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Improving the Lives of All Affected by Autism
Maine

Maine Autism

11th Annual Walk for Autism

by Susan Vincent

Teams were formed, families got together, and classmates and colleagues walked together in support of autism awareness and the Autism Society of Maine. It was a beautiful spring day and everyone was happy to be outside in the sunshine!

We are excited to announce that over \$50,000 was raised by 1,000 participants! Amazing!

Walk locations were held at: The University of New England, Biddeford, University College of Bangor, Farmington Fairgrounds and Presque Isle Middle School.

This event is ASM's biggest fundraiser of the year and vital to our being able to fulfill our mission: "To provide education and resources to support the valued lives of individuals on the autism spectrum and their families." Funds from this event also make ASM's "Camp Summit" possible at no cost for families with children with autism.

It has become a custom for many to design their team or family t-shirts in honor of someone with autism or to distinguish their team. It is one of our favorite elements of the event, and we look forward to seeing their creativity each year!

First responders are invited from the community of each Walk location. This makes a great opportunity for parents to express their concerns, ask questions, and most importantly, to introduce themselves as a friendly

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presence to the children.

We also invited TV. stations and newspaper reporters to cover this important event. Channel 5 WABI was present in Bangor to talk with ASM and interview parents.

The Bangor and Farmington locations welcomed vendors to share their resources. Keeping in mind it was a fun family event, they had made a great effort to have fun giveaways for the families. Community Health and Counseling & Stillwater Academy even had crafts for the children to do. Race Car Driver Travis Dunbar came to the Farmington Walk with his race car and graciously let the children climb in and around it! At the Biddeford walk students did face painting and gave balloons to the children.

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Team Izzie, Farmington Walk

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President's Message

It is hard to believe that enough time has passed for me to be writing a new newsletter message. Since you last heard from me, the staff and Board have continued to be busy. Most recently, we ended a series of successful activities related to Autism Awareness Month throughout the month of April.



We held our 4-location ASM Walk for Autism and were pleased with the wonderful turnout. Thank you to all of you who were able to participate. On the same day of our walks, ASM was recognized at the Red Sox Autism Awareness Game. Our appreciation goes to Board members Mike Lamoreau, John Duguay, Laurie Raymond along with Laurie's son for being available at Fenway Park for the day of the game.

In addition to these fun-filled events, ASM held trainings for new Autism Information Specialists (AIS), was engaged in a number of media activities, and launched our new press release. The press release aired throughout the month on a number of media outlets and is available along with other new informational videos on ASM's website at www.asmonline.org.

I also have good news related to activities at the Legislature. A Bill that would have expanded the requirement for insurance coverage of autism services for individuals through the age of 21 made it through committee. While the Bill did not pass, the public hearing on the matter resulted in a resolve requiring that the impacts of such an insurance mandate be studied, with the outcomes of the study being reported back to the Legislature. Since Bills such as mandates to insurance companies often fail to make it through the legislative process, this is good news. Meanwhile, the requirement that insurance coverage is provided for such services for individuals through the age of five remains in effect.

Other good news from the Legislature is the Employment First Maine Bill. The Bill reflects State level support and systems level direction to advance employment opportunities for all those with disabilities; a first step in the move toward improving employment outcomes for those with autism and others. The Bill has strong bipartisan support, including acknowledged support from the current Governor, as well as the support of a wide range of disability groups. Hopefully, by the time you read this message the Bill will have passed in the Legislature.

As always, ASM will continue to keep you informed of our activities and other developments throughout the State that impact the lives of those with autism.

Happy Spring,

Janine Collins, President

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.

2nd Softball Tournament for Autism

June 22, 2013

Union Street Athletic Complex
Bangor

Games start at 9:00 am and will go throughout the day

Join us on June 22 for the 2nd Annual Softball Tournament for Autism. There will be 12 teams with over 144 individuals participating in this event. Bring your family to watch the game or support your favorite team. There will be hamburgers and hotdogs for lunch (small fee) and activities for the kids.

There are raffle tickets for sale with some fantastic prizes: 2 adult lift tickets to Sugarloaf, pearl necklace, large tool box, meal certificates from Bugaboo Creek, Chilis, Kobe Ninja House Japanese Grill, Hero's Sports Grill, and many more.

If you're interested in volunteering for this event call ASM at 1-800-273-5200



Ruby Tuesday's Community Giveback Program

June 22, 23, 24
663 Stillwater Ave.
Bangor, ME

Visit the Ruby Tuesday restaurant in Bangor on any one of these days and present your server with this special flyer, and 20% of your total purchase (no alcohol) will be donated to the Autism Society of Maine.

Don't forget to print out your flyer:

<http://view.rubytuesdayrestaurants.com/?j=fe581774766c0d787214&m=feb915797d6d0278&ls=fdc01570736101787210757662&l=fe9115797064067a73&s=fd515767c670d7e73177176&jb=ff2112777c6c&ju=fe2c167974600275741771&r=0>

2013 Family Retreat Weekend

Please join us at St. Joseph's College in Standish on July 19, 20, 21 for our Annual Family Retreat Weekend. Each year families come together for a weekend of sharing, laughing, and crying. We all have so much on our plates from work, school, and everyday life that we need some time to just relax. You will have a chance to meet other parents, attend workshops or just take a walk.

This year's entertainment is Frogtown Mountain Puppteers! Our theme is "Let's Have a Carnival".

Many families have already signed up, but we still have room for more. Looking forward to seeing new families along with our regulars!



April Awareness Month

April is nationally recognized as Autism Awareness month. It is an opportunity to highlight Autism Awareness in the community. Many events and fundraisers were planned to enable families to get together, have fun, and fundraise in support of autism. Schools took this opportunity to educate staff with ASM's Autism Information Specialists and, in turn, teachers educated their students about autism with activities and presentations. Autism Awareness Bulletin boards sprung up all around schools and communities in Maine.

Autism Awareness Packets - 100 packets including flyers, brochures, posters and awareness ribbons were distributed across the state to display on bulletin boards at schools, stores, libraries and workplaces to help educate about autism.



UCP Bulletin Board

"Dance for Autism" – The Studio for the Living Arts Dance held a fundraiser supporting ASM featuring a showcase of dance performers.

Portland Pirates Autism Awareness Night – This game featured the Portland Pirates VS Connecticut Whales.

Dinner, Dance and Auction – This fundraising event was hosted by the Sanford Elks Lodge to benefit ASM.

Ruby Tuesday Giveback Program – This was an opportunity for diners to have a percentage of their purchase go to ASM.

Puzzle Pin Fundraising Sale – Students at Coastal Ridge Elementary School made pins with painted puzzle pieces and sold them to benefit ASM.

Sensory Friendly Movie Event "The Croods" – John F. Murphy, Executive Director Peter Kowalski donated \$1,032 to Lewiston/Auburn rotary for families to attend the annual movie event. ASM registered all families and appreciated the donation from both agencies.



Autism Awareness Day at the Red Sox

While many were taking part in our annual Walk for Autism on Sunday April 28th, ASM board members Jon Duguay, Laurie Raymond (with her son Kevin), and Mike Lamoreau took part in pre-game Maine Day Ceremonies at Fenway Park. The Red Sox celebrated Autism Awareness in a big way and showed all of us a wonderful time. Six young Mainers on the Autism Spectrum took on special roles: Garrett Gray was given the honor of throwing out

by Mike Lamoreau



the ceremonial first pitch and Addy Bowden announced "Play Ball!" to a stupendous applause. Tre Muncey and Haley Adams were also on hand as bat boy and bat girl which included a full tour of what that job includes prior to the game starting. During the game Dawson Martel and Jacob Hodgkins announced a player coming up to bat. Our seats were very good, and the Sox won an excellent game. I commend the Boston Red Sox for a tremendous effort to increase awareness of autism.



ASM's Public Service Announcement

A Public Service Announcement (PSA) was created for ASM by Dan Lambert, Producer & Graphic Designer, to inform the public about our services and programs. This PSA was played throughout the month of April on channel WCSH 6 Portland, WABI 5 Bangor, and WAGM 8 Presque Isle.

“Living with Autism” – Dan Lambert also produced a series of videos featuring local families and their personal stories of having a child with autism. They share insight about the first signs of autism that their child had and how their child has since progressed. We appreciate the following families for devoting their time and sharing their stories: Degen Family, Norton Family and Poore Family.

“Living with Autism Adult Story” - Janine Collins, President Board Director President of ASM, talks about some of the issues and solutions for adults on the autism spectrum.

“Autism and Law Enforcement” - Matt Brown, U.S. Probation Officer, is an Autism Information Specialist with ASM and the parent of a teenage son on the autism spectrum. Matt explains the importance of educating first responders about the unique challenges they may have dealing with someone with autism.

“Autism Society of Maine” - Cathy Dionne, Director of Programs and Administration, talks about programs and services that are available to families, professionals and individuals on the autism spectrum in Maine. She also shares a glimpse into her own family story and how she came to be involved with ASM.



All of these videos can be seen on ASM's YouTube channel

<https://www.youtube.com/user/AutismSocietyofME>

Find us on Facebook!

The Autism Society of Maine has a wonderful Facebook Community including parents, professionals, individuals and anyone interested in autism. If you are not already a friend of our Facebook page, we welcome you to join us! It is a friendly and positive place to keep you in the loop of happenings/events, information and news. Watch the news feed, meet new friends, communicate with ASM staff and share your experiences!



“Like” our page! Find us on Facebook at: <http://www.facebook.com/pages/Autism-Society-Of-Maine/107781499258293>

7th Annual Ride for Autism

**September 21, 2013
Conservation Trust
Kennebunkport, ME**

Show your Support and “Ride for Autism!”

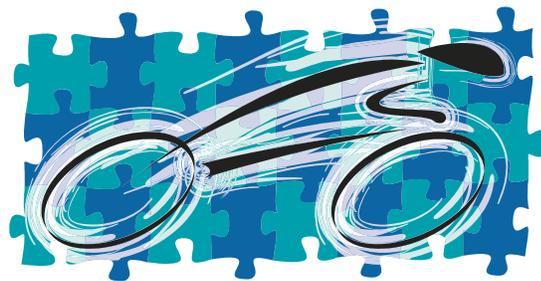
This ride is open to all levels of cyclists. Participants choose from three routes ranging in length from 10, 25, and 50 miles that wind through beautiful Kennebunkport with ocean views. Each ride is clearly marked and accompanied by a committee member for any help that may be needed.

We take great care of our riders and make sure there are plenty of bottled waters, sport drinks, fruit and sport bars available before and throughout the event. A barbeque lunch is planned with prizes and music at noon.

Donations are Needed! Raffle Prizes, gift certificates, gift baskets, or any suitable product you could donate to us would be much appreciated for this event!

Please visit our online registration site for more information or to register:

<http://www.firstgiving.com/ASMMMAINE/ride-for-autism-2013>



 Ride for Autism 

11th Annual Walk for Autism (continued from front page)

Special thank you to our volunteers that helped to make this event a huge success! We appreciate your help immensely and couldn't have done it without you!

Biddeford – Darlene Lepoff, Janine Collins, Lynda Mazzola, Melissa Curran with Alpha Phi Omega Club, Lynda Mazzola, and UNE staff and students.

Farmington – Susan Vincent, Nancy Pozetti-Dyer, Sherry Pike, Jane Brennan, Linsey Palmer, Katie Beach, Emily Harris, Silas Lurette, Winter Parsons, Emily Knowles, Destiny Dagle, Dionica Robinson, Leilani Gardon and Jean Mason with all of her family volunteers.

Presque Isle – Cathy Cyr, Robin Thurston, and Meaghan Swanson with her family.

Bangor – Justine Bickford, Joella Michaud with her family, Community Health and Counseling, Frank Spinney with Stillwater Academy, Jeanna Mehnert with her family, Louise Magoon, Irene Reynolds, Sandy Buck, Lois Pooler, Cassidy Hamm, Olivia Hamm, Lisa Wilson, Geraldine Jackson, Kristen Engstrom, Ashley Boyies, and DJ Engstrom.

Extra Walk t-shirts are being sold. See store items in this newsletter or at ASM's online store: <https://www.asmonline.org:4441/productcart/pc/home.asp>

Photos of the Walk For Autism event can be viewed:
Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/pages/Autism-Society-Of-Maine/107781499258293>

Online Photo Gallery: <http://www.asmonline.org/gallery.asp>

Channel 5 WABI coverage:
<http://www.wabi.tv/news/39659/hundreds-come-out-for-eleventh-annual-walk-for-autism-in-bangor>



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Children Say the Darndest Things

By Deb Lipsky

I want to apologize for this edition's abbreviated story but these last few days I have been suffering from a terrible infection in my hand brought on by a minor injury while doing some gardening. While worrying about what to write and more importantly how to write with one hand out of commission, while waiting to be seen by the doctor, inspiration sat down next to me in the form of a child.

It is no secret that I am very uncomfortable around small children especially those in diapers and training pants. To me they are walking little petri dishes leaking out of every orifice. I try to freeze up and throw out every non verbal cue that I want to be left alone and that I am not kid friendly. Just like "Miss Kitty" who deliberately seeks out the only person in the room who doesn't like cats, small children just like a cat do the same to me. Of all the happy smiling people sitting all around them, they pick on me as if I pose some great challenge that they need to conquer. I am particularly not fond of parents bringing their babies to the doctors wearing only a diaper. I have witnessed some very explosive "poo-namies" come out of their little bottoms and bubble up over the "leak guard protection barriers" on the diaper like some gross lava flow. No matter what I am there to see the doctor for (even if it is for arthritis pain), if I witness such an "eruption" I can be sure to always add retching and vomiting to my list of symptoms when the doctor says, "And what brings you in to see me today?"

It started out innocently today enough with this 4 year old sitting by my side and asking her mom (who was holding a toddler) a zillion questions. The toddler was screaming and wailing over some unseen injustice thereby interrupting her queries. The shrill ear piercing shrieks annoyed even the little

girl who turned to me and with a pouting expression said, "My mommy said my little brother came from heaven, and I can see why they threw him out!"

Immediately I began to chuckle. She was obviously very frustrated and it isn't nice to laugh but I couldn't help it. Not wanting to encourage more conversation I told her that maybe if she prayed quietly God would calm down her brother. It was kind of novel to see her fold her hands as she quietly started her prayer conversation with God. As the toddler kept on with his wailing and gnashing of the teeth, the little girl began to raise her voice in competition with his screaming. She looked at me innocently and said in between prayer requests of all sorts, "I want to be sure God can hear me over all this racket!"

She finished up her prayer request saying in a bold deep voice, "Dear God, please take away the bad cold my little brother has, and also please take care of Mommy and Daddy, me, and Max (her dog). Oh and I don't want to forget, please take care of yourself also because if anything happens to you God, we will all be in big trouble!!!"

Her ending prayer just made me laugh. Her mom looked over to me and said that her husband was a pastor and the screaming little munchkin was going through the terrible two's. I just looked back at her and said sincerely, "Whenever I have even a shred of regret of never have having had any children, I like to come to such a place where there are lots of screaming little toddlers and sit here until that moment of regret passes. It never takes very long."

And with that the nurse called me in to be seen.

How People with Autism Grieve, and How to Help

Deb Lipsky's latest book - coming July 2013

The book is an honest, first-hand account of how people with autism deal with the loss of someone in their life. Unlike the non-autistic response, people with autism, when faced with overwhelming or stressful situations, will favour solitude over sharing their emotions, tend to focus on special interests, and become extremely logical, often not expressing any emotion. This behavior often leads to the belief that people with autism lack empathy, which is far from the case. Through the description of personal experience, and case studies, the book explores how people with autism feel and express the loss of a loved one, how they process and come to terms with their

feelings of grief, and offers practical and detailed advice to parents and care-givers on a range of sensitive issues. These include clear instructions on how best to support someone with autism through the grieving process, how to prepare them for bad news, how to break the bad news, how to involve them in the funeral or wake, and how best to respond to later reactions. The final chapter explores the issue of why children and teens with autism can be drawn to death as a special interest, and explains that the interest is not normally a morbid one.

Award Nominations

Do you know people who should be recognized for their contributions to an individual on the autism spectrum or providing services in the field? If so, nominate them for an award. If you would like to nominate someone, please call ASM for more information @ 1-800-273-5200.

If we select your nominee, we will invite both you and him/her to our Annual Meeting in the fall to receive the award. Help us honor individuals for each of the following categories:

- Professionals (those not in the field, but contributing to the field)
- Family Members or Persons with Autism
- Professionals Providing Services
- Autism Society of Maine Service Award



Autumn Ride for Autism

Autumn Ride for Autism
September 14, 2013
Main St., Lewiston, ME

Kick up your kickstand and join us at the Annual Autumn Motorcycle Fundraiser hosted by the United Bikers of Oxford County and L.A. Harley of Lewiston to benefit the Autism Society of Maine.

There will be a barbeque lunch, music, t-shirts and prizes after the ride!

More information will be posted in May on the ASM website: www.asmonline.org



Nominations for ASM Board of Directors

The Autism Society of Maine is now accepting nominations to our Board of Directors. Your nomination is important to help build a board of directors comprised of qualified people throughout the State of Maine who are able to dedicate time and effort to better the services available to persons with autism and their families.

Please be aware that these are working positions and as such the following expectations must be considered. To be a member of the Board of Directors of the Autism Society of Maine a person:

- **Must be a current member of the National Autism Society & ASM**
- **Must be willing to attend all board meetings (unless just cause can be demonstrated)**
- **Is expected to be active on at least one subcommittee**
- **Must be willing to commit to the two year term**

If you are interested, please call ASM @ 1-800-273-5200 or you may download the application from the following link.
http://www.asmonline.org/pdf/board_application.pdf

J.O.Y (Jumpstart Our Youth) - A JMG Program

Messalonskee, Waterville, and Winslow High School plus Winslow and Waterville Junior High students were being trained in the grant making process and researching and learning the needs of local non-profits that serve the community. ASM received a request for proposal and invited to give a presentation stating our cause, presented by Deb Sodoma, ASM Autism Information Specialist.

ASM was chosen to receive this \$1,000 Grant and accepted by Cathy Dionne, Director of Programs and Administration.



Welcome to the Autism Society of Maine Library!



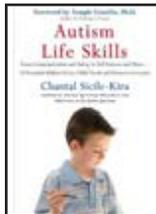
Library materials can be borrowed two items at a time for two weeks (not including mailing time), and renewed if there is not a waiting list. If you are not able to visit the library in person, materials can be mailed to you and return postage will be included for your convenience. You do not have to 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 1-800-273-5200 Online Library Page: www.asmonline.org/library.asp

Autism Life Skills by Chantal Sicile-Kira

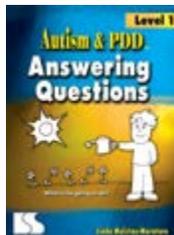
Covers essential abilities a child can learn; making sense of the world, communication, safety, self-esteem, pursuing interests, self-regulation, independence, social relationships, self-advocacy and earning a living. 198pgs.



Autism & PDD Answering Questions Level 1 by Linda Mulstay-Muratore

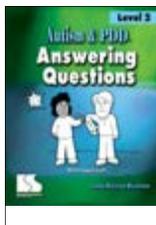
This resource helps students answer questions by picturing the concepts behind them. Each page has one picture (drawing) and one question that relates to it.

Ages: 3-5 Grades: Pre-K-K . Product of Lingu Systems Includes CD; 191 pgs.



Autism & PDD Answering Questions Level 2 by Linda Mulstay-Muratore

Children with ASD find it easier to answer questions with this book that uses highly-visual content to help them picture the concepts behind the questions. Each page has one picture (drawing) and one question that relates to it. Ages: 5-9 Grades:K-4 - Product of Lingu Systems Includes CD; 196 pgs.



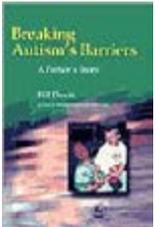
A Work In Progress by Ron Leaf & John McEachin, Editors

Introduction for parents & teachers to Applied Behavioral Analysis (ABA). Step by step instructions on how to start an effective ABA program; introduction to Intensive Behavioral Intervention for behavioral challenges. The second half of the book is a step-by-step Discrete Trial Curriculum. 344pgs.



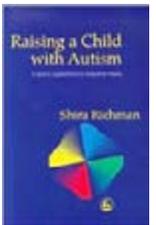
Breaking Autism's Barriers; A Father's Story by Bill Davis

Bill Davis is the father of Chris, who has autism. Breaking Autism's Barriers: A Father's Story chronicles Bill's fight to overcome the physical, emotional, public, educational, and therapeutic obstacles to his son's disorder. 399pgs.



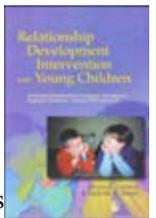
Raising a Child with Autism by Shira Richman

A guide to Applied Behavior Analysis (ABA) for parents. Parents can adapt the practical techniques used in ABA for use at home. Tips and guidelines to increase play skills, improve communication and sibling interactions and increase independence. 173pgs.



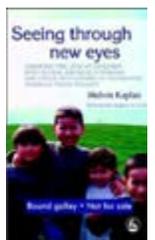
Relationship Development Intervention with Young Children by Steven E. Gutstein & Rachelle K. Sheely

Designed for younger children, typically between the ages of two and eight, this comprehensive set of activities emphasizes foundation skills such as social referencing, regulating behavior, conversational reciprocity and synchronized actions. Parents, Schools and Therapeutic Settings. 331pgs.



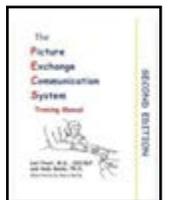
Seeing Through New Eyes by Melvin Kaplan

Dr. Kaplan identifies common ASD symptoms such as hand-flapping, poor eye contact and tantrums as typical responses to the confusion caused by vision disorder and difficulties that people with autism experience with "ambient vision," including a lack of spatial awareness and trouble with coordination. 208pgs.



The Picture Exchange Communication System Training Manual by Lori Frost and Andy Bondy

The Picture Exchange Communication System (PECS) is an augmentative/alternative communication training package developed for use with young children with autism and other social- communication deficits. Illustrations; 396pgs.



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.

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Donations / Fundraisers

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United Bikers of Maine, Inc *2012 Autumn Ride for Autism*
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Tower Group Companies *Staff Jeans Day Fundraiser*
Lewiston-Auburn Rotary Club *Free Movie Event "The Croods"*
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Bates Mill Dermatology *Bill Bishop Photographs*
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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
- 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
- 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
- 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. 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:

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