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JANUARY ACTIVITIES

Annual Giving Campaign: LDAF depends on the generous support of the community to provide quality programs and services for individuals with autism. Funds raised through annual giving provide us with the dollars to make a difference and offer tax benefits for those who make a year end gift! You can even make a gift in honor of a child, friend, or loved one and we will send a special acknowledgment card! Visit www.ldaf.com and click the *Donate Now* button to make a gift today!

LDAF Website Re-launch: *LDAF's website and print materials have a new look and style!* Visit our newly enhanced website to learn more about LDAF's programs, services, and events in support of individuals with autism. Attached to this newsletter you will find our new brochure, which outlines the benefits available to families of individuals with autism from LDAF.

Check in frequently online to watch us as we grow and continue our commitment to creating more and more opportunities for individuals with autism in our local communities.

*****Sign up to receive this newsletter via email during January or February and you'll automatically be entered to win a free LDAF knapsack! Sign up today at www.ldaf.com*****

UPCOMING EVENTS

~7TH Annual LDAF Autism Ball and Auction for Hope~
Saturday, March 15th, 2008

Join the fun by purchasing your tickets today to this annually sold-out celebration in support of individuals with autism in Sussex County. Tickets are \$175 per person and include a delicious dinner, delectable drinks, and dancing to the sounds of *Jellyroll* at this "black tie optional" gala. This year's theme is WONDER...come see our fresh look and exciting LIVE & SILENT AUCTION ITEMS. *And remember...if you can't join us for the party... you can support our most important fundraising event with an auction donation, sponsorship, balloon tribute, honorary or business program ad, or even as a volunteer for the evening!*

Call 644-3410 or visit www.ldaf.com for more information



Reed Bellinger-Art Award Winner



Thanks to Mrs. Barlow's class for helping wrap our educational toys!





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IN THE COMMUNITY

LDAF does not endorse or receive benefit from these events. They are listed for your awareness of availability.

Asperger's Disorder and Autism: Advances in Understanding & Interventions

Celine Saulnier, Ph.D., Yale University School of Medicine will speak on Feb. 7, 2008 on "Advances in Understanding and Interventions" at the Sheraton Baltimore-North, Dulaney Valley Road, Towson, MD. Call 413-499-1489 x1 for more information. \$149.00 per person.

Social Skills Training: Children's Beach House 1800 Bay Avenue, Lewes

Would you like your child to have more opportunities to practice friendship skills in a fun environment? This group offers kids an environment for learning empathy skills, initiating and joining in conversation, decision making, leadership skills, and group problem solving. The group is facilitated by Dr. Eileen Baker, a former school psychologist and licensed professional counselor of mental health. Call 302.645.9184 or email Alana Bansch at abansch@cbhinc.org to register or to learn more. Tuition is \$30 per session for an 8-week course.

Session I ~ Tuesdays, January 29-March 18, 2008 5:30-6:30pm (ages 6-9)
6:30-7:30pm (ages 10-15)

Session II ~Tuesdays, April 1-May 20, 2008 5:30-6:30pm (ages 6-9)
6:30-7:30pm (ages 10-15)

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Race for Autism Committee: Seeks committee members to assist with event preparation and solicitation of sponsorships for this April 26th event. Contact Mary Landon Green at ldautismfdn4@yahoo.com to learn more about this opportunity or call the office at 302-644-3410.

Autism Ball and Auction for Hope: Seeks committee members to assist with event preparation, solicitation of sponsorship, and obtaining silent auction donations for this March 15th event. Contact Mary Landon Green at ldautismfdn4@yahoo.com to learn more about this opportunity or call the office at 302-644-3410.

Toyota Camry Raffle: LDAF has set a goal to raise \$100,000 with our next raffle. To do so, **we need your help** to sell tickets in our communities. Please help by selling tickets to your friends, family, neighbors, and co-workers. Call Mary Green at 302-644-3410 or email her at mgreen@ldaf.com to do your part to help LDAF make a difference!

ESSENTIAL PIECES

LDAF offers our sincerest appreciation to:

Chris Birney for his donation of technical support

Frank Barrett for sponsoring LDAF's Winter Open House

Fred Hertrich III & Tushar Patel at Hertrich Toyota of Milford for their facilitation of a donation of a new Toyota Camry from our regional Toyota dealers. Ticket sales will help fund LDAF programs for YOUR child & family!