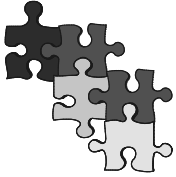


BAILEY'S TEAM for AUTISM

Raising funds and awareness in support of individuals living with autism and their families,
with a focus on research, education and programming.

Bailey's Team is helping to put the pieces together!

SPRING 2012 Newsletter



Dear Friend,

Welcome to the seventh edition of our BAILEY'S TEAM for AUTISM newsletter! We have included updates on our fundraising success, our life with Bailey... his successes and challenges; our upcoming event schedule, as well as other plans for the future. We thank you for your continued interest and support and hope you enjoy our newsletter!

BAILEY'S TEAM COMMITS OVER \$60,000 TO RESEARCH, EDUCATION & PROGRAMMING IN SUPPORT OF INDIVIDUALS LIVING WITH AUTISM AND THEIR FAMILIES FROM FUNDS RAISED IN 2011!

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BAILEY'S TEAM HOSTS FIRST *Bailey's Run 4 Autism* & FAMILY WALK EVENT LEGACY *place* Dedham, MA

On Sunday, March 25th, *Bailey's Team for Autism* will host its first run in support of individuals living with autism and their families! The 4 mile certified course will start and finish at Legacy Place and will run through the streets of Dedham.

Registration will begin at 8:00 am and the run will start promptly at 9:00 am. There will be a post-run party in the front lot of the Center and will include sponsors such as Whole Foods and City Sports to name a few!

Shortly after the runners start, there will be a FAMILY WALK event that will circle the perimeter of the Center ending at the post run party.

Our event will be hosted by Joe Cortese of Friday Night at the '80s and there will be entertainment by The Rhythm Room of North Attleboro, MA and will feature music by Jim DePillo of JD's Music Express.

We hope you will join us!

To register on line, please visit
www.baileysteam.org



BAILEY'S TEAM HOSTS THIRD ANNUAL WINE & BEER TASTING AT CBS SCENE IN FOXBORO on FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 4th, 2011 Raising \$11,000 in support of AUTISM Research, Education & Programming!



[L - R] Volunteers Molly Quinlan,
Sheila Burgess*, Sammi Robertson*,
Danielle DesRosiers & Sharon Swanson



[L - R] Tom Pereira*, Paul Sevieri,
Donna Pereira & Ellen Sevieri
*Bailey's Team Board Member

BAILEY'S TEAM OFFERS A SPECIAL
THANK YOU TO OUR VOLUNTEERS
FROM 2005 TO THE PRESENT...

See page 4 for a special tribute.

For more information about BAILEY'S TEAM for AUTISM, please visit www.baileysteam.org

A Message from the President FAMILY UPDATE...

Dear Friends,

It's hard to believe that it is 2012 and we have been raising funds and awareness in support of those living with autism since 2001. Although we are in our 12th year of fundraising, it has been four years since we have incorporated and became a 501(c)3 non-profit organization and thankfully each year we have been able to sustain our fundraising success contributing funds to a community that continues to be underfunded!

This is our seventh newsletter – and each time I sit down to write my family update, I don't know how I'm going to keep my thoughts to only 1 page...not to mention this newsletter to 6 pages! Nonetheless, as usual, there is much to report as we continue on our journey supporting Bailey and living with autism.

Bailey is in the 6th grade and entered Middle School in September. Although things got off to a great start, in November, he began to exhibit very difficult and aggressive behaviors primarily in school. It has taken several weeks and processes to determine where his anxiety is coming from and it is now thought that the environment in which he was placed may have been over stimulating, overwhelming... and just too loud as he went from a program with only 4 people in a classroom, to a classroom with up to 13 - including students and teachers. This was getting in the way of his ability to learn and also to regulate his own emotions causing him to become aggressive.

As a result of this, it has been a very difficult time for all of us since Bailey was repeatedly restrained in school during the months of November, December and January – ironically to keep him safe and to keep those safe around him. The question continues to arise whether or not Bailey should be held down due to his inability to cope. After much deliberation with several members of his (school) team – those who support him during the day, in addition to clinical specialists and doctors, it was determined that a change in the environment might help him... something we had asked for months ago... and thus far, thankfully, it has seemed to help.

This is simply our experience and our story, however, the changes and transitions in Bailey's world do cause the need for us all to adapt; and what makes life so difficult is that it is often very hard to determine what is causing his anxiety making it nearly impossible to prevent these difficult situations.

On a more positive note, Bailey continues to be happy at home. His language skills have improved and he continues to surprise us with new words and expressions...although sometimes not always appropriate as he has discovered some new profanities that he has learned are "bad words!" However, although he knows this, he continues to recite these words and now simply follows each expletive with "that's a bad word!"

Bailey has begun taking drum lessons and learns by copying rhythms played by his teacher. His special interests or *perseverations* continue to be Mario characters (from video gaming) and also Baby Einstein videos and books... anything to do with this early childhood developmental program. Although these are wonderful developmental and educational tools, they are certainly not deemed appropriate for a 12 year old, and his most recent "need" (and want)... is an infant "excer-saucer" – only because it has Baby Einstein characters and puppets attached to it. We realize that this seems like a ridiculous indulgence for Bailey, but it makes him so happy – and some days that *can* be all that matters... not to mention our constant need to pick our own battles with him and to maintain some level of cohesiveness and sanity for the rest of us!



Bailey & Spencer celebrating the New Year (2012)



Bailey in his "excer-saucer"



Spencer, Bailey & Rachel at Special Olympics



Bailey jammin' on the drums!

FAMILY UPDATE

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The rest of the family has been busy with work and school and other "non-autism" things...

Rachel is working hard (now in High School)... and balancing time with her friends and her boyfriend. She will be travelling to Washington DC in April with members from her youth group and is very excited to see the sights and indulge in a little history!

Spencer is in the 5th grade and preparing to transition to Middle School next year – he hasn't been in the same school as Bailey since pre-school...it will feel good to know that he will be there to support his big brother!

And the big news is the new addition... Lindsay & Brent welcomed a new baby, "Georgie" to their family. At 8 pounds 4 ounces and 21 inches long, she is healthy and beautiful and the new mom and dad are experiencing the joys of parenthood for the first time.

Doug and I are busy supporting all of our children and advocating for Bailey... we still have a long road ahead but with the support of family and friends, we have learned to manage one day at a time.

As always, we thank you for your dedication to us and to Bailey's Team and we look forward to reporting more progress and success in the year ahead!

The Robertson Family

THANK YOU TO MARK EAGLE FOR BEING A FOUNDING BOARD MEMBER OF BAILEY'S TEAM



Mark Eagle

A heartfelt thank you to **Mark Eagle**, one of our founding Board members, as he has decided to step down from his Board position. Mark is a Principal at The Eagle Leasing Company and has served on our Board since its inception in October of 2008. We are thankful for his participation and continued support!

REVOLVING BOARD ASSIGNMENTS

Effective January 1st, 2012, **Sheila Burgess** of North Attleboro Public Schools, who has served as our Recording Secretary since October of 2009, transitioned from her role as a Board Officer to Director. We would like to thank Sheila for her ongoing support and dedication to our Board.

We are excited to announce new Board Members in our next newsletter edition to be distributed in October, 2012.

TRIBUTE CARDS

In 2008, we introduced our Tribute Card Program, providing individuals with the opportunity to make a donation in honor of a special someone, in celebration of a special occasion or in memory of a loved one. To date, this initiative has raised over \$2,100 for Bailey's Team.

If you would like to make a donation in honor or in memory of someone special, please visit www.baileysteam.org and download our tribute form for more information.



BAILEY'S TEAM for AUTISM 2011 ANNUAL REPORT

TOTAL FUNDS RAISED NET OF EVENT EXPENSES:	\$67,300
Bailey's PAR / Golf Tournament	\$32,800
Annual Campaign	\$19,100
Wine & Beer Tasting Event	\$11,000
Autism Awareness Jewelry	\$ 400
Charity Yard Sale	\$ 800
Tribute Program	\$ 600
Silpada Jewelry Fundraiser	\$ 500
3 rd Party Fundraising	\$ 3,300
General Donations	\$ 1,600
Bailey's Run 4 Autism (Start Up Funds for 2012 Event)	(\$ 2,800)
TOTAL PROGRAM FUNDING AWARDED TO DATE:	\$59,250
Autism Science Foundation – Fellowship Program	\$14,000
ALEC First Responder Training – FAC at SNCARC	\$10,000
Community Autism Resources – Talkability	\$ 7,500
Trudeau/Pathways Strategic Teaching Center	\$ 6,500
Melmark New England – Fall River Parent Training	\$ 5,000
Bailey's Team Education Series	\$ 4,500
Prom Angels Foundation	\$ 3,500
Bailey's Animal Adventure – Family Event	\$ 3,500
Kennedy-Donovan Center, New Bedford	\$ 3,000
Autism Project - Imagine Walk	\$ 1,000
Rachel's Challenge – School Program - Kindness	\$ 500
Disability is Natural Featuring Kathie Snow	\$ 250
REMAINING FUNDS SET ASIDE FOR SPONSORSHIPS:	\$ 1,350
TOTAL FUNDS AWARDED / SET ASIDE:	\$60,600
PERCENT (%) OF GIVING:	90%
REMAINING FUNDS FOR 2011 OPERATING BUDGET:	\$ 6,700

[See page 5 for Funding Highlights using 2011 Revenue.]



A VERY SPECIAL THANK YOU TO OUR EVENT VOLUNTEERS...

Bailey's Team would like to offer a sincere THANK YOU to all those who have generously contributed their **TIME & COMMITMENT** to our special events helping to make them successful and extraordinary!

First... A Tale of Two Volunteers...and how they came to support Bailey's Team...

Meet Danielle DesRosiers (left) & Molly Quinlan (right) in both pictures below.



Bailey's Team Wine & Beer Tasting 2010



Bailey's Par for Autism 2011

These two very special women entered our lives in different and unique ways... Molly (pictured right above) greeted me outside of Bailey's Kindergarten classroom 6 years ago. She was determined to convince us that Bailey should take private music lessons. She believed he had "perfect pitch" and she knew she could reach him through music...and so she did! She taught him to read music, to recognize the sounds of different instruments, to play notes on the piano and xylophone and insisted that he participate in a holiday musical performance at his elementary school years later where he played a solo... thanks to Molly! She has been an important part of our lives ever since and has faithfully attended our walk, golf and wine tasting events always volunteering to lend her support... and has since joined our inaugural Run 4 Autism planning committee. "Ms. Quinlan" remains very special to us and for that we say THANK YOU!

We were first introduced to Danielle (pictured left above) at Blackstone National Golf Club as it was recommended that we pay her to provide head and neck massage at our golf tournament. I was apprehensive at first – but was convinced it was a great service to offer at our annual event. Danielle was very interested in our cause but did not know a lot about autism. After attending her first Bailey's Team event, and experiencing the program and the people... and after having watched our video about Bailey and about our lives supporting him; she immediately became a permanent participant at our fundraising events! Now a sponsor and volunteer, she, too, has joined our inaugural Run 4 Autism planning committee.

Danielle and Molly... you have become a very important part of our lives, our events and our family... THANK YOU!

AND TO OUR OTHER EVENT, ADMIN. & COMMITTEE VOLUNTEERS (2005 – 2011):

June Alexander
Annette Aylward
Heather Bedard
Lyndsey Benharris
Danielle, TJ & Linda Buckley
Joe Burgess
Lee Burgess
Butch Cardosi
Steven Chapman
Alice & Bill Conroy
Susan Constable
Danielle Desrosiers
Peter Dibona
Kristyn Donnelly
Kellie Erti
Maggie Feener
Lindsay Garrels

Chelsey Goff
Amanda Grandchamp
Michael Hines
Lisa Hoekstra
Keith lassogna
Roy Irving
Pat Kirby
Kristen Kraskouskas
Susan Lerner
Rich Leslie
Jay & Diane Long
Aurora Luce
Heather Marshall
Janet Maurer
Julie Medina
Kimberly & Rick Morin
Joe Piro
Joe & Jessica Poplis

Molly Quinlan
Evelyn Rodriguez
Andy Robertson
Pam & Scott Robertson
Rachel & Spencer Robertson
Sue Salinthone
Kevin & Lynne Scott
Marcia Shuman
Jody Salter Spear
Ellie Struss
Casey Sullivan
Sharon Swanson
John Tierney
Crystal Tully
Debbie Webster
Sally White
Valerie Zagami

WE COULDN'T DO WHAT WE DO WITHOUT YOUR SUPPORT!

*Please note that Board Members also serve as
Volunteers at all of our events and are not listed here.*

*If anyone has been mistakenly left off of this list,
please let us know so that we may offer our thanks to you!*

2011 FUNDING HIGHLIGHTS

THE AUTISM SCIENCE FOUNDATION: \$14,000 to partially fund a Research Fellowship Grant. This fellowship award will not only promote research in the area of autism, but will also encourage young doctoral students to pursue a career in autism research with a goal of helping to improve the lives of individuals living with autism and their families.

FAMILY AUTISM CENTER AT SOUTH NORFOLK COUNTY ARC: \$10,000 to fund The Autism Law Enforcement Education Coalition (ALEC) in MA & RI, a training program for First Responders, Public Safety and Emergency Personnel - on how to assist individuals with autism in an emergency situation to avoid risk and ensure safety.

COMMUNITY AUTISM RESOURCES: \$7,500 to fund Talkability™ (a Hanen Program®), a workshop led by a specially trained Hanen Instructor that offers the best tools, strategies and resources to show parents how to help their child develop a theory of mind, or perspective-taking, one of the core deficits underlying the communication and social challenges of ASD. This class is offered specifically to parents and family members of verbal children on the autism spectrum.

PATHWAYS STRATEGIC TEACHING CENTER / TECHNOLOGY FOR VOCATIONAL PROGRAM: \$6,500 to fund the purchase of a SMART Board Interactive Whiteboard Model SBX 885ix. Pathways Strategic Teaching Center is a private, non-profit, school providing comprehensive education and treatment for children with autism and is a program of the J. Arthur Trudeau Memorial Center.

MELMARK NEW ENGLAND: \$5,000 to support a Fall River Training Project to improve services for early learners with Autism Spectrum Disorders. The program will support parents and caregivers of children with ASD and promote positive strategies, improving parents' understanding of how to set up predictable routines, promote children's responsible behavior, improve parents' problem-solving skills, as well as increase family support networks and parents' involvement with the local community.

BAILEY'S TEAM EDUCATION SERIES: \$4,500 to fund two (2) individual programs featuring speakers who will present on a variety of topics – all on the subject of autism. The funds will support the cost of each event and will include marketing and materials to be distributed. Our featured speakers for our 2012 Education Series include Michael & Elisabeth Bishop & Dot Lucci, M.Ed. C.A.G.S.

BAILEY'S ANIMAL ADVENTURE: \$3,500 to fund a family event at Roger Williams Park Zoo for individuals of all abilities to participate in a welcoming and safe environment with their peers – with and without similar challenges.

PROM ANGELS FOUNDATION, INC.: \$3,500 to support a portion of the cost to provide young adults with special abilities a formal prom that caters to their individual needs providing a safe fun experience to all young adults and their caregivers.

KENNEDY-DONOVAN CENTER, NEW BEDFORD: \$3,000 to support the New Bedford Families with Autism Support Network (FASN) – Year 2. FASN will assist financially disadvantaged families who need support in caring for their children age 30-60 months who have autism spectrum disorders through direct family support, recreational programs, social skills training, and other opportunities that will improve the quality of their lives. In addition, FASN will offer toddlers and preschool-age children with autism and family members both advocacy and educational opportunities that provide practical experience.

AUTISM PROJECT – IMAGINE WALK & FAMILY FUN DAY: \$1,000 sponsorship to be allocated to various programs and training for individuals living with autism and their families.

RACHEL'S CHALLENGE: \$500 to help fund a community program that was founded following the death of Rachel Scott, the first person killed at Columbine High School in April of 1999. Her family founded Rachel's Challenge in their daughter's name in an effort to spread a message of kindness to young people throughout the country. This message is disseminated through school assemblies and community and professional development events all over the United States.

JEWISH ALLIANCE OF GREATER RHODE ISLAND: \$250 to help support the cost to bring featured speaker, Kathie Snow to Rhode Island to deliver her presentation – Disability is Natural - to both parents and educators spreading her message about building inclusive communities.

HOW TO APPLY FOR FUNDING FROM BAILEY'S TEAM

All applications are welcome and are accepted between August 1 and October 15.

Please visit our website and click on "Forms" to download our Funding Application.

Funding decisions will be made at our January Board Meeting.

All awards will be reported in our spring newsletter following our funding cycle.

Please see www.baileysteam.org for more information.

Enjoy pictures from third annual
WINE & BEER TASTING
 Hosted by **BAILEY'S TEAM** for AUTISM



Pictured above (L-R):
 Tracey Dempsey, Tanya Erban, Beth Elliott & Lynne Mello



Pictured left:
 Nick & Jessica Gremour

Pictured below (L-R):
 Joanne Crowley,
 Bud Sawatsky &
 Bailey's Team Treasurer,
 Dan Joyce



OUR VISION

We strive to make a positive impact on individuals living with autism and their families with a focus on research, education & programming.

OUR MISSION

We are a regional funding source for organizations that support individuals living with autism and their families. Our focus of funding is on education and training, services and programming, recreation, research, awareness and family support.

OUR CORE VALUES

Transparency * Professionalism * Integrity
 Diversity * Accessibility

2012 UPCOMING EVENTS & COMMUNICATIONS

MARCH 25 **BAILEY'S RUN 4 AUTISM**
4 Mile Certified Course
 Legacy Place – Route 1
 Dedham, MA



APRIL IS AUTISM AWARENESS MONTH

[PLEASE CHECK OUR WEBSITE FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT AUTISM AWARENESS PROGRAMMING.]

APRIL 2 **WORLD AUTISM AWARENESS DAY**

APRIL 11 **EDUCATION SERIES – PART 1**
I HAVE ASPERGER SYNDROME; AND SO DO I
**Living with Asperger Syndrome...
 A Father's and Daughter's Perspective**
Presented by Michael & Elizabeth Bishop
 Holiday Inn Mansfield-Foxboro
 31 Hampshire Street, Mansfield, MA

APRIL 26 **SILPADA DESIGNS JEWELRY FUNDRAISER**
 164 Westside Avenue, North Attleboro, MA

MAY 12 **Second Annual BAILEY'S ANIMAL ADVENTURE**
 Roger Williams Park Zoo
 Providence, RI

MAY 16 **EDUCATION SERIES – PART 2**
AUTISM & MINDFULNESS
**Helping Individuals with Autism Understand
 The Connection between their Thoughts,
 Feelings & Behavior**
Presented by Dot Lucci, EdM, C.A.G.S.
 Holiday Inn Mansfield-Foxboro
 31 Hampshire Street, Mansfield, MA

JUNE 10 **Eighth Annual BAILEY'S PAR FOR AUTISM**
Charity Golf Tournament
 Crystal Lake Golf Club
 Burrillville, RI

AUGUST 1 **ANNUAL DIRECT MAIL CAMPAIGN BEGINS**

NOVEMBER 2
Fourth Annual WINE & BEER TASTING
Hosted by BAILEY'S TEAM for AUTISM
 CBS Scene - Patriot Place, Foxboro, MA



Watch for our next **BAILEY'S TEAM NEWSLETTER**
 to be distributed in October, 2012

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