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# Maine Autism

## 6th Annual Ride for Autism

by Susan Vincent

We had a wonderful day at the Kennebunkport Conservation Trust with over 90 riders for the best bike ride ever to heighten public autism awareness and raise over \$17,500!

This fundraising event is very important to ASM and supports programs that help families, children and individuals with autism as well as professionals working in the field.

ASM and the Bike Committee really had the planning of the event down to a science. The ride was as safe, fun and fantastic as it could get!

We had new wick away t-shirts specially designed for us this year. These were given to riders who donated or gathered pledges over \$100.00

A fantastic lunch was prepared by dedicated volunteers. They went above and beyond to make sure everyone had a nice, hearty lunch. We had grilled hamburgers and hotdogs, salads, home style beans and many desserts that were appreciated by the riders and their families. Frank FM provided live remote music and made broadcast postings of the event.

We would like to give a heartfelt thank you to all participants, volunteers, committee members that took time from their busy lives to work as a team to make this event a successful fundraiser.

## Connections

Winter 2012

Bike Committee:  
Nathan Poore, Eric  
Marston, Andrew Poore,  
Karen Johnson and Bill Putnam

Volunteers: Karen & Rodney Poore,  
Mike & Betty Lamoreau, Jennifer Poore, Sherry  
Sastre, Larry Lavine, Terry Johnson and Eric Agren,.

Corporate Sponsors: Fuel, Flagship, UPS,  
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Marston's Marina, Pepsi, Kennebunkport Rotary, TORG,  
Royal River, Berry Dunn, Blow Brothers, Rising Tide,  
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## President's Message

Welcome to our current issue. We hope that the school year has started off well for all parents of school-age children, students of all ages, educators and other school personnel.



Another Board year is well underway, starting off with an informative Transition Conference with keynote speaker Stephen Shore. Feedback from attendees – including providers, parents and youth - was very positive and Stephen enjoyed his time with us. The conference was a prelude to the new initiatives of ASM.

As I mentioned in previous issues, the Board is at work establishing a three-year plan to clarify priorities for ASM and put them into action. First in this plan, is the launch of ASM's new mission statement: Providing education and resources to support the valued lives of individuals on the autism spectrum and their families.

As for many organizations, time and new developments have revealed a need to realign our mission statement to the work at hand – to reflect that which guides the work we do. The Board believes this new statement – while not eliminating the provision of information in support of informed choice – clearly and succinctly articulates the focus of ASM's vision.

As Board president, I look forward to playing a role in ASM's continued work to provide experiences for children and their families such as the Family Retreat Weekend and Camp Summit. It also is my privilege to participate in new initiatives that will advance life-long learning, employment and community participation for youth and adults.

*Janine Collins, President*

### Autism Society of Maine Mission Statement

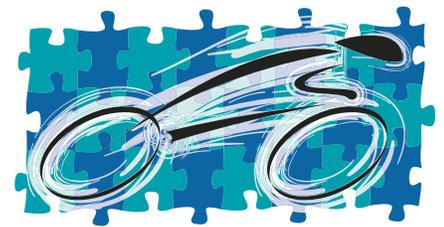
The Autism Society of Maine provides education and resources to support the valued lives of individuals on the autism spectrum and their families.

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.

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*Top Fundraiser, Kevin McGee*



Ride for Autism

## Transitioning to Adulthood Conference

The “Transition To Adulthood” conference presented by the Autism Society of Maine gave parents, teachers, and other education professionals an introduction to the transition to adulthood process. Nine Presenters from different organizations in Maine gave outstanding presentations and provided solid resources. They also answered a myriad of diverse questions regarding the transition planning process and did their best to individualize each answer. Not only was the information important regarding post high school transitioning, but also for the already adult individual.

Dr. Stephen Shore, Keynote Speaker, presented on adult issues pertinent to education, relationships, employment, advocacy, and



disclosure. Dr. Shore led into his presentation with his own life story of being non verbal until the age of 4 and diagnosed with “Atypical Development”

with “strong autistic tendencies” viewed as “too sick” to be treated on an outpatient basis and recommended for institutionalization. However, his parents did not take that advice and advocated for him along with his teachers and other professionals in his life. He far exceeded those earlier expectations and is now a professor, international speaker, and author.

Dr. Stephen Shore’s books are available in the ASM library: *Beyond the Wall: Personal Experiences with Autism and Asperger Syndrome*, *Ask and Tell: Self-advocacy and Disclosure for People on the Autism Spectrum*, and *Understanding Autism for Dummies*.

### Evaluations from participants:

*Disclosure & Honesty: Too Much Information – How to help the individual not tell private things, life story, who it’s appropriate to say what & how much. All 4 of my adult children are on the spectrum. This is a HUGE issue for us.*

*“Very informative, helpful in my understanding what needs to be included in these plans.”*

*“Loved this session! Great resources, examples and REAL LIFE APPLICATIONS!! I think all educators, parents and staff should have this training!”*

## Car Show Fundraiser

Richard and Wendy Humphrey did a wonderful job with their very first annual “Car Show for Autism” held in Parsonfield on September 9<sup>th</sup>. The event had a great turn-out of awesome cars and trucks entered in the show, raising \$6,403.00 to benefit ASM! Next year’s date will be announced on ASM’s website. Please consider bringing your own vehicle to show off or just come and enjoy the cars and food with your family!



## Annual Meeting - September 28, 2012

Autism Society of Maine members gathered at the Hilton Garden Inn in Freeport for its annual dinner meeting and celebration.

### Special Guest Speakers were:

Cullen Ryan, Executive Director Community Housing of Maine  
Nancy Cronin, Maine Developmental Disabilities Council

### Tabulation of ballots:

ASM welcomed new Board Member Chris Osgood of Hallowell. We also recognized re-elected Board Members: Dr. Matthew Siegel; Vice President, Dr. Nancy Ponzetti-Dyer, Laurie Raymond; Secretary, Marla DiBiase and Deanna Brown as well as current Board Members: Janine Collins; President, Mike Lamoreau; Treasurer, Jonathan Duguay, Richard Farnsworth and Kenneth Huhn.

We said farewell and expressed our appreciation to departing Board Members: Lynda Mazzola (a founding member of ASM and past president), Debbie Gilmer and Jean Mason.

### Awards were given to:

Steve Reynolds, Big Moose Harley Davidson: *For dedication in supporting education for individuals with Autism Spectrum Disorder and their families.*

Michelle Hathaway, Margaret Murphy Center: *For her commitment and dedication in supporting education for individuals with Autism Spectrum Disorder and their families.*



Olive Garden Restaurant, Augusta: *For dedication and commitment for employing individuals with disabilities.*



The Martel Family: *For caring dedication as a family supporting an individual with Asperger's.*



Daniel Lambert, MPBN: *For dedication and commitment to Maine families and individuals living with autism.*

## Car Wash Fundraiser



The August 25th Autism benefit car wash, bake sale, and raffle at Leadbetter's Super Stop on Wilson Street in Brewer Maine was a huge success. We lost track of how many cars we washed as everyone worked tirelessly for over six hours. This event raised a total of \$526.50 from donations and sales from the baked goods

and raffle tickets. 100% of all money raised at this event was donated to the Autism Society of Maine. This was a greatly rewarding experience for everyone involved. Anná-Elizabeth Noddin.

*Thank You to all the people who gave their time, attention and donations to raise awareness for autism.*

## Autumn Ride for Autism - September 22, 2012

The Autism Society was contacted by the United Bikers of Oxford County Maine when they became aware of the needs of individuals with autism here in Maine. They wanted to get involved by planning an “Autumn Ride for Autism” fundraiser with ASM.

The event started L.A. Harley Davidson in Lewiston. The unfortunate weather conditions threatened to dampen the carefully laid plans, but eventually the rain cleared and riders were able to start their engines and head out for the ride and return for the festivities.

The Niki Hunt Band entertained everyone while a fabulous barbecue of chicken and pulled pork was enjoyed by all. Winners that had the best poker hand were given gift cards to the L.A. Harley Store. Even the “worst hand” received a prize!

A special thank you goes to the United Bikers of Maine bike committee for all their hard work. We would also like to thank Corporate Sponsors: Wal-Mart Distribution Center of Lewiston and John Story, owner of L.A. Harley Davidson, and his staff for making this event possible.



## 2013 Family Retreat Weekend

### Save This Date:

Family Retreat Weekend

July 19 – 21, 2013

St. Joseph's College

Registration forms will be available by April 1st for the annual Autism Family Retreat Weekend. Last year our new location was a great success. We will be back there again. Get ready for swimming, rock climbing, great food and family fun. We have limited availability so sign up early!



*By Deb Lipsky*

This morning I missed an email of confirmation that I was to be in Kennebunkport that afternoon. This was followed up by a phone call while I was having a leisurely breakfast telling me that I was expected at the appointed time. Of course I said I would be there. I hung up and realized it takes 5 hours to get there and if I left within 10 minutes I could conceivably barely make it in 5 hours. As an autistic person caught off guard, I reacted in the only appropriate manner my mind could conceive of,... I panicked!!! A 5 hour drive is always a 6 1/2 hour drive because I always make allowances (scripts) for potty breaks, gas, traffic, detours, etc. I would have to forgo my normal driving routine and just “wing it” (a phrase that strikes terror in the heart of a person with autism).

With not a moment to spare and my mind racing, I flew into the bedroom for a quick change of clothes. I grabbed my empty coffee mug and plate as I dashed out of the bedroom intending to put them in the kitchen sink on my way through to the bathroom where the laundry hamper was. With that task completed I passed back into the kitchen only to be greeted by my change of clothes piled up like Mount Everest towering high above the kitchen sink. Where were my breakfast dishes? In my haste I confused the sink with the laundry hamper and placed the dirty breakfast mug and plate in the refrigerator. How the fridge factored in that harried train of thought still remains a mystery to me as I write this article.

If that wasn't bad enough, all of a sudden my jeans began to slither up out of the sink. Having watched one horror movie too many I reacted accordingly; I shrieked at the top of my lungs. This solicited a violent reaction from my jeans which flew to the floor. Surely I was being haunted by some disembodied spirit needing pants. I began rebuking any demonic pant stealing entity present. Then with the utmost of bravery I used my foot to poke at the now motionless jeans laying on the floor. All of a sudden I caught a blur of black and white fur dash past me in complete terror. It was my poor cat (and not a spirit needing jeans) who thought he had found the mother of all snugly hiding places underneath my pants. We both took 10 years off our lives from that encounter. Still, I was in a rush to get out the door so no time to ponder if my cat who looked it was about to be eaten by a T-Rex would ever forgive or trust me again because of this encounter.

While driving I decided the best way to calm down from this feeling of being rushed was to think positive thoughts. My third book just released which is on spiritual warfare is an overnight success being sold in 32 countries. Focusing on all of this made me forget (or so I thought) the time crunch I was under.

I made it to the last turnpike rest area running on gas fumes. Normally I stop along the way and always top off my

truck (I generally never let it get below a half a tank), but this time I decided I could make up time by not stopping until I was pretty near empty. That alone raised my anxiety level. Thankfully there were no other cars at the gas station so I had my choice of which island to pull up to. I always do self serve (and I mean ALWAYS!), but in my haste I pulled up to the full serve pump by mistake. Not wanting to lose time I decided I would make the best of it autistic style. I jumped out of the truck racing to the pump before the attendant even noticed I was there. I grabbed the nozzle and began the process of pumping my own gas. The attendant waltzed over and said that I was at the full serve island so he would take over from here. I told him that for the moment I have commandeered the pump nozzle and now it is a temporarily self serve island at least until I was done. Remembering a quote from a NRA style bumper sticker I saw on the way down, I blurted out, “you can have this gas nozzle when you pry it out from my cold dead fingers”.

This created an awkward silence and tension between us as I kept a death grip on the pump nozzle to avoid any temptation on his part to wrestle back control. To divert his attention off from my coup de ta of a full service island I felt it best to enlighten him that I was an accomplished international author and not some crazy lady with a gas pumping fetish or death wish. I felt he would of believed me if I hadn't cut him off from the bucket containing cleaning fluid and squeegee yelling, “Don't touch my windshield, I don't want streaks!!! There is an art form to washing a windshield peppered with dead bugs so that it comes out spotless.” I felt it was my duty to give this poor guy a tutorial on the proper procedure of windshield cleaning with a squeegee. There is nothing worse than driving down the road looking out a front windshield smeared with bug guts from a poorly cleaned window. I had a captive audience since I hadn't paid for the gas yet.

Finally when I was satisfied with my windshield cleaning performance I paid the attendant and told him that I had no more time to chit chat with him (my way of being funny since I gave him a dissertation on the different properties of dried bug guts on windows). I opened the door of my double cab pickup to get in and noticed the attendant just stood there watching me get into the truck. He had this look of utter bewilderment. Surely it must be because I am a superstar author, or that he hails me as a windshield cleaning goddess. Maybe he was lonely and enjoyed the enlightening 1 way conversation between us. It wasn't til I sat down and shut the door that I realized that in my haste I had climbed into the backseat of the truck. Naturally I felt awfully foolish. No, actually I felt like a complete idiot. Trying to rescue a shred of dignity, I got back out, looked at the stunned attendant and said, “I think I will get to my destination faster if I drive.”  
Boy talk about feeling rushed!

## 11th Annual Walk for Autism

**April 28, 2013**

Locations: Bangor, Biddeford, Farmington and Presque Isle

Please join us this year for our annual Walk For Autism. Last year was fantastic, and we can't wait to see all the families and professionals again – from the teams to the bright colors of the t-shirts. Registration will be open by mid November. This year we will be drawing names to win an



I-PAD 2. For each person who registers and does an online donation of \$10, your name will be put into the drawing. Only one drawing per person, and we must have the online donation done by April 22 deadline. We will announce the winner at the walk.

Please visit our website to register for the walk.



## Portland Pirates Autism Awareness Night



In collaboration with Spurwink and Pine Tree Society the Autism Society of Maine will be celebrating Autism Awareness night with the Portland Pirates on Saturday April 20, 2013. Come out and enjoy a great hockey game and help celebrate the 20th Anniversary of the Portland Pirates.

To get discounted tickets please click here:

[www.formstack.com/forms/portlandpirates-AutismAwareness](http://www.formstack.com/forms/portlandpirates-AutismAwareness)

## 2013 Snow Softball Tournament

Save the Date!!

2nd Annual Snow Softball Tournament

June 22, 2013

Union Street Athletic Complex, Bangor

Team forms are now available upon request. Call ASM.



## Annual Membership Dues Coming Up in January!

Our annual membership drive will be held in January. You can renew your membership and update us on any changes that you would like us to know about. Please be sure to let us know if you would rather receive ASM's quarterly newsletter by mail or email.

Making an additional donation to the Autism Society of Maine at the same time you renew your membership is a great way to start your new year! All donations, big or small, are welcome. We appreciate each and every one.

## New Holiday Ornament



**\*New\* Holiday Ornaments at the ASM Store!**

Flat, shatter proof ornament featuring white snowflake on the front "Happy Holidays 2012" and on the back says "I love someone with autism".

Colors: Green, Blue and Red

\$8.00 each or 3 for \$20.00 & tax, shipping

See page 11 for more information or how to order

## Helping Parents of Kids with Autism Handle the Unique Challenges of the Holiday Season

The holiday season is a joyful time, but as we all know, it can also be incredibly stressful. Nobody appreciates this more than the parents and families of children with autism, who already face unique challenges.

Routines and structure are more difficult to maintain during the chaos of the holidays, and kids with autism must deal with new faces, places and a disruption of their schedules. And, since many children with autism are also sensitive to noise, touch and light, the din of the holidays can become disorienting and overwhelming. This can mean a new level of stress and anxiety.

The following are tips provided by medical experts, educators and families of kids with autism. Several of the professionals and parents are available to discuss these and other ideas for making the holidays more fun for everyone involved:

- Plan ahead whenever possible. Compile a list of activities that can help your child fill his or her time wherever you go.
- Use rehearsal and role play to give children practice ahead of time in dealing with new social situations, or work together to write a “social story” that incorporates all the elements of an upcoming event or visit to better prepare them for that situation.
- If you are going to visit family or friends, make sure there is a quiet, calm place for retreat.
- Keep an eye out for signs of anxiety or distress, including an increase in behaviors such as humming or rocking - they may indicate it’s time for a break.
- Engage kids with autism in repetitive activities such as stringing popcorn for trimming the tree.

- Practice unwrapping gifts ahead of time, which will help a child with autism learn the understanding and the meaning of gifts.
- Take toys and other gifts out of the box before wrapping them. It is more fun and less frustrating if a child with autism can open the gift and play with it immediately.
- Try to relax and have a good time. If you are tense your child may sense that something isn’t right.
- Get a list of gift ideas for relatives from your child’s teacher and therapists.
- Don’t shield your child from the extended family. Family members need to understand the challenges you face.
- Take pictures when you and your child trim the tree, visit relatives, open gifts, etc. Make a book about your holiday by gluing the pictures onto construction paper, writing a short sentence under each picture, and stapling the pages together. When someone asks your child a question regarding the holidays, your child can use the book as a visual cue to help tell about the things he or she did.

Tips provided by: Dr. Gary Goldstein, clinical scientific advisor for Autism Speaks and president and chief executive officer of the Kennedy Krieger Institute; Dr. Fred Volkmar, director of the Yale Developmental Disabilities Clinic; Dr. Melissa Nishawala, clinical director of the Autism Spectrum Disorders Service; Dr. John Brown, Director, Reed Academy; Dr. Ivy Feldman, educational director, The McCarton School; and Diane Marshall, mother of a son with autism.

Additional tips:

Stress Free Kids: <http://www.stressfreekids.com/10026/holidays-with-special-needs-children>

ASA: [http://www.poac-nova.org/stress/Autism%20Society%20of%20America\\_%20Holiday%20Tips%20for%20Families%20Living%20w...pdf](http://www.poac-nova.org/stress/Autism%20Society%20of%20America_%20Holiday%20Tips%20for%20Families%20Living%20w...pdf)

# 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. We take into consideration all requests that are made and appreciate the interest.

E-mail: [library@asmonline.org](mailto:library@asmonline.org) 1-800-273-5200 Online Library Page: [www.asmonline.org/library.asp](http://www.asmonline.org/library.asp)

## **An Exceptional Children's Guide to Touch: Teaching Social and Physical Boundaries to Kids (Children's Book)**

By Hunter Manasco

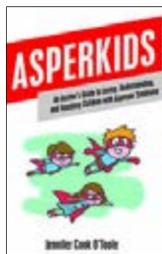
Each story covers a different type of touch from accidental to friendly to hurtful and will help children understand how boundaries change depending on the context. It explores when and where it is okay to touch other people, when and where other people can touch you, why self touching sometimes needs to be private, and what to do if touch feels inappropriate. 72 pages, illustrations.



## **Asperkids: An Insider's Guide to Loving, Understanding and Teaching Children with Asperger Syndrome**

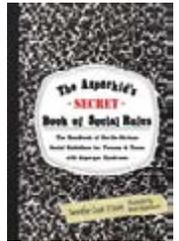
By Jennifer Cook O'Toole

This book is full of effective and fun ways of engaging with children with Asperger syndrome. Jennifer explains how theory-of-mind difficulties create the need for concrete forms of communication, and provides original methods to inspire imagination through sensorial experiences. In particular she reveals the untapped power of special interests, showing how to harness these interests to encourage academic, social and emotional growth. 192 pages



## **The Asperkid's (Secret) Book of Social Rules: The Handbook of Not-So-Obvious Social Guidelines for Tweens and Teens with Asperger Syndrome (Youth Book) By Jennifer Cook O'Toole**

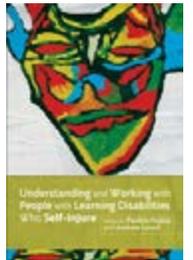
The Asperkid's (Secret) Book of Social Rules offers witty insights into baffling social codes such as making and keeping friends, and common conversation pitfalls. Ideal for all 10-17 year olds with Asperger syndrome, this book provides inside information on over thirty social rules helping Asperkids to navigate the mysterious world around them. 280 pages; illustrations



## **Understanding and Working with People with Learning Disabilities Who Self-injure**

Edited by Pauline Heslop and Andrew Lovell

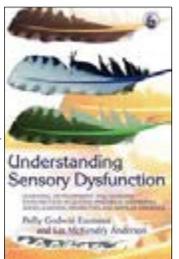
Drawing on psychoanalytic and social theory to provide practical guidelines for more sustained and effective support. It suggests that motivations for self-injury may be similar for people with and without learning disabilities, and draws on case work examples to suggest person-centred techniques that encourage communication – particularly important with people who do not use verbal communication - and recovery.



## **Understanding Sensory Dysfunction: Learning, Development and Sensory Dysfunction in Autism Spectrum Disorders, ADHD, Learning Disabilities and Bipolar Disorder**

By Polly Godwin Emmons and Liz McKendry Anderson

Authors explain the causes, contributing factors, symptoms and associated behaviors of sensory dysfunction, particularly when found in conditions such as autism spectrum disorders (ASDs), ADHD and bipolar disorder. Focusing on early intervention, they provide a host of tried and tested integration activities, assessment and curricular modifications, treatment options and useful equipment and resources that ultimately aim to limit or prevent the interference of sensory dysfunction with successful learning, socialization and skills development. 176 pages



## **Voices from the Spectrum: Parents, Grandparents, Siblings, People with Autism, and Professionals Share Their Wisdom**

Edited by Cindy N. Ariel and Robert A. Naseef

The broad scope of this book presents insights into the autism spectrum from many different perspectives - from first-hand accounts of the autistic child's school and childhood experiences to parents' and grandparents' reactions to a diagnosis. A number of chapters written by professionals explain their motivations for working with autistic people and reveal what they have learned from their work and how it has affected their lives. The contributors describe experiences of autism from the mildest to the most severe case, and share their methods of adapting to life on the spectrum. 272 pages



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Velo Grande

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

The Autism Society of Maine is a statewide nonprofit organization that for over 36 years has served Maine individuals with autism and their families, professionals, and communities by providing education, advocacy, referrals, and resource development. We rely on donations and fund-raisers to help cover the cost of our programs and activities that bring awareness and community to individuals and families affected by ASD. Here's how you can help:

- 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](http://www.asmonline.org/involved_donations.asp)
- Memorial donations to the Society in memory of a friend or loved-one may also be made at: [http://www.asmonline.org/involved\\_donations.asp](http://www.asmonline.org/involved_donations.asp)
- Donations through Network For Good may be made at: <https://www.networkforgood.org/donate/process/expressDonation.aspx?ORGID2=%2001-0407346>
- Donations through United Way can be directed to the Autism Society of Maine. For more information, visit: [http://www.asmonline.org/involved\\_donations\\_united\\_way.asp](http://www.asmonline.org/involved_donations_united_way.asp)
- Host a fund-raiser with proceeds going to ASM. Some of the past and current fund-raisers have included: Avon, Pampered Chef parties, Mary Kay parties, bake sales at events, selling autism awareness items at conferences or craft events, selling holiday wreaths, selling T-shirts. If any of these fund-raisers interest you, please call us for more information.

For other ways to contribute, contact us at [asm@asmoline.org](mailto:asm@asmoline.org). Thank you for supporting our mission!

### Become a Member!

The Autism Society of Maine invites you to join families and professionals in the pursuit of knowledge about autism spectrum disorders, treatments and support for Maine children and adults with autism.

You may register online at:

[www.asmonline.org/involved\\_joinasm.asp](http://www.asmonline.org/involved_joinasm.asp)

or call ASM at 1-800-273-5200

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