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The Voice

Just because you cannot speak does not mean you have nothing to say.

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CALENDAR

**Board Meetings—
KISD Educ. Service Center,
6:30 p.m. Public welcome:**

March 2, 2010
April 13, 2010
May 4, 2010

Events:

**Easter Egg Hunt
Countryside Elementary
March 27, 2010
10 a.m.—Noon**

**Whitecaps Autism Awareness
Night—Fifth Third Ballpark
April 17, 2010
5:45 p.m.**

**Walk for Autism Awareness
Kuyper College
April 25, 2010
Noon—4 p.m.**

**Picnic
June 8, 2010
Golf Outing
TBA**

Autism Support of Kent County

Walk For Autism Awareness



**Sunday, April 25, 2010
12:00 noon to 4:00 p.m.**

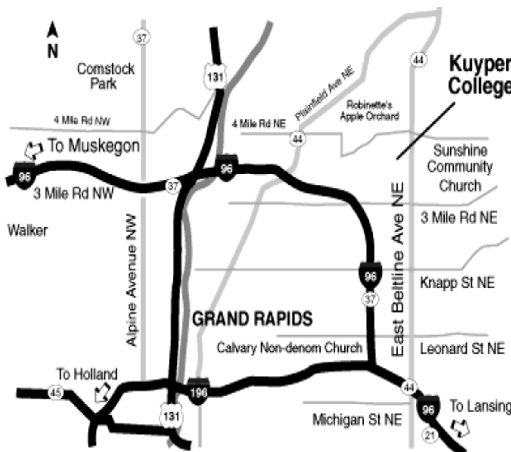
**Kuyper College – 3333 E. Beltline, Grand Rapids, MI 49525
The event will be held Rain or Shine!**

Welcome to our **Walk for Autism Awareness**. We intend this event to be a forum for Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) families and our community to unite in an effort to direct attention to how ASD affects our lives and what we can do to help. We will also have a **Resource Fair** featuring local service providers/exhibitors. Our Resource Fair will provide an excellent opportunity for families to gather information about the variety of services and products offered in our area. There will be activities for all ages, live music and raffles.

Autism Support of Kent County is committed to raising public awareness about Autism Spectrum Disorder and helping to educate and empower our families.

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Schedule of activities:
Registration is at 12:00 noon. The Resource Fair will be held during our entire event—12:00 noon to 4:00 p.m. The Walk will commence at 1:00 p.m.
Thank you for your support.

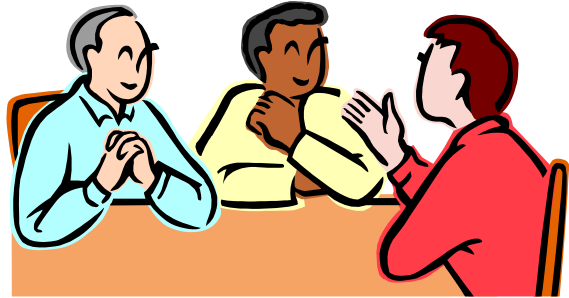
KUYPER COLLEGE
Bringing God's Grace into Today's Culture



April is National Autism Awareness Month!

Support Group Meetings

The ASD Parent Support Group will be meeting on **Thursday, March 18, 2010, from 6:30 - 9:00 p.m.** at KISD in the Rogue Room of the Educational Service Center (ESC). Please park in Lot #11.



In the beginning portion of our meeting, we are happy to have as our guest speaker, **Barbara Esch, Ph.D.** of **Esch Behavior Consultants, Inc.** who will be speaking to us about the **Intensive Toilet Training protocol**. Dr. Esch will discuss the main components of a data-based intensive toilet training program, prerequisites for participating in the toilet training and FAQs for parents.

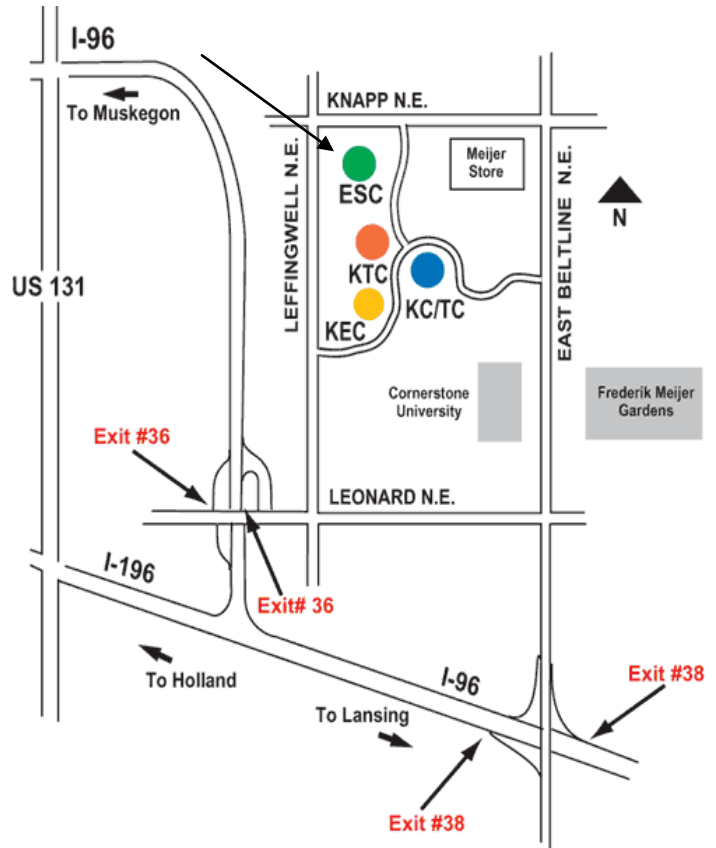
In April, **Steve Hamilton, Secondary Coordinator for Special Education—Transition and Behavior Support for Kent ISD**, will speak to parents about Transition and pre-planning with their child(ren) for life beyond Secondary Education. This meeting will be held on **Thursday, April 15**.

Please feel free to tell parents and friends about our meeting. We will hold our support group meeting after our guest speakers' presentations. We encourage you to bring books, DVDs and share information about recent conferences or workshops that you've attended.

We ask that parents arrange for childcare as this meeting is for parents/caregivers only.

The email address for the Support Group is: asdsuppgrpkentcounty@yahoo.com

Notice: A monthly **morning** Support Group meeting has been added! To be notified of the date and location of the March meeting, please email your contact information to us at asdsuppgrpkentcounty@yahoo.com.



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2930 Knapp NE
Grand Rapids, MI 49525
(616) 364-1333
www.kentisd.org



To designate your donation, write in:
Autism Support of Kent County,
Grand Rapids, Michigan

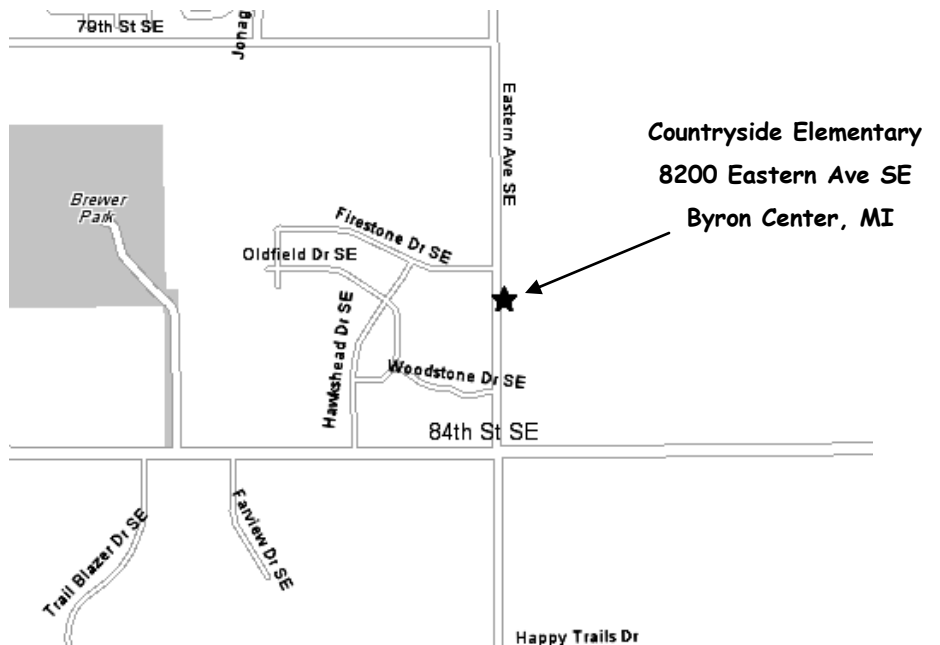
ASK Easter Egg Hunt



*Saturday,
March 27, 2010
10:00 a.m. – Noon
Countryside
Elementary School*

Egg hunt, games, prizes, and a visit from the Easter Bunny! Space available for an *indoor* egg hunt, if necessary. Donuts and juice provided. Please RSVP your family name and number of adults and number of children (very important) who will be attending to the ASK phone line at 752-8577, no later than March 22. Please speak clearly when you leave your voice message so we do not need to contact you for more information.

Hope to see you there!



You are invited to a free screening of the movie ***Including Samuel***, in the Board Room of the Educational Service Center at KISD (Kent Intermediate School District), 2930 Knapp Street NE, GR 49525 on Tuesday, March 16, from 6:30 until 9 pm. (Park in lot #11).



Stacy Pulley, M.S. CCC, Speech and Language Pathologist currently working on professional development with the Institute on Disability, will facilitate an open discussion on **Inclusive Education**, presuming competence in our children and changing our view of "disability" and education of people with challenges. www.includingsamuel.com

Autism Support of Kent County (ASK) is pleased to acknowledge a donation made to ASK from the **David and Jayne VerLee Charitable Foundation** in the amount of \$1,000.00.

We are very grateful for this generous donation. We could not exist without the support of individuals and organizations who partner with us in our efforts to better the lives of persons with Autism Spectrum Disorder. Thank you for your generosity!

Thank You

According to the American Academy of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry, 50% of children are bullied and 10% are victims of bullying on a regular basis. *Kids who have learning disabilities are especially vulnerable to bullying problems.*

For information about bullying and harassment, prevention, legal decisions about harassment, and effective ways to respond to bullying, visit www.wrightslaw.com/info/harassment.index.htm.

Included are articles, campaigns, reports, and resources to empower schools, parents, and kids to end bullying and childhood harassment.

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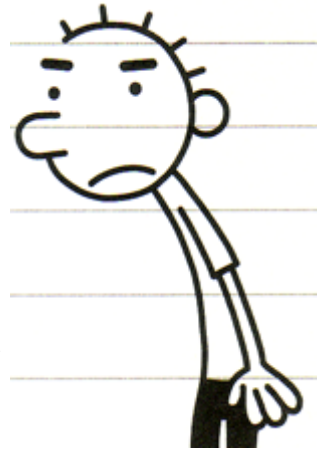
Sensory Friendly Films

presents

**"Diary of a
Wimpy Kid"**

Saturday, March 20
10:00 a.m.

AMC Star Grand Rapids
3000 Alpine Avenue NW
Grand Rapids 49544



AMC Entertainment (AMC) and the Autism Society have teamed up to bring families affected by autism and other disabilities a special opportunity to enjoy their favorite films in a safe and accepting environment on a monthly basis. Sensory Friendly Films® premiered across the country in August 2008, and will continue this month with a showing of **"Diary of a Wimpy Kid"** on March 20. Tickets are \$4 and can be purchased at the door on the day of the event.

In order to provide a more accepting and comfortable setting for children with autism or other special needs, AMC movie auditoriums will have their lights brought up and the sound turned down, families will be able to bring in their own gluten-free, casein-free snacks, and no previews or advertisements will be shown before the movie. Additionally, audience members are welcome to get up and dance, walk, shout or sing - in other words, AMC's "Silence is Golden®" policy will not be enforced unless the safety of the audience is questioned.



Autism Support of Kent County

and



West Michigan Whitecaps
present

Second Annual

Autism Awareness Night

Saturday, April 17, 2010 at 6:35 pm

(gates open: 5:30 pm; pre-game activities: 5:45 pm)

West Michigan Whitecaps vs. Great Lakes Loons

Fifth Third Ballpark: 4500 West River Drive, Comstock Park

Event Includes:

- Pre-game, **ASK** families allowed on the field for autographs & to play catch in the outfield.
- The first 100 kids to stop by the **ASK** display table located in front of the **Whitecaps Customer Service window** will receive a coupon good for a free hotdog meal!
- During the game, a specially designated short-term quiet area for **ASK** families.
 - Whitecaps Autism Awareness** players' jerseys auction.



OWN YOUR OWN WHITECAPS AUTISM AWARENESS BASEBALL JERSEY!

Bid on the Whitecaps Autism Awareness jerseys that players are wearing during the game. After the game, the jerseys will be autographed and sold to the highest bidder. All proceeds from the sale of the jerseys will go to **Autism Support of Kent County**.

Tickets start at only \$5.00 each. **\$1.00** from every individual ticket sold will be donated to **Autism Support of Kent County**. To purchase tickets, go to www.whitecapsbaseball.com

and click on tickets.

Or call (616) 784-4131 or 800-CAPS-WIN

Don't miss a great day of baseball as your West Michigan Whitecaps support Autism Awareness!

AUTISM AWARENESS PRODUCTS



Large Car Magnet
Size: 4" x 8"
\$5.00



Mini Magnet
Size: 2" x 4"
\$3.00



Lapel Pin
Size: 1 1/4" x 3/4"
\$5.00

To order your magnet(s) and/or pin(s), please send a check or money order payable to:

Autism Support of Kent County
P. O. Box 150348
Grand Rapids, MI 49515

Shipping is included in the prices. Please enclose correct total and specify items ordered and complete delivery instructions. Thank you!

University of Michigan Research Study - Includes FREE Bicycle Training Camp for Children with ASD or Down Syndrome



What is it? The bicycle training camps are a *randomized clinical trial* hosted by the University of Michigan Center for Motor Behavior and Pediatric Disabilities. The aim of the study is to assist children and adolescents to learn to ride a two-wheel bicycle without training wheels, and measure the outcomes of learning on their health, patterns of sleep, and participation and integration into community activities. These data are needed to help change educational and health policy related to ASD and Down syndrome. The children will be trained 75 minutes per day for 5 days on an individual basis with specially designed bikes. The bikes are adapted throughout the week according to the child's skill level, eventually leading to a regular two-wheel bike.

What is a randomized clinical trial? Once your child has been enrolled in the research, he/she will be randomly assigned to either the experimental *or* control group. The **experimental** group will receive the bike camp this summer (see dates below). The **control** group will receive the bike camp during the summer of 2011, but will also be financially compensated \$150 for attending two measurement sessions before the 2011 camp. It is anticipated that caregivers will use the \$150 to enroll their child in other beneficial activities while they wait to receive their bicycle training in 2011.

Who can participate? Children with autism spectrum disorder or Down syndrome between the ages of 9-18 years with a desire to learn how to ride a two-wheel bike are eligible for screening. **If you would like more information about our study – please contact (email preferred):** Christie Jaszewski at cjaszews@umich.edu; Phone: (734) 936-2607.

Study Information

Screening: Saturday, April 17 or one other date (tbd)

Measurements: Saturday, June 12 or Sunday, June 13

Experimental Intervention Camp: Monday, June 14 - Friday, June 18

Location: Ada Christian School, 6206 Ada Dr. SE, Ada, MI 49301





WALK FOR AUTISM AWARENESS

Sunday, April 25, 2010

12:00 Noon—4:00 p.m.

Kuyper College

Community Resource Fair

Many service providers will be on hand to share information about their programs and services. Attendance is free for families and other interested persons. Refreshments will be available, as well as door prizes, drawings, live music and fun activities for all ages throughout the afternoon. We've invited:

Autism Asperger Associates of Michigan
 B.R.A.I.N.S.
 Behavior Health Partners
 Child and Family Resource Council
 Coaching for Life Purpose
 Comprehensive Therapy Center
 Daniel Blauw - Attorney at Law
 Disability Advocates of Kent County
 Discovery Toys, Inc.
 Easter Seals - GR
 EnCourage Institute for Teaching & Learning
 Equest Center for Therapeutic Riding
 Family Hope Foundation
 Franciscan Life Process Center
 Goodwill Industries of Greater Grand Rapids
 GRCC Disability Support Services
 GYMCO
 Harvest Health—Cascade
 Hearts for the Arts
 Hope Network
 Horizons Developmental Remediation Center
 Indian Trails Camp
 Integrative Therapeutic Services
 Ken-O-Sha Diagnostic Center

Kent County Sheriffs Department
 Mary Free Bed
 Michigan Protection and Advocacy Service
 MOKA Foundation
 Network 180
 Noorthoek Academy
 OTvest
 Pine Rest Christian Mental Health Services
 Prudential
 S.M.A.W.L. Steps Sensory
 Sensory Learning Center of West Michigan
 SLD Center
 Spectrum Community Services
 The Arc Kent County
 The Center for Childhood Development
 The Gray Center for Social Learning and Understanding
 The Organizing Specialists
 Therapy Shoppe, Inc.
 Thresholds
 University of Michigan—Bike Camp
 Very Special Arts Michigan
 Vision and Sensory Center
 YMCA Camp Manitou-Lin



WALK FOR AUTISM AWARENESS

Sunday, April 25, 2010 — Kuyper College

12 Noon—4:00 p.m.

Signup Form

Our Walk for Autism Awareness is a non-competitive 2.5 K walk around the peaceful campus of Kuyper College, uniting families and community for the purpose of bringing about awareness of Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD).

There is no cost to participate in the Walk. Walkers are encouraged to collect pledges. All monies raised through pledges will help to fund the programs and services offered by Autism Support of Kent County. Walk t-shirts will be available for purchase. Cost is \$15 for each adult t-shirt and \$10 for each child t-shirt. T-shirts will also be awarded to those walkers collecting pledges (see pledge sheet for more details). Copy this form for additional registrations. For registrations without t-shirt order and/or if using a credit card to purchase t-shirts, this form may be faxed to Celia Andrus at (810) 222-4892. For questions or more information, contact Carol Lippert on the ASK phone line at (616) 752-8577 or email us at askkentcty@aol.com.

Name _____ Age _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ Email _____

I am unable to collect pledges in an amount sufficient to earn a Walk t-shirt, but would like to pre-order t-shirt/shirts for pickup at the event:

Adult (Indicate quantity) ____ S ____ M ____ L ____ XL ____ XXL @ \$15 each = \$ _____

Child (Indicate quantity) ____ S ____ M ____ L @ \$10 each = \$ _____

Total Enclosed \$ _____ Make check payable to "Autism Support of Kent County"

Visa/MC# _____ Exp. _____

Name on Credit Card _____

I know that participating in a walk may be potentially hazardous to my health. I realize that by signing this form, I will hold harmless Autism Support of Kent County, its sponsors, volunteers and/or staff for any injuries that may occur in the above event. I verify, by signing this waiver, that the above participant is covered by insurance and will assume all financial obligations for any injuries that may occur.

Signature/Guardian _____ Date _____



WALK FOR AUTISM AWARENESS

Sunday, April 25, 2010

Kuyper College

Pledge Form

Autism Support of Kent County is a 501 (c)(3) non-profit organization dedicated to serving the families of persons living with Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) in Kent County, Michigan. Every dollar raised at this event will stay in Kent County. Visit www.autismsupportofkentcounty.org to learn more about ASD and our organization. Please copy this form as needed for additional pledges.

****For each \$150.00 in pledges collected, one t-shirt will be awarded.**

Participant name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Daytime Phone Number _____

Please collect money at time of pledge and turn into Autism Support of Kent County no later than the day of the Walk — April 25, 2010. Pledges returned by April 16 will be guaranteed t-shirts on Walk day. Every attempt will be made to have a sufficient quantity of t-shirts at the Walk. If necessary, rain checks will be given. Checks or money orders should be made payable to Autism Support of Kent County. Early pledges may be mailed to ASK at P. O. Box 150348, Grand Rapids, MI 49515. Please copy this form as needed for additional pledges. Please give complete name and address of persons pledging to this event. Tax receipts available upon request.

Tax Receipt?
Y/N

Name/Address _____ Donation \$ _____

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Name/Address _____ Donation \$ _____

Total donations collected: \$ _____ T-Shirts Earned: _____

Sizes/number of t-shirts: Adult _____ S _____ M _____ L _____ XL _____ XXL _____

Child _____ S _____ M _____ L _____



WALK FOR AUTISM AWARENESS SPONSORSHIP FORM

Autism Support of Kent County (ASK) will hold a **Walk for Autism Awareness** on Sunday, April 25, 2010 from 12:00 noon to 4:00 p.m. at Kuyper College, 3333 East Beltline Avenue NE, Grand Rapids. ASK is seeking sponsorships from members, friends and local businesses. Would you consider a sponsorship this year? *The following packages are available. Deadline for sponsorship application is April 5, 2010. If paying by credit card, this form may be faxed to Celia Andrus at (810) 222-4892. Please return entire form with your sponsorship. Thank You!*

\$750 Gold Sponsor Fair Market Value -- \$120 (\$630 charitable contribution) Tax ID# 27-0292064

- Listing as a Gold Sponsor in the ASK newsletter, *The Voice*
- Listing as a Gold Sponsor on the ASK web site, with a link to the business web site (For 3 months)
- Name and/or Logo on Walk T-Shirts
- 1/2 page ad in the Walk program
- Recognition from the podium by the Master of Ceremonies
- 8 T-shirts (Qty/each): ___ Adult (S) ___ Adult (M) ___ Adult (L) ___ Adult (XL) ___ Adult (XXL)
___ Child (S) ___ Child (M) ___ Child (L)

\$500 Silver Sponsor Fair Market Value -- \$80 (\$420 charitable contribution) Tax ID# 27-0292064

- Listing as a Silver Sponsor in the ASK newsletter, *The Voice*
- Listing as a Silver Sponsor on the ASK web site, with a link to the business web site (For 3 months)
- Name and/or Logo on Walk T-Shirts
- 1/4 page ad in the Walk program
- 6 T-shirts (Qty/each): ___ Adult (S) ___ Adult (M) ___ Adult (L) ___ Adult (XL) ___ Adult (XXL)
___ Child (S) ___ Child (M) ___ Child (L)

\$300 Bronze Sponsor Fair Market Value -- \$60 (\$240 charitable contribution) Tax ID# 27-0292064

- Listing as a Bronze Sponsor in the ASK newsletter, *The Voice*
- Listing as a Bronze Sponsor on the ASK web site (For 3 months)
- Name and/or Logo on Walk T-Shirts
- *Business Card* spot in the Walk program
- 4 T-shirts (Qty/each): ___ Adult (S) ___ Adult (M) ___ Adult (L) ___ Adult (XL) ___ Adult (XXL)
___ Child (S) ___ Child (M) ___ Child (L)

\$150 Friend Fair Market Value — \$40 (\$110 charitable contribution) Tax ID# 27-0292064

- Listing as a Friend in the ASK newsletter, *The Voice*
- Listing as a Friend on the ASK web site (For 3 months)
- *Business Card* spot in the Walk program
- 2 T-shirts (Qty/each): ___ Adult (S) ___ Adult (M) ___ Adult (L) ___ Adult (XL) ___ Adult (XXL)
___ Child (S) ___ Child (M) ___ Child (L)

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_____ Yes, I would like to sponsor at the _____ level. Amount \$ _____

Company _____

Contact Person _____

Phone _____ Website: _____

Address: _____

Make check payable to: Autism Support of Kent County, P. O. Box 150348, Grand Rapids, MI 49515

Visa/MC# _____ Exp. Date _____

Name on Credit Card _____



WALK FOR AUTISM AWARENESS DONATION FORM

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If you have any questions, please call us at (616) 752-8577 or send a email to askkentcty@aol.com. All donations are tax deductible (Tax ID #27-0292064).
Thank you!

(Check here if you would prefer to be an anonymous donor: _____)

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Fax _____ E-mail: _____

Amount: \$ _____ and/or Item Description: _____

_____ I will mail the item (gift certificates or monetary donations only please) to ASK at P. O. Box 150348, Grand Rapids, MI, 49515.

_____ I would like someone from ASK to pick up the non-monetary donation.

Phone # _____

Contact Person: _____

Thank you for your donation!



CONFERENCES and WORKSHOPS

Michigan Council for Exceptional Children — 70th Annual Conference

March 3—5, 2010

Grand Plaza Hotel, Grand Rapids, MI

A draft of the breakout sessions for the 70th Annual MCEC Conference is now available on the website.

Make your reservations by calling (800)-253-3590 or visit www.michigancec.org.

It's Your Time! A Workshop for Parents of Children with Special Needs

March 6, 2010, 8:30 AM-3:00 PM

Grand Valley State University, Downtown Pew Campus, DeVos Center, 401 W. Fulton, Grand Rapids MI 49504

Participants will have the opportunity to meet other parents and service providers in our area. The morning includes an inspiring opening session by Janice, Rich and Micah Fialka-Feldman who will focus on hope and possibilities. The seminars to follow will feature trusts and wills, positive behavior supports for children, providing support for older children with autism, low tech sensory solutions and much more. \$10 enrollment fee includes continental breakfast, lunch and parking. **Enroll online: www.kentisd.org/pub**

Assistive Technology Presentation

Tuesday, March 9, 2010, 7:00 p.m.

Board Room - Woodcliff Administration Building
2915 Hall Street, SE., East Grand Rapids, MI 49506.
Kindy Segovia, Assistive Technology Coordinator at Kent ISD, will present low and high tech tools to support students in the educational environment. Many of these hardware and software solutions can be used universally with all students, not exclusively with students with disabilities. For more information, contact Stacy at (616) 575-0050.

Autism in the Classroom: Simple and Effective Strategies to Learn Today and Use Tomorrow

March 12, 2010, 9:00 a.m.—5:00 p.m.

Crowne Plaza, Grand Rapids, MI

This unique fast-paced workshop will completely alter the way you understand and work with students who have autism and other neurodevelopmental disorders. Over the course of our day together we will guide you through information and activities that will radically shift how you approach communication, academic learning, behavior, and social engagement with these students. To register, call (616) 698-0306 or visit www.horizonsdrc.com.

Day of Change: Groundbreaking Workshop for Parents of Children with Autism & Other Neurodevelopmental Disorders

March 13, 2010 9:00 a.m. — 5:00 p.m.

Crowne Plaza, Grand Rapids, MI

You will learn five simple but powerful concepts to help permanently impact your child's communication, behavior, and relationships. You will learn how to change aspects of yourself and your style of communicating and relating in order to change the way your child responds to you and the world around him/her. Call (616) 698-0306 or visit www.horizonsdrc.com.

Wrightslaw Conference & Resource Fair

March 27, 2010 9:00 a.m. — 4:30 p.m.

GVSU—Eberhard Center

301 W Fulton St., Grand Rapids, MI

With Wayne Steedman, Esq. One-day special education law and advocacy programs focus on four areas: special education law, rights and responsibilities, tests and measurements to measure progress and regression, SMART IEPs and introduction to tactics and strategies for effective advocacy. www.wrightslaw.com

Defeat Autism Now!

Spring 2010 Conference

Nutrition Seminar, Parent/Science Sessions

April 8 -11, 2010

Baltimore, MD

www.defeatautismnow.com

ASM 2010 Spring Conference featuring Kari Dunn Buron's: "When My Autism Gets Too Big"

April 23, 2010, 9:00 am - 3:30 pm

Greater Lansing Assoc. of Realtors, Lansing, MI

Kari will give an overview of current thinking in the area of Social Cognition and learning theories as they relate to ASD. She will connect learning style and problems of social understanding to symptoms of social anxiety, relationship building and challenging behavior as they relate to individuals across the spectrum and of all ages. For information, contact ASM at 517-882-2800 or download the registration form at www.autism-mi.org

Autism One/Generation Rescue 2010 Conference

May 24—30, 2010 Chicago, IL

Over 140 speakers. Keynote Speakers: Jenny McCarthy and Sarah Scheflen. www.autismone.org

Autism Society National Conference

July 7-10, 2010 Hyatt Regency, Dallas, Texas

Bringing together the expertise and experiences of family members, professionals and individuals on the spectrum, attendees are able to learn how to more effectively advocate and obtain supports for an individual with ASD. www.autism-society.org

Programs and Services

Aerials & Baranis Gymnastics Center

Special needs gymnastics class.
6001 Coit NE, Grand Rapids, MI, 49525
(616) 364-8320 or (616) 308-3300

AYSO VIP (Very Important Player) Soccer

Lynn Denzinger, VIP Coordinator
(616) 531-2448 volunteer767@lycos.com

The Arc Kent County

629 Michigan Ave. NE, Ste. D, Grand Rapids, MI 49503
(616) 459-3339 www.arc Kent.org

Autism Asperger Associates of Michigan

Contact: Kristen Priem 616-780-1358
www.autism-asperger-associates.com

Behavioral Resources and Institute for Neuropsychological Services (BRAINS)

3351 Eagle Run Dr. NE Suite C, Grand Rapids, MI 49525
(616) 365-8920 www.brainspotential.com

Behavior Health Partners

5242 Plainfield, Suite A, Grand Rapids, MI 49525
(616) 363-2200 www.behaviorhealthpartners.com

Center for Autism—Hope Network Behavioral Health

3361 36th Street SE, Kentwood, MI 49512-2809
(616) 954-3540 www.hopenetwork.org/autism

The Center for Childhood Development

7086 8th Avenue, Jenison, MI 49428
(616) 667-9551 www.theCenterforCD.com

CLC Network—Christian Learning Center

4340 Burlingame SW, Wyoming, Michigan 49509
(616) 245-8388 www.clcnetwork.org
bvannoord@clcnetwork.org

Comprehensive Therapy Center

2505 Ardmore SE, Grand Rapids, MI 49506
(616) 559-1054 www.therapycenter.org

Easter Seals - Michigan (Grand Rapids Center)

4065 Saladin Dr. SE, Grand Rapids, MI 49546
(616) 942-2081

Equest Center for Therapeutic Riding

3777 Rector NE, Rockford, MI 49341
(616) 866-3066 www.equestcenter.org

Franciscan Life Process Center

11650 Downes Street, Lowell, MI 49331
Music Therapy and Private Music Lessons
(616) 897-7842 www.lifeprocesscenter.org

Friendship Ministries

2215 29th St SE #B6, Grand Rapids, MI 49508
(888) 866-8966 www.friendship.org

The Gray Center c/o City on a Hill Ministries

100 Pine Street, Suite 121, Zeeland, MI 49464
616-748-6030 www.thegraycenter.org

Hearts for the Arts—An Open Studio

You pick the times that work best for you! Call to set up an appointment. Shannon Harris at (616) 450-1922
hearts4thearts@live.com or www.hearts4thearts.net

Hope Network—Institute for Neurodevelopmental

Differences — 3333 36th Street SE, Grand Rapids
(616) 942-2522 www.hopenetwork.org

Homes for Autism

Anne Gerard, Executive Director, (248) 588-2111
www.homesforautism.org

Horizons Developmental Remediation Center

3120 68th Street SE, Caledonia, MI, 49316
(616) 698-0306 www.horizonsdrc.com

Indian Trails Camp

Spring Respite Dates:

March 5-7, March 26-28, April 16-18, May 7-9, May 21-23
0-1859 Lake Michigan Dr. Grand Rapids, 49544
(616) 677-5251 www.indiantrailscamp.org

Integrative Therapeutic Services, LLC

Sensory Integrative Therapy and AIT provided by an Occupational Therapist. For more information and individual scheduling, call (616) 464-0724.

Kent County Health Department - Children's Special Health Care Services

— Chris Buczek
700 Fuller NE, Grand Rapids, MI 49503
(616) 632-7039 www.accesskent.com

LifeLine Service Dogs

2328 Dean Lake Ave., Grand Rapids, 49505
www.followtheball.org/lifeline.html (616) 363-1044

Mary Free Bed Rehabilitation Hospital

235 Wealthy SE, Grand Rapids, MI 49503
(800) 528-8989 www.maryfreebed.com

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Spectrum Health — DeVos Children's Hospital—Behavioral Pediatrics

330 Barclay Avenue NE, Suite 200, Grand Rapids 49503
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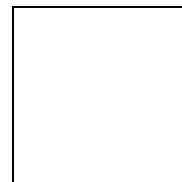
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