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“Reality Calling”

by Lisa Vaillancourt

I’m probably the only mother on the face of the planet that does not say to her kid, “put away that phone.” No, really. I’m THRILLED to see Alex’s eyes down, scanning his screen and doing what almost every other 18-year-old in the world is doing! In fact, it took us over a year to convince him that he should have a phone.

It’s an understatement to say that our guy is a creature of habit. To put this all into some perspective ~ just the change of seasons used to elicit massive anxiety attacks. Sameness keeps his life, his entire being, calm. He still has a Gameboy (that he’s had since his 9th birthday). We bought him a Nintendo DS several years later so he could upgrade. He thanked us, but made us return it. He was content with his Gameboy. He recently purchased a new screen for it. Yes, you can still find these. After he finished installing it, he said, “Look. Just like new.”

He still has a portable CD player. Many years ago we tried to show him how much easier it would be to have an iPod ~ that he wouldn’t have to lug around a case of CDs, worry about batteries, etc. We even had his brother download a video onto his iPod so that Alex could see that the possibilities went far beyond music. We basically had to force him to sit and watch ten seconds of it. “No, thank you. I like my CDs (and portable DVD player).”

A few years ago we started to plant the seed of making a phone part of his life. He was almost seventeen and our desire for him to have it was primarily to increase his independence and for safety. We wanted him to be able to go to a different aisle of the store without one of us hovering near him all the time. If we ever got separated from him, we needed a way for him to connect with us and us with him (other than our tried and true method of screaming his name

while running frantically to every aisle we think he might be in). He wanted no part of it. “No, thank you. I’ll be fine.”

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Then his brother, Patrick, got an iPhone. Alex loves his big brother, but technology always seems to bring their interactions to a whole new “cool” level. Just as Patrick had gone to Alex for his photography and videography expertise when setting up his business, so Patrick became the go-to guy for Alex’s iPhone questions. He started to read up on apps and ALL the possibilities that came with them. I think the day that changed his entire outlook was when he saw Patrick looking online for a better price of an item while we were standing in the aisle of a store. For a kid who loves facts and information, the possibility of having the internet at his fingertips 24/7 was the Holy Grail.

Shortly after his high school graduation last spring, Alex came to us and said, “I think I’m ready for a phone.” He has had his iPhone now (that he paid



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President's Message

Laughter, popcorn, balloons, friends, family and community! These words describe some of the happenings at the 12th annual Walk For Autism at the University of New England site. Throughout the day, I was reminded again and again that this event is so much more than a walk. It is a welcoming, unconditionally supportive event where extended families, community members and individuals with ASD come together. It was heartwarming to see the many teams, surrounding an individual. I had the pleasure to speak with a number of parents, grandparents, siblings, teachers, caregivers and natural supports. All came with the same purpose, to increase awareness of autism and show support.



This year's theme, A Better World for Autism, was realized at the University of New England site, and across the state at each site. My sincere thanks to all who walked, sponsored, volunteered or cheered on others. Hope to see you all next year!

I will close by letting folks know that our President, Janine Collins, rejoins us later this month, so you can anticipate her submission in the next newsletter.

Enjoy this beautiful weather! Laurie

ASM Annual Awards

ASM is now accepting award nominations

Do you know someone who deserves some recognition? Maybe a teacher, in home worker, or someone who has touched the lives of many individuals with autism. ASM wants to celebrate these people at our Annual Meeting held in October.

Here are the award categories:

Professionals (*not in the field of autism, but contributing to it*)

Family Members or Persons with Autism

Professionals Providing Services

Please note that each category has specific criteria, and that information is available by contacting ASM. The nomination forms will be reviewed by the Award Nominations committee and final decisions will be made prior to the ASM Annual Meeting. Awards will be given out at the ASM Annual Meeting.

If would like to nominate someone, contact info@asmonline.org or call 1-800-273-5200.



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“Reality Calling” (continued from cover)

for on his own) for about seven months. You might recall that I described him as being calm when things are status quo. Well, not long after purchasing his iPhone, the upgrade message from iOS 6 to iOS 7 popped up and Alex clicked on it. He was consumed with anxiety when he saw that the look of his phone set-up and apps changed. He spent a lot of time researching how he could go back to iOS 6, watched tutorials, and probably would have taken the phone apart if he had found some directions telling him that would bring it back to how it was when he bought it. It was not a happy scene in our house. Several weeks later, with Alex standing in the room, I finally called Apple customer service, explained my unique situation, and asked the tech to give me specific, logical reasons why my son could/should not go back to iOS 6. Give the kid the facts, especially if they include possible security threats to his phone and its contents, and then he's able to at least try to calm down to consider the options. Thank you, Mr. Apple tech for saving my life that day and easing my kid's anxiety.

And, with Alex's iPhone it's all about the apps. He is, basically, an app expert. He came out of a public restroom one day and informed me that Sound Hound determined what song was playing in there. Um, how convenient?

You might recall I said that one of the reasons we wanted him to have a phone in the first place was to become more independent. How's this for being self-sufficient: Several weeks after he bought his phone, he and I were on a trip. We had stopped into a bookstore and were standing in line so he could pay for a book. I saw him looking at a rack of gift cards. He chose a \$50 iTunes card, turned to me and said, "I'm using my own money to buy this so that I can get apps for my phone."

One of his apps scans food nutrition labels. For the past year, he has maintained a 65 lb. weight loss. I can't tell you how many people have asked him his secret. "Eat less. Exercise more," is always his matter-of-fact answer. It appears that the apps keep him on track as well.

Just the other day he informed me that he needed to buy another iTunes card to put on his account. He doesn't drive (yet ~ that will be another story for another milestone, I'm sure), so I took him to the store to buy it. By the way, he completes these transactions entirely on his own. I'm

thrilled that he stands in line, waits his turn, carries on a polite conversation with the cashier, produces his payment and counts to make sure he's received exact change. This took several years to teach him. Now, he's using these skills to buy something that makes his life enjoyable and useful. This makes me giddy!

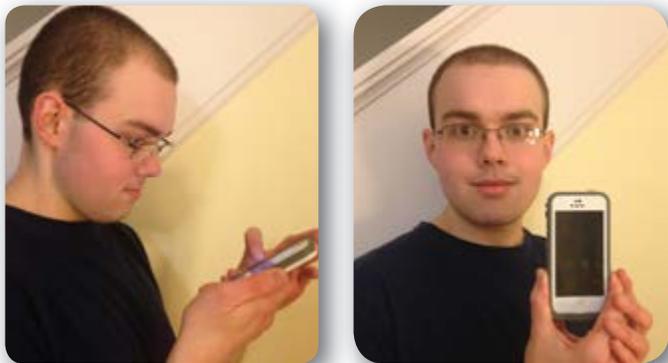
About two hours after buying this latest iTunes card, he told me that he had already downloaded something - an iBook! WHAT? Who are you and what have you done with my son who likes things the same? The kid who has shelves and bins of books and finds true comfort in holding one and turning the pages? It seems he has discovered the technical option of downloading a book with video clips!

While I sometimes feel very guilty for some of the traits my kid inherited from, or adopted by, watching yours truly, I am quite proud of the fact that he is a bargain hunter. Recently, he, his dad and I were looking for a replacement screen for his electric shaver. Dad and I were ready to buy a whole new shaver (same exact model because we know our kid), since the replacements screen/blades were almost as expensive. Have I talked yet about how Alex likes things the same? He wanted no part of the new shaver and was ready to make his case. He got on his iPhone, searched replacement screen/blade kits, and found one for half the cost with free shipping on Amazon. We ordered it when we got home. THAT'S my boy!

I joined the 21st century when my guys got me an iPhone for Christmas. I don't know who was more thrilled - I or Alex. My older son suggested I lock my phone so that Alex wouldn't be tempted to make changes to it (if he didn't think my apps were up to par). It took him just a few weeks to figure out my password. Recently, when I got an upgrade message on my phone, I asked Alex about it. He immediately informed me that it was iOS 7.06 and rattled off the reasons why it was okay for me to click on the upgrade. Phew! Glad there's an expert in the house. I should probably also ask him for more secure password suggestions.

While he has a massive vocabulary and is very articulate, don't call him expecting to just chat. He doesn't really get the point of small talk and, therefore, hates it. Politely, but in no uncertain terms, he will also tell a caller just that. (Luckily, his circle of callers includes those who already know this). Basically, tell him why you're calling, give him the information or share whatever funny anecdote you want to tell him, and get off the phone. It's perfectly okay for him to explain, in great detail, something that he wants to tell you, but don't bore him with your small talk. You've been warned.

The moral of this story is that it has taken sixteen years of good, old-fashioned hard work and determination for Alex to finally reach the point where, on his own, he can make the call (pun intended) on when he's ready to tackle something new. There will never be an app for that.



Alex and his iPhone

12th Annual Walk for Autism - April 27th 2014



On Sunday, April 27th, the Walk for Autism was held in four locations across the state: The University of Maine at Augusta in Bangor, the University of New England in Biddeford, the Farmington Fairgrounds and the Presque Isle Middle School. Over 1,000 participants walked in support of autism.

Although each of the four Walk location was unique with different activities the one thing that remained

the same was enthusiasm and a sense of comradeship!

We are so pleased to announce that the total amount raised is over \$53,000! This will help ASM to continue to provide programs, events, education, and autism awareness of Autism Spectrum Disorders in Maine.

This year ASM had two schools approach us to also participate in our Walk for Autism.

Belfast Area High School wanted to show its support by coming together to Walk for Autism. Allison Pooler took the lead for the school to organize the event along with Karen Gorris-Hicock. They decided to hold the walk on the same day as all of the other walks. With over 45 people participating they raised \$1,977. Well done! They are looking forward to next year's walk.....

Mt. Desert Island High School Senior Chris Heel focused his senior project on autism. Being on the spectrum himself, it was his way to give back to the community that supported him for years. He planned his own walk for autism on May 4th in his hometown of Northeast Harbor. He went to local business owners to raise money for t-shirts. He had a wonderful showing of support with 160 people in attendance and raised a total of \$2,847.98. Way to go Chris! Another walk will be planned for next year on May 3, 2015.....



THANK YOU!!

Thank you to our numerous teams & participants, volunteers, first responders, sponsors, media, and vendors. Your helping hand and presence made all the difference.

Each Walk location had team leaders who played a HUGE part in the success of the event. Our appreciation and gratitude goes to:

*Cathy Dionne and Justine Bickford - Bangor
Darlene Lepoff and Susan Vincent - Biddeford
Jean Mason & Family and Nancy Ponzetti-Dyer - Farmington
Maehgan Swanson - Presque Isle*

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Top Fundraising Team!

Team Nora \$2,653.45 (Bangor Walk)

This year was the first time my family has ever walked in the Annual Autism Walk - what an awesome time we had involving family and friends to raise money and walk along with us. My daughter, Nora, was diagnosed with PDD-NOS at two years old. From that point on my family has strived to educate ourselves with Autism Spectrum Disorders in support of Nora and every other child diagnosed with an ASD. We are so lucky to have Nora and her twin sister Gaby, and their older sister Tessa - I think being involved with this type of network is going to make us stronger and more loving as a family. Thank you ASM for hosting this walk and inspiring us to get involved. Go Team Nora!! *Sadie Donovan*

Team Nora From left to right: Auntie Lacey, Uncle Keith Fuller, Nanny Julie Donovan, Ash-a-lee, Hazel (weasel), Emily, Tessa Lace, Derek, Gaby Sean, (Nora is hiding!), Sadie/mama, Grammie Terri and Grandpa Beard Loren. Also walking as Team Nora but not in the photo - GrandPAW Donovan, Meme Kim Mason, and Becky aka Jackie.



See ASM Photo Gallery for more Walk pictures:

<http://www.asmonline.org/gallery.asp>



12th Annual Walk for Autism - April 27th 2014



April Autism Awareness Month "Round Up"

As we prepared for April Awareness Month, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) released a report stating that one in 68 U.S. children has an autism spectrum disorder (ASD), a 30% increase from 1 in 88 two years ago. This newest estimate is based on the CDC's evaluation of health and educational records of all 8-year-old children in 11 states: Alabama, Wisconsin, Colorado, Missouri, Georgia, Arkansas, Arizona, Maryland, North Carolina, Utah and New Jersey.

We added the new prevalence rate information to our April Awareness Packets. Over 100 packets were mailed out as a resource for the community and an additional 100 packets were given to educators to share in their classrooms and schools.

Representative Richard Farnsworth of Portland presented a motion to the House of Representatives; a Joint Resolution to recognize April 2014 as Autism Awareness Month. This gained unanimous approval and support from the House of Representatives and Senators.

There were many celebrations, events, and fundraisers that took place, and we would like to give a special "THANK YOU" to everyone who participated!

Here are some of the events:

Lewiston / Auburn Rotary Club – Movie Event
Brann & Isaacson Staff – Dress Down Day
Scrummy Afters Candy Shoppe – Raffle
Medway Middle School – Chili Cook Off
Gilbert School – Hat Day Fundraiser
Bethany Hooper - Tuperware Fundraiser
Rose Dearborn - Scentsy Fundraiser



Lewiston/Auburn Rotary Sensory Friendly Movie Events

This year the Autism Society of Maine in collaboration with Lewiston/Auburn Rotary and John F. Murphy Homes offered families a chance to attend not one but two sensory friendly movie events. April 12 was "Rio 2" and May 10 was "Lego Movie". Sensory friendly means having the lights stay on low, sound lowered, and being able to walk in the aisles. Families are so relaxed when they don't have to worry about their child's sensory issues. It allows the whole family to attend without worrying about their child's behaviors because everyone there understands. Each child received a drink and popcorn.

Both movies were very well attended with lots of thank you's expressed.

Let's Play Ball! — 3rd Annual Softball Tournament

Please join us for the 3rd Annual Softball Tournament on June 28, 2014!

The tournament is held at the Union Street Athletic Complex in Bangor. This is a Co-Ed Softball Tournament, each team needs a minimum of 10 players with a maximum 13 players. This year we will have 16 teams and play the championship game under the lights. All teams need to be at the field by 8:30 am and have their final roster with them. Bring bats if you can. This is a slow-pitch tournament.

In an effort to raise more money, the Softball Tournament is partnering up with the Bangor Brewer Bowling Lanes at 543 Wilson Street in Brewer on June 20, 2014 located at to host a Bowl-A-Thon of epic proportions! From 5 pm to 7 pm there will be a "soft bowling" event for families & children on the spectrum at which there will be no loud music or flashing lights. Then there will be two rounds of Bowl-A-Thon fun strung together. The first round will be 7 – 9 pm, the next 9 – 11 pm. Cost will be \$15 per bowler. \$10 of that cost will be donated to Autism Society of Maine.

For more information, please check out this facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/events/291132344344756/> or email Dave Huffstulter at softballforautism@gmail.com or call ASM at 1-800-273-5200



Legislative Update

“An Act to Amend Insurance Coverage for Diagnosis of Autism Spectrum Disorder”

Sponsored by: Senator Colleen Lachowicz

Cosponsored by: Senator Cain of Penobscot, Senator Craven of Androscoggin, Senator Dutremble of York, Representative Farnsworth of Portland, Representative Hickman of Winthrop, Representative Malaby of Hancock, Senator Patrick of Oxford, and Representative Wilson of Augusta

On April 28, 2014 the Governor Vetoed LD 347. It was sent back to the House with this question, “Shall this Bill become a law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor?” 115 having voted in the affirmative and 32 in the negative, with 4 being absent, and accordingly it was the vote of the House that the Bill become a law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor, since two-thirds of the members of the House so voted. Having passed in the House it was on to the Senate with the same question at hand, “Shall this Bill become a law notwithstanding the objections of the Governor?” 30 in the affirmative and 5 in the negative, accordingly it was the vote of the Senate May 1, 2014 that the bill become law and the VETO was OVERRIDDEN.

What does this mean?



The amendment expands health insurance coverage for autism spectrum disorders to persons 10 years of age and under, whereas the bill expands it to persons 21 years of age and under. Current law requires coverage for persons 5 years of age and under. The provision applies to individual, group health and individual and group health maintenance organization insurance policies, contracts and certificates issued or renewed on or after January 1, 2015.

If you are a parent of a child with autism under the age of 10 and have private insurance they are now mandated to cover autism.

2014 Family Retreat Weekend

Please join us at St. Joseph’s College in Standish on July 18, 19, 21 for our Annual Family Retreat Weekend.

Each year families come together for a weekend of sharing, laughing, and crying. This year ASM staff has chosen **Legos** as our theme. It will be our inspiration for decorating and games to play!

You will have a chance to meet other parents, attend workshops, or just take a walk. Children will have loads of fun in group activities along with caring respite providers. This year’s family entertainment is the *amazing Frogtown Mountain Puppeteers!*



We look forward to seeing new families along with our regulars!

Photos from last year: <http://www.asmonline.org/gallery.asp>

Registration Forms: <http://www.asmonline.org/programs.asp>

FMI call ASM @ 1-800-273-5200



Autumn Ride for Autism

Annual Autumn Ride for Autism

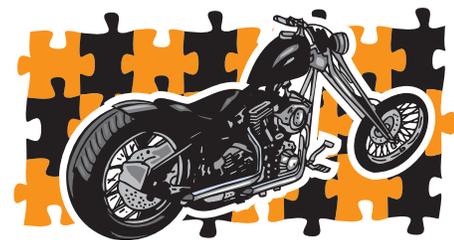
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Main St., Lewiston, ME

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 barbecue lunch, music, t-shirts and prizes after the ride!

More information will be posted by June on the ASM website: www.asmonline.org



Autumn Ride for Autism

Looking for Autism Information Specialists

We are now accepting applications for ASM's Autism Information Specialist (AIS) Program in Aroostook, Washington, and Penobscot Counties. **There is compensation for AIS in this program.**

You may want to consider joining the Autism Society of Maine's Autism Information Specialist Program.

Autism Information Specialists (AIS) contract with the Autism Society of Maine and have varying degrees of expertise. Some prefer to concentrate on attending and participating in educational, transitional, and vocational planning meetings such as Early Childhood Team meetings (ECT's), Individualized Family Service Plan (IFSP), Person Centered Planning meetings (PCP's) or Individual Educational Plan meetings (IEP's). Others work with first responders and corrections professionals who interact with individuals who have Autism Spectrum Disorders (ASD). Some Autism Information Specialists give presentations and workshops on various topics related to autism for agencies and community organizations around the state.

Autism Information Specialists also provide resource information for families, schools, the work place, and the community to foster empathy, understanding, and compassion for individuals with Autism Spectrum Disorders. If you are interested, please call ASM to find out more about the program and how to apply.

Annual Ride for Autism



8th Annual Ride for Autism

September 27, 2014
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.

Online registration will be open on June 1, 2014.

Camp Summit 2014

Free Summer Camp for Children with Autism Registration is Open



It's hard to believe it is already that time of year to start accepting summer camp applications. Camp Summit will run two sessions, Monday through Thursday. The first session will be for the older kids from July 29 to August 8. The second session will be for the younger kids July 28 – August 21. The location will be at St. Joseph's Recreation Hall on Middle Street in Farmington.

Applications will go through a screening process to make sure we match your child with the right camp counselor. Safety always comes first.

Children will get a chance to meet other kids and experience going to parks, swimming, and going to movies. They will learn new skills while having fun.

To receive application, please call ASM at 1-800-273-5200. Applications are not available online.



Annual Gagne Ride for Autism



Save the Date!

The next Annual Gagne Ride for Autism will be held on
July 13, 2014

An 82 mile ride with food and entertainment at the end!

Hosted by Bill & Bonnie Gagne

More information TBA

“My Way to Play”

Children’s Discovery Museum, Augusta, ME
Saturday, June 21, 2014
5:30pm to 7:30pm

“My Way to Play” is an opportunity for children with (ASD) and their families to explore the Children’s Museum in their own way and time! The museum is closed to the general public at this time, as this is a private, special playtime for parents and children affected by autism to play, learn and grow together in a less overwhelming atmosphere.

The Autism Society of Maine will pay the entry fee for the entire family!

Children’s Discovery Museum: www.childrensdiscoverymuseum.org
or call 207- 622-2209



3rd Annual Car Show for Autism

September 7, 2014
Parsonfield, ME

“Bring What You Run!”

Hosted by Wendy and Richard Humphrey
Prizes, food and entertainment!



ASM on Social Media!

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!

 by “liking” ASM’s Facebook page you can help us spread the word to hundreds of new supporters!
<https://www.facebook.com/pages/Autism-Society-Of-Maine/107781499258293>



We have a great collection of videos and will be adding more throughout the year!

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



Follow us on Twitter as we ‘tweet’ about autism!

<https://twitter.com/>



My Autism Team logo A reputable and friendly place to connect with other parents in Maine.

<http://www.myautismteam.com/>

Autism Fundraiser Huge Success for Sanford Elk’s Club!



The Elks Club in Sanford approached ASM and wanted to know what they could provide for York county families who have a child with autism. The most requests that ASM receives from families is for an iPad. The Elks Club decided their fundraiser would benefit families in York County whose child was in need of an iPad. During the month of April the Elks Club held a couple of fundraising events: a food eating competition, and a calendar raffle. They raised enough money for 13 iPads, 3 mini iPads, with iTunes gift cards and cases for all the iPads. Families wrote to ASM and told us

why their child would benefit from such a wonderful gift. There were many requests. Not all could be filled. But 16 families did receive this gift!

ASM would like to say thank you to the Elks Club in Sanford for going above and beyond for families in need.

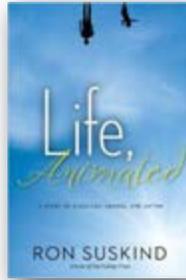
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Welcome to the Autism Society of Maine Library!

NEW

Life, Animated: A Story of Sidekicks, Heroes, and Autism by Ron Suskind

Imagine being trapped inside a Disney movie and having to learn about life mostly from animated characters dancing across a screen of color. A fantasy? A nightmare? This is the real-life story of Owen Suskind, the son of the Pulitzer Prize-winning journalist Ron Suskind and his wife, Cornelia. An autistic boy who couldn't speak for years, Owen memorized dozens of Disney movies, turned them into a language to express love and loss, kinship, brotherhood. The family was forced to become animated characters, communicating with him in Disney dialogue and song; until they all emerge, together, revealing how, in darkness, we all literally need stories to survive. 368 pgs. CBS News story: <http://www.cbsnews.com/news/breaking-through-autism-with-disney-movies/>



These are titles available in the ASM Lending Library that could be a helpful resource during the summer months in preparation of the upcoming school year.

Educators

1001 Great Ideas for Teaching and Raising Children with Autism or Asperger's

by Ellen Notbohm & Veronica Zysk

Answers to Questions Teachers Ask about Sensory Integration by Stacey Szklut

A Treasure Chest of Behavioral Strategies for Individuals with Autism

by Beth Fouse & Maria Wheeler

Asperkids by Jennifer Cook O'Toole

From Tutor Scripts to Talking Sticks

by Paula Kluth & Sheila Danaher

Joyful Learning - Active & Collaborative Learning in Inclusive Classroom

by Alice Udvari-Solner & Paula Kluth

Keys to Success for Teaching Students with Autism

by Lori Ernsperger

How do I Teach This Kid To Read? by Kimberly Henry

How Do I Teach This Kid? by Kimberly Henry

Your Going to Love this Kid by Paula Kluth

Just Give Him the Whale

by Paula Kluth & Patrick Schwarz

College and Employment

Asperger Syndrome: Transition to College and Work (dvd) by Coulter Video

Realizing the College Dream with Autism or Asperger Syndrome by Ann Palmer

Asperger Syndrome & Employment

by Genevieve Edmonds & Luke Beardon

Preparing for Life by Jed Baker

For Youth

Socially Curious and Curiously Social

by Michelle Garcia Winner & Pamela Crooke

Temple Grandin How the Girl Who Loved Cows Embraced Autism and Changed the World

by Sy Montgomery

Different Like Me; My Book of Autism Heroes

by Jennifer Elder

100 Stories of Social and Safety Awareness

by Makoto Shibutani

The Asperkids' (Secret) Book of Social Rules

by Jennifer Cook O'Toole

Diary of a Social Detective by Jeffrey E. Jessum

Model Me Kids (dvds) demonstrate social skills by

modeling peer behavior at school, on a playdate, at a birthday party, on the playground, at a library, at the dentist, restaurant, and more.

Designed as a teaching tool for children, adolescents, and teenagers with Autism, Asperger Syndrome, and developmental delays, the

videos are used by teachers, parents, and therapists. Real children model each skill.

FMI: Model Me Kids: <http://www.modelmekids.com/>

The ASM Lending Library includes a collection of **Model Me Kids** and **Watch Me Learn:** videos for all ages. <http://www.watchmelearn.com/>

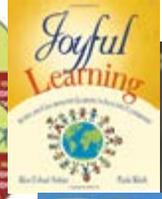
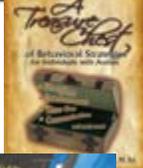
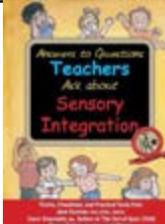
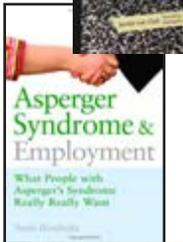
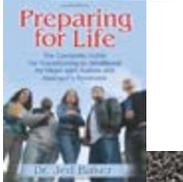
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Call: 1-800-273-5200

Email: library@asmonline.org

ASM Online Library Page:

www.asmonline.org/library.asp



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Black/Red Wave Cap with red font (shown)

Black/Yellow Wave Cap with yellow font (not shown)

100% brushed cotton twill cap with adjustable strap/Velcro closure.

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NEW! Autism Awareness Mug

with butterfly design and awareness ribbon

12 oz. ceramic coffee mug is dishwasher safe and comes in a decorated gift box.

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Sterling Silver Plated



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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
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- 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.

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Become a Member!

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