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

NEWSLETTER



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Coming Events

Put Saturday May 15, 2010 from 1-4 p.m. on your calendars as the new date for the dedication of our Expansion space and playground.

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Riders and walkers get ready—Saturday, July 17th is the date for NLG's Bikeathon/Walkathon in Concord, Mass.

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Saturday, September 25, 2010 is the date for the Give Them Wings Dinner & Auction



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LETTER FROM LIZ

Happy Spring! All around us we see growth and renewal and the same is true at NLG. Each of our 76 students is growing and achieving. And, construction is **well underway on NLG's expansion space.**

This new space will allow us to welcome an additional 15 students over the next year. As often happens in these projects, we experienced a short delay while we addressed some additional requirements related to our need to expand parking.

This delay is now past and construction is moving forward but to make sure the space is finished, we have decided to move the date for our celebration of the new space to May 15, 2010. Please make that change on your calendars. Because of this date change, we also pushed back our bike-a-thon to July 17th. This will give riders more time to train. I am looking forward to more entrants to the "Beat Liz" challenge. Look for more information on both events soon.

On behalf of everyone at NLG, I would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to Bob and Karen Forlenza for creating and running their very successful Full Court Charity Challenge Basketball Tournament on March 13th. All of us at NLG deeply ap-

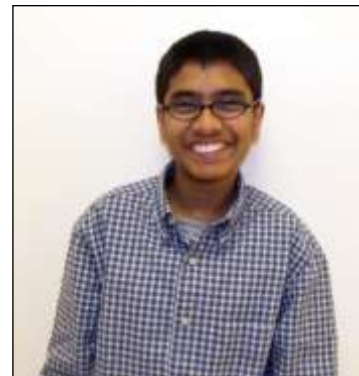
preciate the vital funding support provided by this Tournament. We were honored to be selected alongside LADDERS as a beneficiary of the event. See the article inside for more.

Meanwhile, we are continuing development and implementation of innovative Community and Daily Living Skills programming for our older students. It is exciting to see our students become more independent in these critical skills as they prepare for adulthood. We also continue to add external job placements for our students so they can generalize their Vocational skills to actual work sites. All that we are learning in these endeavors also informs our programming for our younger students as we see what skills are most essential for success. We are so pleased with the progress made by all of our students, made possible by the tireless efforts of our outstanding and enthusiastic staff. Thank you so much to all of you for your support—our students with autism will reap lifelong benefits from your generosity.

- Liz Martineau President

GROWING UP AT NLG BY OM DHENGE

I have been at NLG for seven years. I was 6 years old when I started here. It was in a church in Westford. Now I am 13 and NLG is in Bedford. NLG is also in a big building. I just started in the vocation program. I feel very happy about becoming a teenager and working with the older kids. My teachers are going to teach me office skills, kitchen skills, and how to run the school store. **It's so exciting to grow up at NLG.**



FULL COURT CHARITY CHALLENGE TOURNAMENT

On March 13th, the 11th Annual Full Court Charity Challenge Basketball Tournament (FCCC) was held at Basketball City in Boston. 12 Corporate Division Teams and 12 Open division teams competed fiercely to win the Tournament and gain bragging rights for the next year. After the 8 hours of games were complete, the winners were crowned and participants enjoyed dinner, a silent auction and raffle. The winner this year for the Corporate Division was Nomura Securities. The Open Division was won by Donahue's Bar & Grill.

Nashoba Learning Group was honored to be a beneficiary of the funds raised by this tournament this year along with The Lurie Family Autism Center/LADDERS Program. We are very grateful to Bob and Karen Forlenza for creating and running this tournament. We thank all of the sponsors and

participants for their generous donations. Please see the list on the next page. Thank you to the staff of Basketball City for hosting the event.

Thank you to the many volunteers from NLG, Mass General/LADDERS and Friends of LADDERS who made the day a great success. This list includes: Kerrin Aucoin, Jenny Baird, Mandy Birt, Heather Bridge, Paul Buckley, Alison Condon, Linda Day, Stacey Lannan, Liz Lienhard, Tom Maloney, Dr. Ann Neumeyer, Diane Norton, Dan O'Donnell, Nikki Reardon, Dan Schuler, Mary Kate Shortell, Paul Solano, Alysse Staake, Lori Steers, Robyn Stewart, Maureen Vibert, Steve Vibert, Amy Weinstock. And thanks to Anne MacLean from MGH and her staff for all they contributed!

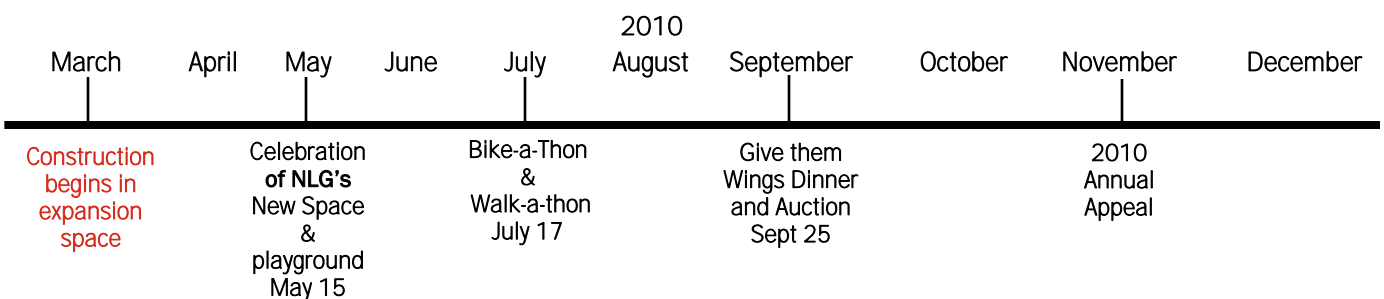


Liz Martineau, Bob Forlenza, Dr. Ann Neumeyer (LADDERS)



Fierce competition on the courts

NLG EVENT TIMELINE



For more information on events and ways to help, contact Ann Rosas; ann.rosas@nashobalearninggroup.org



NLG staff volunteer at the FCCC



NLG and the Lurie Family Autism Center/ LADDERS Program at MGH would like to thank the following for their support of the Full Court Charity Challenge

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- Gina & Jim McCaffrey
- Carmen Scarpa



FCCC Winning Teams
Nomura Securities (above) Donahue's (right)



Dan O'Donnell speaks about NLG

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!**



Our newest classrooms are in the works.



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