

APRIL 11, 2018

HAPPY SQUARE PEGS:

Embracing the strengths of autism, while sharing positive management strategies for an enriched autistic life.



Patti Menzel presenting at the Attleboro YMCA Best Friends Breakfast in 2016

About Patti...

Patricia Menzel, a member of autism's "Lost Generation," has over 50 years experience as an autistic. She grew up being educated in both mainstream classes as well as special education classes without a diagnosis, which did not come until just over two years ago. While mostly verbal, Patti sometimes loses speech, and uses AAC as back up. Her aim is to make some of autism's more enigmatic behaviors, such as wandering, bolting, sequestering, and self-injury more understandable from an autistic perspective, as well as sharing autism's strengths in a positive light. Patti uses mindfulness practices, sensory diet, and clean eating to manage her autism. Although Patti receives some supports, she lives independently at home with her service dog, Grimm and cat, Smokey.

THE STORY OF BAILEY'S TEAM

In September of 2001, shortly after Bailey was diagnosed with autism, our family participated in the first *New England Walk for Autism*. We invited our family and friends to join us at this special event and as a result of the outpouring of love and support felt by our family on this bittersweet day, we were inspired to form **BAILEY'S TEAM**.

BAILEY'S TEAM was incorporated in 2008 and has gone on to raise over **\$1,000,000** in support of autism research, awareness, education and programming.

OUR VISION

We strive to make a positive impact on individuals living with autism spectrum disorders 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 spectrum disorders and their families. Our focus of funding is on education & training, services & programming, recreation, research, awareness and family support.

OUR CORE VALUES

Transparency * Professionalism * Integrity
Diversity * Accessibility

Today BAILEY'S TEAM is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization allocating 90% of the dollars we raise directly to organizations that support individuals living with autism and their families.

It is important that we educate our community about our loved ones with autism and the desperate need to value and support them!

Check out our website to learn how to be a part of our team!

www.baileysteam.org

BAILEY'S TEAM EDUCATION SERIES

2018 REGISTRATION

PLEASE RSVP by APRIL 1, 2018

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____

State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

School: _____
(If applicable)

THIS PROGRAM IS FREE TO ATTEND.

ALL CONFERENCE PARTICIPANTS WILL RECEIVE A CERTIFICATE OF ATTENDANCE

Please include the number of attendees.

APRIL 18, 2018

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How many will attend? _____
(Please include names below.)

Name: _____

Name: _____

Name: _____

Name: _____

Name: _____

I CAN NOT ATTEND BUT I HAVE ENCLOSED A DONATION TO BAILEY'S TEAM

Please return this registration form to:

BAILEY'S TEAM EDUCATION SERIES
164 Westside Avenue
N. Attleboro, MA 02760

BAILEY'S TEAM FOR AUTISM

Bailey was diagnosed with autism in June of 2001. Following his diagnosis, Bailey's Team was founded to raise awareness about autism, and to raise funds to support research, education, programming and family support in an effort to improve the lives of individuals living with autism and their families.

Autism is a complex neurological disorder and impairs a person's ability to communicate, relate to others and process information.

We invite you to join our team...

- Register ASAP to attend our **FREE** Education Series (*See registration form attached*).
- Attend any of our upcoming fundraising events
- Sponsor an event with a cash or in-kind donation.
- Sign up to be on our mailing list to receive our biannual newsletter.
- Make a tax-deductible donation to:

BAILEY'S TEAM for AUTISM

You can accomplish any of the above and become a part of our team by visiting our website:

www.baileysteam.org

If you have any questions or would like more information, please contact Sammi Robertson at (508) 699-4483 or sammirobertson@comcast.net.

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**Please return your completed registration to:**

**BAILEY'S TEAM EDUCATION SERIES**  
164 Westside Avenue  
North Attleboro, MA 02760

*Meet the Robertson Family...*



Rachel, Spencer Bailey, Doug & Sammi  
June of 2015 (Bailey at age 15)

## **BAILEY'S TEAM GIVING HISTORY**

Since 2001, BAILEY'S TEAM has contributed to the autism community raising over \$1,000,000 and contributing to organizations that fund research, education and programming in support of individuals living with autism spectrum disorders and their families. Programs and organizations funded include:

*The Arc of Bristol County*  
*The Arc of Massachusetts – Operation House Call*  
*The Arc of South Norfolk / Family Autism Center*  
*Artist Exchange – Inclusion Art Program*  
*Autism Alliance of Metro West*  
*Autism Law Enforcement Education Coalition [ALEC]*  
*The Autism Project*  
*Autism Science Foundation*  
*Autism Society of America – Rhode Island Chapter*  
*Bailey's Team for Autism Annual Education Series*  
*Blackstone Valley Boys & Girls Club*  
*Boston Medical Center*  
*Brown Center for Children, Women & Infants Hospital*  
*Brown University: The Miracle Project*  
*Community Autism Resources*  
*Easter Seals Youth Leadership Network*  
*The Groden Network*  
*Hockomock Area YMCA – Integration Initiative*  
*iPad Initiative*  
*J. Arthur Trudeau Memorial Center / Pathways*  
*Kennedy Donovan Center*  
*The May Institute*  
*MGH for Children – The Lurie Center for Autism*  
*Melmark New England*  
*The National Alliance for Autism Research/*  
*Autism Speaks*  
*Organization for Autism Research*  
*Reflecting on the Journey – A Parent Retreat*  
*Rhode Island College – Special Ed. Dept. Research*  
*RI Consortium for Autism Research & Treatment*  
*South Coast Educational Collaborative*  
*Spaulding Outpatient Center for Children*  
*Surfer's Healing*  
*Unique Steps Dance Studio*

Please join us for our ninth annual

## **EDUCATION SERIES**

Presented by

## **BAILEY'S TEAM for AUTISM**



**April 11, 2018**

### **HAPPY SQUARE PEGS:**

**EMBRACING THE STRENGTHS OF AUTISM,  
WHILE SHARING POSITIVE MANAGEMENT  
STRATEGIES FOR AN ENRICHED AUTISTIC LIFE.**

*Presented by Patti Menzel*

### **Holiday Inn Mansfield-Foxborough**

31 Hampshire Street, Mansfield, MA

*Light Refreshments will be served.*

Registration will begin at 6:30 pm

Lecture will begin promptly at 7:00 pm

*BAILEY'S TEAM for AUTISM is a non-profit organization raising funds and awareness in support of individuals living with autism and their families, through research, education and programming.*