girls” as Meagan a PT, Michelle a program coordinator, Caylan and Kim both SPED teachers, and Sally an OT joined us for dinner. Not wanting a Cheesecake Factory incident repeat, I vowed to myself that nothing could throw me off track now seeing as I was in a steakhouse. That was however until the waitress asked if I would like an appetizer of “lamb fries”. The ladies I was with were giving me blatant obvious non

verbal cues to not go there but I didn't catch on. (To my non autistic readers....if it's important please don't use demonstrative non verbal gestures; just come out and say it.... it's not the time for a game of charades!) I inquired how lamb fries differed from regular fries as I could eat french fries every day of the week. Much to my horror the waitress explained that they were fried gonads from male lambs. In that moment I forgot that this was the busiest place in town with long lines of people waiting for tables. I forgot I lose voice modulation when taken by surprise. I forgot and used my "outdoor" voice indoors when I announced for all to hear, "lamb fries is a deceiving title and totally gross, they should be referred to as grape nuts at the very least!" (I actually said more but this is a family publication).

While those at my table wished they could of melted into the woodwork, I decided I had to get up and clear my mind all of lamb fries thoughts. I squeezed past the crowded line of people glaring at me and waiting to be seated and meandered over to the cash register perched proudly on top of a display case full of souvenirs. Feeling confident that I cleansed my head of any and all lamb fries/reproductive organ references and visuals I bought a T-shirt and drinking glass. All was well until the cashier packing my items said to me, "I ran out of sacs to wrap up your glass. I'll just go in the kitchen and get some more."

Had she said "I ran out of paper sacs", (or plastic sacs for that matter) I would of not gone where I did next. Within milliseconds my brain came up with the logical conclusion that this steakhouse doesn't waste any part of an animal so it makes perfect sense to use the membranes that house delicate and fragile reproductive organs to wrap up fragile and delicate items like glassware. Not using my "outdoor" voice, but

using my "there's an ax murdered standing behind me" voice I yelled out, "NOOO!! I DON'T WANT MY GLASS WRAPPED UP IN SOME BULL'S KIBBLES AND BITS!!!"

The look of shock on my face, the cashier's face, and all the standing patron's faces could be summed up like in the Discover Card's commercial...."priceless." It was only after my mouth spoke that my mind realized that I had misinterpreted the cashier's intent so I quickly added, "what do you expect from a Yankee anyway", as I slinked past the patrons with their mouths still open in shock, and I scurried back to my table like a mouse who was just eyed by a cat.

After having had the best steak ever despite the language barrier, Caylan called her dad who was a fireman to see if I could get a personal tour of new fire station. She felt bad for me and the whole lamb fries incident and wanted me to leave Oklahoma with wonderful memories and not PTSD every time I heard the word "lamb" or "fries" so as a former volunteer firefighter I jumped at the chance.

I got a wonderful tour of the station from Major Williams, D. Brown, and Mike Thompson who even let me climb in the firetruck to have my photo taken. Yes that sure did help and as long as I never go back to that steakhouse again I shouldn't have any more issues regarding "menu selections".



Adult Social Group

In 2005, the Autism Society of Maine published notices in three central Maine newspapers asking whether adults on the autism spectrum were interested in forming a social group. They were. Since then, are group has meet on the second Thursday of the month at the Autism Society of Maine office in Winthrop. Sometimes, we plan an alternative activity: bowling, fieldtrip, cookout etc. Three times the group has spent a weekend in cabins in Jackman. As needed, we raise funds for our activities with a bottle drive. We welcome adults on the spectrum to join our group. Interested adults are invited to call ASM office at 377-9603 or 800-273-5200.



Welcome to the Autism Society of Maine Library!

Library materials can be borrowed two items at a time for two weeks (not including mailing time), and renewed if there is not a waiting list. If you are not able to visit the library in person, materials can be mailed to you and return postage will be included for your convenience. You do not have to be a member of ASM to access the library.

Although the library collection is essentially on autism, there are many categories in which to keep updated with new material. For this quarter, we have chosen books on assistive communication technology, safety, guidance for difficult conversations about death and illness, new diagnosis guidance and children's books. We take into consideration all requests that are made and appreciate the interest.

Email: library@asmonline.org 1-800-273-5200 Online Library Page: WWW.asmonline.org/library.asp

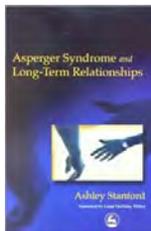
Apps for Autism by Lois Jean Brady

An Essential Guide to Over 200 Effective Apps for Improving Communication, Behavior, Social Skills, and More!



Asperger Syndrome & Long-Term Relationships by Ashley Stanford

A wealth of strategies for living successfully with the more uncompromising aspects of AS, pointing out that AS also brings enormous strengths to a relationship, and emphasizes the value of understanding.



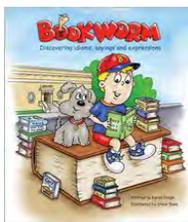
Autism Solutions: How to Create a Healthy and Meaningful Life for Your Child by Ricki G. Robinson

Gives parents a greater understanding of their child's unique learning, sensory and medical profile. Dr. Ricki shares innovative strategies for developing the right treatment plan, serving as a beacon of hope and help for children and families affected by autism.



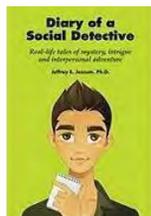
Bookworm: Discovering Idioms, Sayings and Expressions by Karen Emigh

Introduces young readers to a world of idioms, narrated by Brett, and his helpful dog, Herman. Playful dialogues, clear explanations, and colorful images make figurative language understandable and fun. Ages 4-8



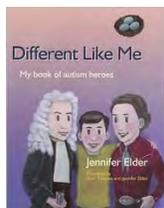
Diary of Social Detective by Jeffrey E. Jessum

It will make a great addition to any social skills program striving to teach social cognition to youth on the autism spectrum. The social mysteries presented in the book teach perspective taking, social problem solving and knowledge of social rules. Young adult.



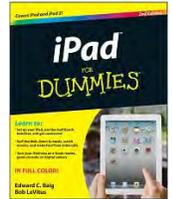
Different Like Me by Jennifer Elder

Eight-year-old Quinn, a young boy with Asperger's Syndrome, tells young readers of famous, inspirational figures with autism from the world of science, art, math, literature, philosophy and comedy. Ages 8-12



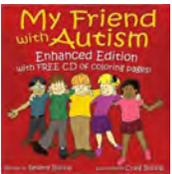
iPad for Dummies by Edward C. Baig

There are many tablets, but there's just one iPad, beloved by everyone from techies and business people to toddlers and their grandparents. This full-color guide helps you get up to speed and on the go with Apple's latest iPad and iOS operating system software.



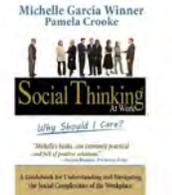
My Friend with Autism by Beverly Bishop

A peer narrator explains that his friend with autism is good at some things and not so good at others—just like everyone else! Addresses issues such as sensory and communication. Enhanced Edition with FREE CD of Coloring Pages! Ages 4-8



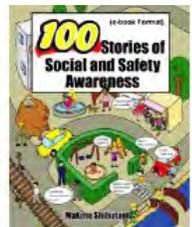
Social Thinking at Work: Why Should I Care? by Michelle Garcia Winner

Helps to decode the hidden rules of the social world by explaining how we think about our own, as well as other people's thoughts and emotions. The process is complex and it requires social multitasking or Social Thinking to successfully navigate the nuances and different mindsets of others, especially people we may perceive as being difficult to work with.



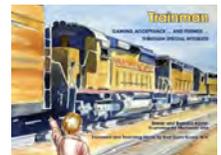
100 Stories of Social and Safety Awareness (Vol. 1) by Makoto Shibutani

There are 50 stories of social awareness and 50 stories of safety awareness. Each story has a related illustration so your child can look at the picture while you are reading the story to your child. The illustrated pictures are simple, clear and easy to comprehend for children.



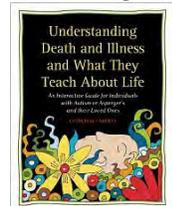
Trainman: Gaining Acceptance and Friends Through Special Interests by Stefan Kaven

A much-anticipated and inspiring children's book that shows how the frequent disconnect between children with ASD and their nondisabled peers can be bridged by capitalizing on the child's special interest, leading to acceptance, friendships and increased self-esteem. Ages 4-8



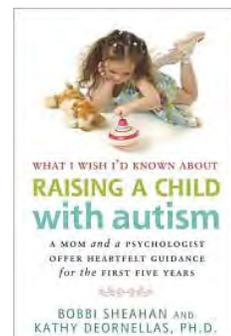
Understanding Death and Illness and what they Teach about Life by Catherine Faherty

Guidance for these difficult, but necessary, conversations. Detailed and concrete explanations of illness, dying, life after death, losing a pet, and numerous other issues and how to help people with ASD to better understand and cope with it.



What I Wish I'd Known about Raising a Child with Autism by Bobbie Sheahan

A Mom and a Psychologist Offer Heartfelt Guidance for the First Five Years—from the moment you realize your kid is different ("My, what a quiet baby I have!"), to the self-righteous moms on the playground, to holding your marriage together in the realm of routines.



Snow Softball Tournament For Autism

February 11, 2012
From 9—4

Union Street Athletic Complex,
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Team Entry Fee
\$300

Team Information

This is a Co-Ed Softball Tournament. Each team needs a minimum of 10 players with maximum 13 players. Teams need to have a team captain with contact information for the captain and each member.

You can divide the entry fee between each member of the team or get sponsorship for your team. If you get sponsors their logo will go on the back of the T-shirts. There is a form for sponsorships and a team form. The team that raises the most money above the entry fee will be presented with a plaque.

If you think your interested in participating in this tournament please contact the Autism Society of Maine for the forms at 1-800-273-5200 or asm@asmonline.org or contact David_Huffstutler@umit.maine.edu



Space is limited to only 12 teams so get your team together now.

Volunteer Information

Would you like to help out with this event. Maybe volunteer for set up or help on day of the event. We will need food vendors, referees, generators, etc. Contact ASM for information on how you can help out with this event.

Proceeds from this event will benefit the Autism Society of Maine.

Snow date will be February 18, 2012



Autism Society of Maine Store

Do some holiday shopping with ASM and give a meaningful gift to family, friends, teachers and therapists! You may purchase these and more items on the ASM website at: <https://www.asmonline.org:4441/productcart/pc/home.asp> or call 1-800-273-5200.



Autism Awareness Window Cling
8" x 3 7/8" \$5.00



Autism Awareness Magnet
8" x 3.5" \$5.00



Mini Magnet
2" x 4"
\$3.00



"Safe and Sound" decal for your window \$3.00



Silver-tone stretch bracelet \$8.00



HOLIDAY SALE
Guardian Angel Pin \$6.00



Autism Awareness Lanyard \$6.00



Autism Awareness Lapel Pin \$5.00



Gel Autism Awareness Bracelet \$3.00



Autism Awareness Keychain \$5.00



1 1/4" Pin \$11.00



7/8" Earrings \$15.00



7/8" Pendant \$8.00

Dichroic Glass Jewelry is hand crafted and unique (sterling silver plated bail and earring hooks)

Your order will be a random design and color.

Ways to Give

There are many ways to give to the Autism Society of Maine. We rely on donations and fundraisers to help cover the cost of our programs and activities that bring awareness and community to individuals and families impacted by ASD. Here's how you can help:

- Donate to us during our second *Autism Society of Maine Fall Annual Appeal*.
- General donations may also be made anytime of the year online using our secure donation forms (or you can download and print our PDF forms) at:

http://www.asmonline.org/involved_donations.asp

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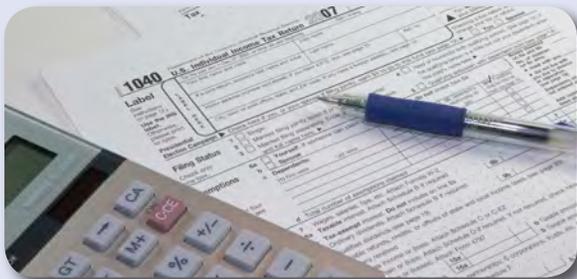
- Host a fundraiser with proceeds going to ASM. Some of the past and current fundraisers have included: Avon, Pampered Chef parties, Mary Kay parties, bake sales at events, selling autism awareness items at conferences or craft events, selling Christmas wreaths, selling T-shirts. If any of these fundraisers interest you please call us for more information.

For other ways to contribute, become a volunteer or become a member contact us at: <http://www.asmonline.org>

Donations to the Autism Society of Maine are tax-deductible.

Please consider us as you plan your end-of-year giving.

 **AUTISM SOCIETY**
*Improving the Lives of All Affected by Autism
Maine*



Thank you for your generosity!

In Memory of:

Michael O'Donovan
Peter & Patricia Cheney
Nancy & Donald Allen
David & Maureen Wedge
Anna Cameron
John & Porter Erkkinen
Sue Anne Bellavance
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Karen & Forest Boucher
W. Victor & Claire Gould
Bonnie & Elmo Wolford
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In Honor Of:

Melinda Dumais
by Stephanie Gelinis
Sarah Dostie
by Kristin Lichtenfels

Ride for Autism

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Audrey & Larry Hibbard
Rodney & Karen Poore
Brad Dupee
Sheri Sastre
Justine Bickford
United Parcel Service

WALK for Autism

H&R Block for Team Justin

Donations

United Way of Greater Nashua
Wal-Mart Foundation
Mary Gabriele
Savannah Rose Willey
Rebecca Levine (children's futon, stuffed toys, dollhouse)
Jennifer McConnell
Carl Stasio
Ellen Lamoreau
Beverly Remick
Hollis & Rosemary McGlaufflin
Calais Regional Hospital (Jeans Day)
Jeremy Storer

Employee Pledges

United Parcel Service
Andrew Jansmann

Matching Pledges

UNUM Matching Gifts Program
KeyBank Foundation
Fairpoint Communications

Library Donations

Amy Bailey



Support our Services: Give to the Autism Society of Maine!

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Become a Member!

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You may register online at:
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