

# NASHOBA LEARNING GROUP

PROVIDING HELP FOR THOSE WITH AUTISM, AND HOPE FOR THEIR FAMILIES.

## NEWSLETTER



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### Coming Events

Riders and walkers get ready—  
Saturday, July 17th is the date for NLG's Bikeathon/Walkathon in Concord, Mass.. Ride begins at 8:30 am with registration at 8 am. 25 and 50 mile options are available. The 2 mile walk begins at noon. See our website for registration and sponsorship forms or e-mail [ann.rosas@nashobalearninggroup.org](mailto:ann.rosas@nashobalearninggroup.org)

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Save Saturday, September 25, 2010 for the 8th Give Them Wings Dinner & Auction at the Collings Foundation in Stow MA at 6:00 p.m.

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### LETTER FROM LIZ

• Thank you to all who supported our May 15th Open House! Our new space was completed just in time, with the furniture, generously donated by **Creative Office Pavilion** and **Progress Software** arriving only the day before. Every part of our building is now a learning environment. Our many guests at the Open House enjoyed the beautiful student art decorating the walls. NLG also proudly presented our first ever Student Talent Show. Thank you to Karen Abruzzi for producing and directing the show and giving our students an opportunity to shine. Many thanks to all the students who performed! The show was a big hit and we look forward to making it an NLG tradition. See more inside!

• We are using several of the new classrooms to house our newly created Transition Program for older teenagers. These students, while continuing their individualized learning, are actively preparing for adulthood. In addition to internal and external job opportunities, money management, and community and daily living skills programming, they are working to increase their independence in every area. NLG is developing this innovative program as a direct result of our investigation of adulthood options for our students. As we develop our vision of how to best serve our students as adults, we are also developing our vision of

how best to prepare our students for adulthood. As a result of moving these students, we have created opportunities to reconfigure classrooms and add openings for 15 additional students in the younger and middle neighborhoods. We have already welcomed with joy several new students and their families to the NLG family.

• Our next celebration is the 9th Annual NLG Bike a thon and walk a thon in Memory of Ken Oliver on July 17th. The original bike a thon, organized by John McClellan, is the event that raised the funds that started NLG! It is hard to believe we are on the 9th one. As was true then, it is still the families and friends of our students who keep NLG going. Please ride, walk, or sponsor a rider! I am looking forward to riding the 50 and taking on all staff and parent challengers in the **"Beat Liz"** challenge (however, I am excluding my husband from the competition). Look for more information on our website!

• *Thank you so much for all your support—our students with autism reap lifelong benefits from your generosity.*

- Liz Martineau President



### INTRODUCING JACOB



Jacob and his teacher, Eileen

My name is Jacob Courville. I am in the older neighborhood at NLG. I love breaks, especially the beanbag. I also use the computer to check out YouTube and Google. I would like to be a zookeeper when I graduate from NLG!

## NLG PRESENTS AT ABAI

NLG staff members presented a Workshop and two Symposia at the Association for Behavior Analysis International 36th Annual Convention in San Antonio Texas over Memorial Day weekend. The daylong workshop, **Refining Teaching Through Technology: Using PowerPoint to Create Highly Individualized Behavior Analytic Teaching Programs for Children with Autism**, was created and presented by Clinical Director Jessica Slaton, BCBA. The Symposia were: **Sure, Go Ahead and Stim! Bringing High Frequency Ritualistic Behaviors Under Stimulus Control** by: Elizabeth Martineau, Jessica Slaton, Crystal Seagle, Tara Montoure, Chanelle Hume, and Joshua Dahlin, and, **Practical Money Management and Budgeting Skills for Teenagers and Young Adults with Autism**, by Elizabeth Martineau, Stephanie Daniels, Crystal Seagle, Jessica Tilley, Heather Rego and Chanelle Hume. NLG is proud to share our innovations with our peers in order enhance the opportunities available for all of those affected by autism.



To all the NLG staff who practiced with their students so we could have a talent show!

## NLG EVENT TIMELINE

2010					
June	July	August	September	October	November
	Bike-a-Thon & Walk-a-thon July 17		Give them Wings Dinner and Auction Sept 25	Macy's Shop for a Cause October 16	2010 Annual Appeal



Drawing by Jacob, age 13

For more information on events and ways to help, contact Ann Rosas: [ann.rosas@nashobalearninggroup.org](mailto:ann.rosas@nashobalearninggroup.org)



Thank you to all who helped put together and run the Open House and Celebration of New Space! Including:

**NLG Families**

- Barbara Baker
- Maura & Paul Buckley
- Michael Corda
- Linda Cox
- Erin Dunham
- Linda Foley
- The Freimont Family
- Shiei Kuida
- Tina Sylvester
- Kimberly Yee
- Shiei Kuida

**NLG Staff**

- Karen Abruzzi
- Alison Condon
- Ceara Cutler
- Josh Dahlin
- Linda Day
- Kellie Dugauay
- Kerin Martland
- Dan Schuler
- Robyn Stewart
- Steve Vibert
- Maureen Vibert

**NLG Students**

- Rosie Ajamian
- Nicole Branconnier
- William Brea
- Helen Coppenrath
- Yohleri Cordones
- Jacob Courville
- Om Dhenge
- Timothy Dunham
- Ethan Freimont
- Robert Le
- Melody Martin
- Daniel O'Donnell**
- Ben Scofield
- Jack Ursitti
- Dario Vasquez
- Renee Vienneau

**Moonstone Lady**

**NLG'S MISSION**

Rates of autism are now reported as 1 in 110 children by the Center for Disease Control. Children with autism require intensive educational intervention in order to develop to their potential. Nashoba Learning Group was formed as a non-profit corporation in 2002, opening in 2003, in order to provide more impaired children and adults with autism with the services they need to succeed.

We provide outstanding individualized education, training, and intervention to children and young adults with autism, allowing those we serve to achieve their full potential and participate as fully as possible in family and community activities throughout their lives. We can't do this without your support!

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