

BAILEY'S TEAM for AUTISM

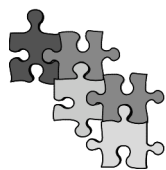
Raising funds and awareness in support of individuals living with autism spectrum disorders and their families, with a focus on research, education and programming.

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

SPRING 2014 Newsletter – Prepared by Sammi Robertson

Dear Friend,

Welcome to the eleventh 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.



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BAILEY'S TEAM COMMITS OVER \$59,000 TO RESEARCH, EDUCATION & PROGRAMMING IN SUPPORT OF INDIVIDUALS LIVING WITH AUTISM AND THEIR FAMILIES FROM FUNDS RAISED IN 2013!

Bailey's Run for Autism

**NOW A 5K, OUR 3RD ANNUAL
RUN for AUTISM
IS MOVING TO FOXBORO, MA!**

On **Sunday, March 30, 2014**, we will host our 3rd Annual Run for Autism.

Since 2012, we have hosted over 300 runners supporting individuals living with autism and their families! We are excited to welcome you to Foxboro this year and to improve our event for our patrons.

All participants and their families are invited to join us for the after-party where we will celebrate the day and award prizes to our winners at Waxy O'Connor's Irish Pub & Restaurant!

For more information or to register to run, please visit www.baileysteam.org.



Family Walk for Autism

If you prefer to walk for autism, all walkers will follow a one mile course to Waxy O'Connors Irish Pub for our after party! You can find registration forms on our website.

*We hope you will join us and
Run or Walk for Autism!*

**BAILEY'S TEAM WILL HOLD OUR
10th ANNUAL**

BAILEY'S PAR for AUTISM CHARITY GOLF TOURNAMENT

On **June 22, 2014** we will host our 10th annual charity golf tournament! This is a very exciting time for us as we have hosted over 500 golfers at this event since 2005... and have raised over \$210,000 in support of autism research, awareness, education and programming.

This year's event will be a very special celebration for Bailey's Team and we hope you will consider joining us at Crystal Lake Golf Club in Burrilville, RI. For more information, please visit our website and download this year's brochure.

**DON'T MISS OUR 5TH ANNUAL
EDUCATION SERIES**

**APRIL 9TH – POSITIVE & PRACTICAL
STRATEGIES TO DEVELOP SOCIAL &
EMOTIONAL SKILLS...**

MAY 16TH – AUTISM & BULLYING

OUR 5TH ANNUAL

WINE, SPIRITS & BEER TASTING

**WAS A HUGE SUCCESS RAISING \$12,000 IN
SUPPORT OF INDIVIDUALS LIVING WITH
AUTISM AND THEIR FAMILIES!**

(See page 6 for pictures from this event!)

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

A Message from the President

FAMILY UPDATE

Dear Friends,

Enough of the snow, freezing temperatures and "no school" announcements! So what if we live in New England... ENOUGH!

Cold weather aside, we had a wonderful year in 2013 – lots of celebrations and money raised! As we enter 2014, we have yet more milestone events to celebrate including our 5th annual Education Series and our 10th annual Charity Golf Tournament! In addition, our work with The South Norfolk County Arc supporting first responder trainings in New England has led us to a collaboration with T.F. Green Airport and the Transportation Security Administration (TSA) on a program that supports individuals living with autism and their families as well as families supporting folks with other developmental disabilities (please see page 5 for more information).

These are just a few of the projects ahead for 2014; we hope you will join us as we continue to support our mission!

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Bailey has had a great year thus far and we are very pleased to share mostly good news about him and the rest of our family. Bailey turned fourteen in October and is in the 8th grade at the North Attleboro Middle School. It is his first year in a class of his peers including nine children, all with similar and different needs. There are three girls and five boys and the teacher is thrilled with the balance of abilities and supports, and she feels that the make up of the class enables the children to be supportive of one another.

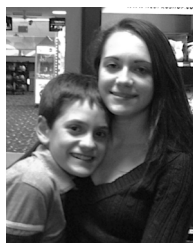
As a result of Bailey's class and the relationships he has with his classmates, Bailey had his first "sort of typical" birthday party... one he asked for and not one I simply planned in an effort to remind him of his birthday. He asked for a bowling party so off went a Mario-themed invitation with pictures representing pizza, french fries and soda – the food to be served at the party. All but one of his classmates attended along with some other family friends as well. It was truly a joy to see him in this environment with his peers, all celebrating Bailey (see pictures below).

As I've written before, looking ahead to next year when he transitions to High School is unimaginable; and as he approaches his eighteenth birthday, there will be the task of applying for guardianship of our own son as our society recognizes eighteen year olds as adults, and able to make decisions independently for their own care. Bailey, of course, will never be able to do this so we must always retain control of this process to keep him safe and well.

On another note, you may remember that in March of 2012 Bailey stopped using his voice above a whisper. We had not been able to determine why he did this but thought it might have been because his voice was changing. This continued for nearly two years. His voice has recently returned and is deeper and more grown up. However, he still – at times – needs reminding to turn up the volume. We are so excited to hear his voice as we felt sad that he seemed absent when he was unwilling or unable to use his words to communicate.

Bailey is now over five feet tall and growing into a young man. It is a bittersweet experience as he grows up... so handsome and happy; however, so childlike and innocent. The hard part is worrying about his future and what will become of him... the wonderful part is snuggling with our very lovable and affectionate teenager who is not embarrassed by our embrace... and forever demanding butterfly kisses! ☺

Below are some pictures of Bailey taken since the distribution of our October newsletter:



Bailey with
Rachel



Classmates, Andrew &
Celya with Bailey at his
bowling birthday party



Bailey, Spencer & Martin
at Special Olympics



Bailey, Spencer, Georgie &
Rachel Christmas morning



Doug & the boys

FAMILY UPDATE

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As for the rest of the family, Rachel is driving! She is happy and mobile... and doing well in school. She is still working at our synagogue and the best part is that she is able to drive her brother to and from... while also helping mom out with errands and driving detail! So grown up... becoming independent...and about to begin the journey of looking at colleges!

Spencer continues to excel in all of his classes receiving high honors. He has had several growth spurts or so it seems and towers over mom! He is preparing for his Bar Mitzvah and continues to support his brother by participating in Special Olympics alongside him as a unified [typical] partner.

Lindsay, Brent & Georgie are all doing fine and are expecting a new addition to their family in May... another baby girl! Other exciting news for the Garrels... Lindsay passed the Bar exam! Life is good in Philly, however, they continue to be too far away from all of us!



Doug and I are still taking care of kids... working hard... and running to the "Cape Cod House" as often as possible.

We continue to be busy with all that life brings and autism keeps it... *interesting*. ☺

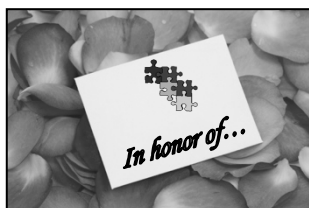
As always, we thank you for your ongoing support!

Sammi Robertson

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 \$4,000 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 2013 ANNUAL REPORT

TOTAL FUNDS RAISED NET OF EVENT EXPENSES: **\$65,800**

Bailey's PAR / Golf Tournament	\$29,200
Annual Campaign	\$20,100
Wine & Beer Tasting Event	\$11,700
Tribute Program	\$ 600
Jewelry Events (Awareness & Silpada Designs)	\$ 1,150
3rd Party Fundraising	\$ 2,100
General Donations	\$ 475
Bailey's Run 4 Autism	\$ 475

TOTAL PROGRAM FUNDING AWARDED TO DATE: **\$54,190**

ALEC First Responder Training – FAC at Arc S.Norfolk	\$15,000
RI Consortium for Autism Research & Treatment	\$ 7,340
Easter Seals Explorers Camp	\$ 6,000
Kennedy-Donovan Center – New Bedford	\$ 5,350
Bailey's Team Education Series	\$ 5,000
Bailey's Animal Adventure – Family Event	\$ 5,000
J. Arthur Trudeau/Pathways Strategic Teaching Ctr	\$ 5,000
Autism Project - Imagine Walk	\$ 2,500
Groden Network – IPAD Initiative	\$ 2,000
Community Autism Research (2013) Walk	\$ 1,000

REMAINING FUNDS SET ASIDE FOR SPONSORSHIPS: **\$ 1,000**

REMAINING FUNDS SET ASIDE FOR FUTURE PROG.: **\$ 4,030**

TOTAL FUNDS AWARDED / SET ASIDE: **\$59,220**

PERCENT (%) OF GIVING: **90%**

REMAINING FUNDS FOR 2014 OPER. BUDGET: (10%) **\$ 6,580**

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BAILEY'S TEAM WILL HOLD OUR 4th ANNUAL

BAILEY'S ANIMAL ADVENTURE

On **May 10, 2014** we will host our 4th annual BAILEY'S ANIMAL ADVENTURE family event! This is a very special event funded by Bailey's Team 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.

We encourage folks to participate and ask for a small fee to ensure their attendance as we sell out fast! The event includes a full day at the zoo, a private party and hot barbecue lunch. We also have live animals present in the tent for viewing and distribute goody bags to each family with all kinds of snacks and surprises! We also hold a free raffle and offer several gift baskets to be won at no cost!

This is not a fundraiser; it is simply an opportunity for families to be together and to have a good time... without judgment!

THANKS FOR THIRD PARTY FUNDRAISERS



Thank you to Kim and Kevin Cryan for hosting their annual "Have your picture taken with Santa" event. They invite their family and friends to visit on a Sunday afternoon so that all of the children can visit with Santa and have their photo taken.

The Cryans decided to turn this into an opportunity to raise funds for important causes asking families to contribute a small donation; and in 2012 they selected Bailey's Team as their charity of choice. In 2013, they chose Bailey's Team again and in these two years, they raised over \$400 in support of people with autism and their families!

Thank you Kim & Kevin and all those who visited with Santa!



AUTISM AWARENESS JEWELRY FOR SALE TO SUPPORT BAILEY'S TEAM

Did you know that Bailey's Team has been selling autism awareness jewelry since 2010?



Bling Bracelet...\$22.00



Spiral Bracelet...\$16.00



Cuff Bracelet...\$12.00

Handcrafted jewelry featuring Miyuki glass beads with heavy silver - plate rings [nickel free]; with sterling silver puzzle piece charm.

Handcrafted jewelry featuring high quality nickel free - silver plate tubes & Swarovski crystals with a pewter puzzle piece charm.

Our awareness jewelry contains colorful beads representing autism in red, blue, aqua and yellow and is displayed at our Education Series and at autism walk events in Rhode Island. You may also contact us at sammirobertson@comcast.net if you would like more information about how to purchase our beautiful handcrafted jewelry.



In October of 2013, Bailey's Team celebrated five years as a non-profit organization. In an effort to memorialize the occasion, Sammi & Doug welcomed all Board members, past and present, to a special dinner at the Colonel Blackinton Inn in Attleboro. Pictured at left are all Bailey's Team Board members from the date of incorporation:

[Top row – left to right] Dan Joyce, Laura Stone, Doug Robertson & Todd Levine

[Second row] Danielle DesRosiers, Tom Pereira & Mark Eagle

[Third Row] Sheila Burgess & Julie O'Brien

[Bottom Row] Amy Laurent, Tony Calcia, Tom Buckley, Amy Tonkonogy & Sammi Robertson

[Not pictured: Ruth Hoshino]

2013 FUNDING HIGHLIGHTS

FAMILY AUTISM CENTER AT SOUTH NORFOLK COUNTY ARC: \$15,000 to fund The Autism Law Enforcement Education Coalition (ALEC) to provide training 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. In addition, in 2013, we participated in collaboration with TF Green Airport and TSA (Transportation Security Administration) to help market a special program supporting people with special needs during travel already in place called TSA Cares. With the training received by ALEC, TSA is now more equipped to support the autism community.

RHODE ISLAND CONSORTIUM FOR AUTISM RESEARCH & TREATMENT (RICART): \$7,340 to support the cost of the administration, training and materials required for use with a gold-standard diagnostic tool* used to assess autism symptoms to help connect individuals with autism (and their families) to appropriate research protocols.

* *The Autism Diagnostic Observation Schedule (ADOS)*

EASTER SEALS EXPLORER CAMP: \$6,000 to fund a summer program session tailored for youth with autism providing a traditional recreational camping experience that has been modified to accommodate the special needs of children on the autism spectrum.

KENNEDY-DONOVAN CENTER: \$5,350 to fund one (1) 8-week session for families in the New Bedford region to receive direct support, education, advocacy and access to peer-support.

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 2014 Education Series include Susan Constable, M.A. & Stephen Shore, Ed.D.

BAILEY'S ANIMAL ADVENTURE: \$5,000 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.

J. ARTHUR TRUDEAU MEMORIAL CENTER / PATHWAYS STRATEGIC TEACHING CENTER: \$5,000 to fund a recreational gymnastics program for students with autism.

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

GRODEN NETWORK: \$2,000 was used to purchase five (5) iPad Minis and Otter Box cases to be used at Groden Center programs in support of individuals with autism (please see photo and box below).

COMMUNITY AUTISM RESOURCES – HEARTS & HANDS WALK: \$1,000 sponsorship to be allocated to various programs and training for individuals living with autism and their families.

IPAD INITIATIVE

In an effort to continue our iPad Initiative first introduced at our Wine & Beer Tasting event in November of 2012, where we raised enough money to purchase and donate 11 iPad mini's to the Arc of Bristol County, we asked our event participants again this year to contribute to the same initiative. As a result, Bailey's Team was able to purchase and donate 5 iPad minis and durable Otter Box cases to the Groden Center where they will be put to excellent use in their programs supporting individuals with autism. [Pictured left to right, Robin Ringer, Day Program & Family Services Director at the Groden Center, Bailey's Team President, Sammi Robertson and Dr. Jane Carlson, Vice President of Day & Residential Programs at the Groden Center.]



HOW TO APPLY FOR FUNDING FROM BAILEY'S TEAM

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

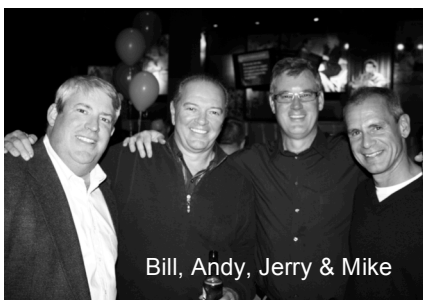
Please visit our website and click on "Forms" to download our Funding Application.

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.

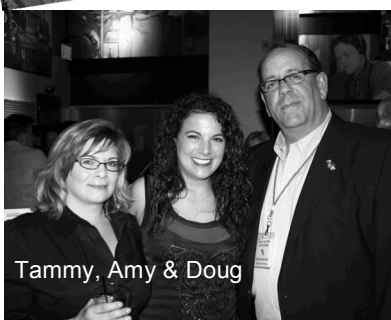
Enjoy pictures from our 5th Wine & Beer Tasting



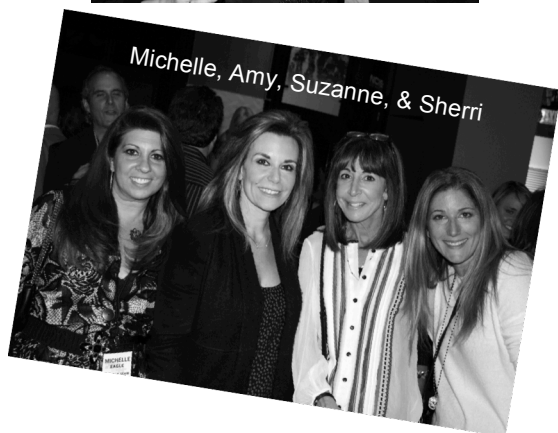
Bill, Andy, Jerry & Mike



Becky, Nancy,
Alice & Sue



Tammy, Amy & Doug



Michelle, Amy, Suzanne, & Sherri



Kim &
Kevin

2014 UPCOMING EVENTS

MARCH 30 3rd Annual BAILEY'S RUN FOR AUTISM & FAMILY WALK FOR AUTISM with after - party at WAXY O'CONNORS IRISH PUB
Foxboro, MA

APRIL IS AUTISM AWARENESS MONTH

APRIL 2 WORLD AUTISM AWARENESS DAY

APRIL 9 5th Annual EDUCATION SERIES – PART 1 USING POSITIVE & PRACTICAL STRATEGIES TO DEVELOP SOCIAL & EMOTIONAL SKILLS IN CHILDREN WITH ASD

Presented by Susan Constable, M.A.
Holiday Inn Mansfield-Foxboro
31 Hampshire Street, Mansfield, MA

MAY 10 4th Annual BAILEY'S ANIMAL ADVENTURE
Roger Williams Park Zoo
Providence, RI

MAY 14 5th Annual EDUCATION SERIES – PART 2 AUTISM & BULLYING: A VULNERABLE POPULATION

Presented by Stephen M. Shore, Ph.D.
Holiday Inn Mansfield-Foxboro
31 Hampshire Street, Mansfield, MA

JUNE 22 10th Annual BAILEY'S PAR FOR AUTISM Charity Golf Tournament
Crystal Lake Golf Club
Burrillville, RI

AUGUST 1 ANNUAL CAMPAIGN BEGINS

NOV 7 6th 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, 2014



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