

# BAILEY'S TEAM for AUTISM

Supporting organizations and individuals who fund research and or provide training, resources, services and aid to individuals living with autism spectrum disorders and their families.

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

Spring, 2011 Newsletter



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Dear Friend,

Welcome to the fifth 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 RAISES OVER \$65,000 IN 2010 IN SUPPORT OF INDIVIDUALS LIVING WITH AUTISM AND THEIR FAMILIES!**

***\*\* April is Autism Awareness Month!!\*\****

### **BAILEY'S TEAM COMMITS \$53,000 TO 13 PROJECTS FROM MONEY RAISED IN 2010!**

Bailey's Team has been raising money in support of autism research, awareness and programming since 2001. This year, we have not only funded 13 projects amounting to nearly \$53,000, but we have also committed an additional \$9,000 to future projects that will be allocated later this year or added to funds raised in 2011 to be allocated in 2012!

We have formalized our funding procedure and have established the following guidelines:

- All requests must be specifically and primarily in support of people with autism and/or their families.
- Projects must fit into one of the following categories:
  - Research
  - Education and training
  - Family support and resources
  - Programming and recreation
- Who will benefit from said programs?
  - Individuals with autism
  - Parents and other family members of individuals with autism
  - Educators and/or other service people who support individuals living with ASD and their families [first responders, respite providers, etc].
- All submissions will be reviewed by the Board of Directors for final vote to fund project requests in part or in total.
- Reporting required at completion of funded program.

Please see page 5 for information on how to apply for funding from Bailey's Team.

### **BAILEY'S TEAM HOLDS ITS SECOND WINE & BEER TASTING AT CBS SCENE IN FOXBORO!**



Pictured above (L to R): Bill Conroy, Bailey's Team Board Member Tom Buckley & Linda Buckley

Friday Night, November 19, over 100 people gathered at CBS Scene at Patriot Place in Foxboro – the sexy new hotspot... to support individuals living with autism and their families! It was a night of great wine, great food, great friends... and all for a good cause.

We raised over \$6,500 through wine sales, a raffle event and silent auction. We shared our story through a video about autism, Bailey's Team and the projects we've funded...it was a night to remember!



Pictured at right (L to R):  
Kristen Sherman &  
Event Committee  
Member,  
Lyndsey Benharris

For more information about BAILEY'S TEAM, please visit [www.baileysteam.org](http://www.baileysteam.org)

**A Message from the President**  
**FAMILY UPDATE...**

Dear Friends,

I am happy to announce that Bailey's Team has had yet another great year of fundraising, celebrating and most importantly...giving! We've raised over \$65,000 as a result of your support and have allocated funds to very important organizations and initiatives! As you continue to read through this newsletter, you will learn how we were able to achieve this and you will better understand our process of allocating funds to important projects.

It continues to be one of our goals that we remain transparent as we share with all of you where every dollar is spent. We want you to not only be a part of our team, but also to have a solid understanding of our funding process and confidence in our mission and our ability to make good decisions about where your money goes. We will continue to support research, awareness, programming and education for our loved ones with autism, their families and their communities and hope that you continue to believe in our mission and support our efforts to improve the lives of people struggling with this devastating disorder!

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We've had a great year loving and supporting Bailey and he has continued to amaze us learning new skills and accomplishing milestones... one day at a time!

Bailey is in the 5<sup>th</sup> grade and this year he has been included up to two hours each day with his typical peers in a typical 5<sup>th</sup> grade classroom! This is an enormous accomplishment as Bailey has not been included alongside his peers for a significant amount of time ever before! Children are truly resilient and his classmates have become his best advocates – always looking out for him and encouraging him to be a part of their group!

This year, mainly as a result of his inclusion, Bailey was invited for a "play date" for the very first time! I didn't know what to do or say since this has never happened before (for Bailey), and as a result, I neglected to ask if his friend had any pets (Bailey has significant allergies to animals). When we arrived at his classmate's house, I had to plan for a short visit since there were cats and dogs in the home. Aside from Bailey's congestion, the hour was magnificent! There was very little conversational turn-taking; however, Bailey's playmate taught him a new (video) game. The game progressed nicely and Bailey was able to interact successfully with his new friend...what a day for both boys!

Another example of Bailey participating alongside his peers was his successful inclusion in a recent ceremony honoring students who completed our local DARE program (Drug Abuse Resistance Education). Although Bailey's understanding of the curriculum was obviously different than that of the other children, his lessons were adapted to a level that he could comprehend enabling him to participate. As a result, he was able to graduate along with the entire 5<sup>th</sup> grade class! Both Bailey and longtime friend, Elijah (another student with similar challenges), are pictured below following the ceremony.

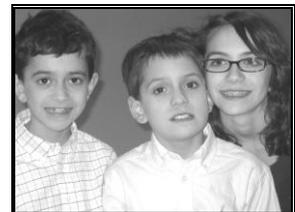
We continue to receive visits from none other than... "*Johnny the Mailman*" as we have kept up with our collection of characters – this time the characters of choice are Sing-a-ma-jigs! We have all seventeen currently available and are keeping up with Bailey's collection to keep the peace! Unfortunately, he finds newly developed toys on YouTube before they are available for purchase which creates quite a challenge as he does not understand that if he can see it – why he can't get it! It is very hard to explain to Bailey how things work and what we can and cannot do in our world to get what we want!



Elijah & Bailey  
DARE Graduation – January, 2011



Bailey's Collection of Sing-a-ma-jigs!



Spencer, Bailey & Rachel  
Philadelphia – November, 2010

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## FAMILY UPDATE

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And as for the rest of us...Rachel will turn 14 in April and will go to High School in the fall...OMG! As for Spencer, he will be 10 in May and has one more year left in Elementary school and will test for his Jr. Black Belt in a few short months!

Lindsay & Brent tied the knot last November and Lindsay will finish her second year of Law School in May.

As for Doug and me... we are still holding down the fort... Doug is busy at work and I'm continuing to plan events and think of new ways to expand our fundraising income for Bailey's Team!

We continue to educate our community about Bailey and about autism in an effort to create a brighter future for him and all those struggling with this devastating disorder; and to ensure that individuals with autism are valued members of our community!

We thank you as always for your interest in our work and your ongoing support and friendship.

*The Robertson Family*

## THANK YOU TO LAURA STONE FOR BEING A FOUNDED BOARD MEMBER OF BAILEY'S TEAM

A heartfelt thank you and farewell to **Laura Stone**, one of our founding Board members, as she has decided to step down from her Board position. Laura is the Founder and CEO of Stone + Company and has served on our Board since its inception in October of 2008. We are thankful for her participation and continued support!



Laura Stone



Tom Pereira



Dan Joyce

## REVOLVING BOARD ASSIGNMENTS

Effective January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2011, **Tom Pereira** of Boston Capital Corporation, who has served as our Treasurer since our Board's inception in October of 2008, has transitioned from his role as a Board Officer to Director. In addition, I am happy to announce that Board Member **Dan Joyce** of Bright Horizons Family Solutions has agreed to move from his position as a Director to Board Officer to assume Tom's role as Treasurer. Thank you to both Tom and Dan for their ongoing support and dedication to our Board.

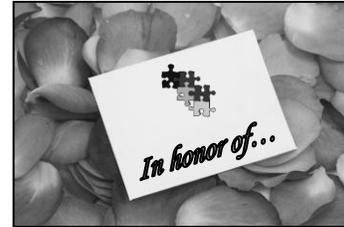


## TRIBUTE CARDS

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 \$1,300 for Bailey's Team as a result of paying tribute to those around us while donating to a special cause.

If you would like to make a donation in honor or in memory of someone in your life, please fill out the form included in this newsletter or visit www.baileysteam.org for more information.



## BAILEY'S TEAM for AUTISM 2010 ANNUAL REPORT

### TOTAL FUNDS RAISED NET OF EVENT EXPENSES: **\$65,700**

Bailey's PAR / Golf Tournament	\$34,100
Annual Campaign	\$17,200
Wine & Beer Tasting Event	\$ 6,700
Bloomingtondale's	\$ 3,700
Autism Awareness Jewelry	\$ 900
Charity Yard Sale	\$ 900
Tribute Program	\$ 600
Silpada Jewelry Fundraiser	\$ 500
3 <sup>rd</sup> Party Fundraising	\$ 400
General Donations	\$ 400
Bailey's Bowl	\$ 300

### TOTAL PROGRAM FUNDING AWARDED TO DATE: **\$52,900**

Brown Center for the Study of Children at Risk	\$10,500
The ARC of Northern Bristol County	\$ 5,000
Community Autism Resources – Hanen Program	\$ 5,000
Community Autism Resources/Prizant - Parent Retreat	\$ 5,000
Bailey's Team Education Series	\$ 5,000*
Autism Project – Social Thinking Group	\$ 4,000
Bailey's Animal Adventure – Family Event	\$ 4,000*
Big Orange Films – Learning from Autism	\$ 3,600*
The Groden Network – Tai Chi Project	\$ 3,000
Kennedy-Donovan Center, New Bedford	\$ 3,000
Autism Project - Imagine Walk	\$ 2,500*
The Schwartz Center for Children	\$ 1,800*
Autism Society of America – RI / Groden Network	\$ 500

### REMAINING FUNDS SET ASIDE FOR FUTURE PROGRAMMING: **\$ 8,800**

### TOTAL FUNDS AWARDED TO / SET ASIDE FOR PROGRAMS: **\$61,700**

### PERCENT (%) OF GIVING: **94%**

### REMAINING FUNDS FOR 2011 OPERATING BUDGET: **\$ 4,000**

[See page 5 for 2010 Funding Highlights.]

Dear Bailey's Team,

January 4, 2011

We want to first apologize for the delay in this letter of thanks to you!

Last summer, our family received a grant through the ARC of Northern Bristol County from Bailey's Team for our son Michael who has autism. We want to thank you for your generosity and all the hard work your foundation does for our kids. Michael is such a blessing to our family and a gift from God to anyone who meets him!

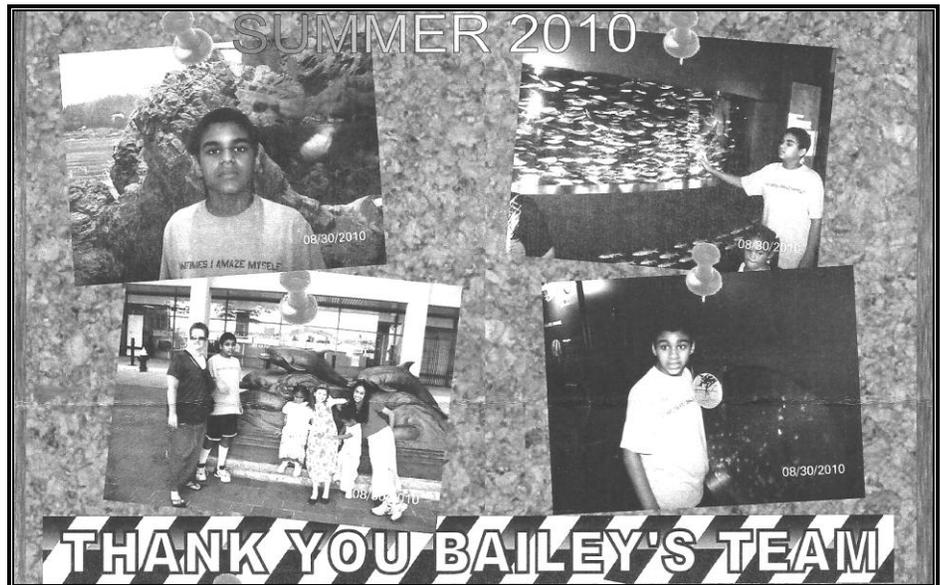
Michael's diagnosis changed our lives forever. God has used Michael in our lives to rely on Him through the time when there seemed no hope. He is still non verbal... but lights up a room with his smile and laughter! Michael brings joy to our lives every day!

Michael has 6 other siblings who love to spend time with him doing all the activities he loves. Last summer, we made 2 trips out with the family because of your grant. We spent a day at Storyland in Glenn, NH. It was a fun filled day of rides and games! Our second trip was to the Boston Aquarium in Boston. Michael loves water and fish and could have spent the entire day staring at the big tank! The "hands on experience" was so wonderful for him and the rest of us too!

Please forgive us for the delay...and many thanks to you for the great work you all do!

May God continue to bless!

The Haye Family



Above: A very special letter of thanks from the Haye Family of Taunton, MA.

Michael Haye is 14 years old and has autism. He is pictured at right with his family at the New England Aquarium in Boston.

Please join us for our second annual **EDUCATION SERIES!**

**April 13, 2011**

**AUTISM & EMPATHY: FACTS & FICTION**  
UNDERSTANDING EMPATHY IN INDIVIDUALS WITH  
AUTISM AND ASPERGER SYNDROME

*Presented by Paul G. LaCava, Ph.D.*

**FREE to  
Attend**

**May 11, 2011**

**SENSORY INTEGRATION DYSFUNCTION:**  
WHAT DOES IT *FEEL* LIKE TO HAVE AUTISM?

*Presented by Amy Laurent, EdM, OTR/L*

Both presentations will be held Wednesday evenings at the

**Holiday Inn Mansfield-Foxboro**

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

## 2010 FUNDING HIGHLIGHTS

**BROWN CENTER FOR THE STUDY OF CHILDREN AT RISK:** \$10,500 to fund a research study that will help to identify very early infant signs of autism in children observed from birth.

**THE ARC OF NORTHERN BRISTOL COUNTY:** \$5,000 to fund Project Kids Connect (PKC), a program fostering inclusion for youth with autism spectrum disorders (ASD) and other disabilities; and encouraging healthy relationships with non-disabled peers for cultural, educational or recreational activities. Objectives include increasing awareness and acceptance of youth with challenges; providing low cost and/or free services to families who have a child with a disability; and teaching life-skills.

**COMMUNITY AUTISM RESOURCES:** \$5,000 to fund More Than Words (Hanen), a workshop led by a specially trained Hanen Instructor that offers the best tools, strategies and resources to help support parents' involvement in their child's early language intervention. This class is offered specifically to parents and family members of children with ASD to help them better understand their children with autism and to help them learn to facilitate communication at home.

**DR. BARRY PRIZANT & COMMUNITY AUTISM RESOURCES:** \$5,000 to fund an annual Parent Retreat for parents of children with autism. The retreat provides a relaxing and supportive environment for parents or caregivers to reflect on, explore, and share the rewards and challenges of raising a child with autism. There are opportunities for discussion, social support networking, making new friends and learning from other parents in a beautiful country setting. Although there are opportunities to learn, the format is that of a retreat as the atmosphere is relaxed and casual, in stark contrast to the everyday stresses of raising a child with autism.

**BAILEY'S TEAM EDUCATION SERIES:** \$5,000 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 2011 Education Series include Paul LaCava, Ph.D. & Amy Laurent, EdM, OTR/L.

**THE AUTISM PROJECT:** \$4,000 to support development of a pilot social skills group for adults with ASD. Participants will make significant gains in the area of perspective taking as the program helps to teach the social expectations of being a part of a group in a very concrete manner. This knowledge is necessary for individuals with high functioning autism and Asperger Syndrome to function in the workplace and participants will gain skills to make them more successful in their home, school and/or place of employment.

**BAILEY'S ANIMAL ADVENTURE:** \$4,000 to fund a family event for individuals of all abilities to participate in a welcoming and safe environment with their peers – with and without similar challenges.

**BIG ORANGE FILMS:** \$3,600 to fund two weeks of editing for the documentary film project, Learning from Autism.

**THE GRODEN NETWORK:** \$3,000 to fund a Tai Chi class for adults with autism offered to residents of the Groden Network's Cove Center.

**KENNEDY-DONOVAN CENTER, NEW BEDFORD:** \$3,000 to support the New Bedford Families with Autism Support Network (FASN). 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 advocacy and educational opportunities that provide practical experience.

**AUTISM PROJECT – IMAGE WALK & FAMILY FUN DAY:** \$2,500 sponsorship to be allocated to various programs and training for individuals living with autism and their families.

**THE SCHWARTZ CENTER FOR CHILDREN:** \$1,800 to fund two scholarships for (two) children to attend Family University, a program comprised of social skills groups for children on the autism spectrum, as well as educational opportunities for their parents and siblings.

**AUTISM SOCIETY OF AMERICA – RHODE ISLAND CHAPTER / THE GRODEN NETWORK:** \$500 to fund programming offered by both the Groden Network and the Autism Society of America – Rhode Island Chapter.

### HOW TO APPLY FOR FUNDING FROM BAILEY'S TEAM

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All applications are welcome and are accepted between May 1 and Sept. 1 (please see funding guidelines on page 1).

Funding decisions will be made at our October Annual Board Meeting with funds to be paid to award recipients by December 15.\*

*\*If additional information is required for funding consideration, funds may be allocated at the January Board meeting with funds to be paid no later than March 1<sup>st</sup>.*

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

Please see www.baileysteam.org for more information.

**JOIN US FOR OUR FIRST  
BAILEY'S ANIMAL ADVENTURE**

**Saturday May 14, 2011**



**ROGER WILLIAMS PARK ZOO**  
1000 Elmwood Avenue - Providence, RI  
At the Tented Pavilion  
**\$5.00 per person**

Price Includes...  
Admittance to Zoo \* Animal Encounter  
Barbecue Lunch \* Games & Crafts

**Register by May 1st!!**

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Enjoy pictures from our second annual  
Wine & Beer Tasting



Pictured above (L to R):  
Board Members Sammi & Doug  
Robertson with New England  
Patriots Great, Roland James;  
Diane & Roger Scoffone

At right (L to R):  
Board Member Mark Eagle,  
Michelle Eagle & Brennan Ford.

Below (L to R):  
Joe Finnerty & Andrea Rothfelder;  
Board Member Sheila Burgess  
& Joe Burgess



**2011 UPCOMING EVENTS & PROGRAMS**

- APRIL 1**    **WORLD AUTISM AWARENESS DAY**
  - APRIL 10**    **AUTISM PROJECT's IMAGINE WALK & FAMILY FUN DAY\***  
Goddard State Park, East Greenwich, RI
  - APRIL 13**    **AUTISM & EMPATHY: FACTS & FICTION**  
**Understanding Empathy in Individuals with Autism and Asperger Syndrome**  
*Presented by Paul G. LaCava, Ph.D.*  
Holiday Inn Mansfield-Foxboro  
31 Hampshire Street, Mansfield
  - APRIL 14**    **MASSACHUSETTS AUTISM AWARENESS DAY\***  
Massachusetts State House
  - APRIL 28**    **RHODE ISLAND AUTISM AWARENESS DAY\***  
Rhode Island State House
  - APRIL 28**    **SILPADA DESIGNS JEWELRY FUNDRAISER**  
164 Westside Avenue, North Attleboro
  - MAY 11**    **SENSORY INTEGRATION DYSFUNCTION:**  
**What does it FEEL like to have Autism?**  
*Presented by Amy Laurent, EdM, OTR/L*  
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31 Hampshire Street, Mansfield
  - MAY 14**    **BAILEY'S ANIMAL ADVENTURE**  
Roger Williams Park Zoo  
Providence, Rhode Island
  - MAY 21**    **BAILEY'S TEAM CHARITY YARD SALE**  
164 Westside Avenue, North Attleboro
  - JUNE 12**    **SEVENTH ANNUAL BAILEY'S PAR – FOR AUTISM Charity Golf Tournament**  
Blackstone National Golf Club, Sutton
  - AUGUST 1**    **ANNUAL DIRECT MAIL CAMPAIGN BEGINS**
  - NOVEMBER 4**    **THIRD ANNUAL WINE & BEER TASTING**  
**Hosted by BAILEY'S TEAM**  
CBS Scene - Patriot Place, Foxboro, MA
- \*This is a not a Bailey's Team event; although we encourage your participation.*
- Watch for our next **BAILEY'S TEAM NEWSLETTER** to be distributed in October, 2011

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