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APRIL ACTIVITIES - Autism Awareness Month

Crabby Dick's Dine-Out for LDAF Night: April 8, 2008 Route One, Rehoboth Beach 5 – 9pm

Join friends of LDAF at Crabby Dick's for dinner and LDAF will receive 22% of the food sales that night! Reservations are NOT required. See you there!

AUTISM: The Musical Saturday, April 19, 2008 7pm Milton Theatre, 110 Union Street, Milton

VSA Arts of Delaware, LDAF, and The Rehoboth Beach Film Society will present a special movie screening of a documentary film highlighting a woman's optimistic pledge to lead a diverse group of children with autism in defying expectations by writing, rehearsing, and performing their own full length musical. Tickets \$5.00 per person and may be reserved by calling 645-9095 or purchased at the door. More information at www.rehobothfilm.com

SUSPAC: Sussex Consortium's Parent Advisory Group April 10, 2008 6pm Sussex Consortium

Stay "in the know" about your child's educational program by joining parents of children educated by the Sussex Consortium, School Administrators, and members of LDAF in a monthly discussion group. Effective communication and collaboration between the school and parents strengthens our abilities to help children with autism meet and exceed their goals! Hope to see you there!

TOYOTA CAMRY RAFFLE: March-October 2008 \$100 per ticket 1 in 1000 chance to win www.ldaf.com

YOU can win the #1 Selling Car in America as the winner of LDAF's TOYOTA CAMRY RAFFLE, made possible through the generosity of the Central Atlantic Toyota Division. LDAF extends sincerest thanks to Hertrich Toyota for their help making it possible! Purchase tickets at www.ldaf.com/camryraffle.htm or call the office to purchase a ticket or **help sell them to family, friends, & co-workers**. 302-644-3410

Team Trivia: April 22 Irish Eyes, Lewes 4:30pm Music and Food 6:00pm Team Trivia w/ host John Mixon

Join friends and families to test your knowledge and trivia skills! Proceeds from the evening's registration and a portion of food sales support LDAF's *Most at the Coast Conference* for educators, teachers, paras, professionals and parents. A \$75 gift certificate will be awarded to the winning team for a future visit to Irish Eyes. A 50/50 drawing and other items will be raffled off at half time. Teams of up to 7 people can register for \$28.00 in advance OR \$5.00 per person at door. Pre-registration is recommended-space is limited. Call 302-644-3410 to pre-register! Don't miss out on the FUN!!!

Race for Autism: April 27 Cape Henlopen High School, Lewes

LDAF is racing towards a future filled with opportunities for individuals with autism...help us to achieve our goals by supporting our largest community event. Half-Marathon, 5K Run/Walk, Kiddie Fun Run. Visit www.ldaf.com for more information, fundraising materials, and to register today!

UPCOMING EVENTS

Mark Your Calendars for these exciting events!

Carnival for Children and Teens at Camp Barnes: May 10 1pm-5pm Camp Barnes, Bethany Beach

LDAF is again planning a Family Fun Day Carnival for children and teens with autism, their siblings and parents. Lunch will be catered by Bethany Blues from 1-2pm followed by activities the whole family can enjoy, including face painting, sack races, crafts, and activities. The sounds of the Steal the Show Steel Drum Band will entertain families as we do the limbo and dance the afternoon away! The event is free, but pre-registration is required. Please RSVP by calling 302-644-3410 by April 28th with the number of children and adults in your party.

1st Annual Irish Eyes Tripleheader Fishing Tournament: Fish any one or two days: May 12-14 Lewes

Join us for the premier of a Lewes-based fishing tournament, benefiting LDAF with logistical support provided by Lewes Yacht Club. Three targeted species: Striper, Bluefish, Sea Trout (Weakfish). Chance to win up to \$50,000 in prize money! To learn more or to register, visit www.ldaf.com/events/fishingtourney08.htm or any Irish Eyes Pub and Restaurant location!



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IN THE COMMUNITY

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

Top Soccer Program: Saturdays 12pm-1pm April 5-May 24 Gum Road, Roxana, DE

Top Soccer offers the opportunity of learning and playing soccer to any boy or girl, age 5– 19, who has a cognitive or physical disability. \$20 per player. Scholarships are available. Contact 302-732-6835 for more information.

Social Skills Training

Children's Beach House 1800 Bay Avenue, Lewes

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

Would you like your child to have more opportunities to practice friendship skills in a fun environment? This group offers children 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.

UNDERSTANDING DDDS ADULT SERVICES AND SUPPORTS: Presented by DDDS and The ARC of DE Thursday, May 15th 9:00 – 2:00 p.m. Stockley Center Patriots Way, Georgetown

This training is available to parents, self advocates and others who are interested in learning more about the Adult DDDS service delivery system. Whether you are currently receiving DDDS services or you are interested in learning more about the DDDS service delivery system for adults, you are welcome to attend. This information will be presented by Arc of Delaware staff, along with parents who are presently accessing the system. (DDDS administrative staff will also be present at each training session.) Attendees will receive an extensive training manual developed by The Arc of Delaware in collaboration with DDDS. There is no charge for this training, but pre-registration is required. Lunch will be provided. Thursday, May 15th 9:00 – 2:00 p.m. Stockley Center Campbell 2 Building Room A26351 Patriots Way, Georgetown, DE SPACE IS LIMITED, REGISTER EARLY! To register, please contact Janice: 302-736-6140.

Summer Program for Teens with Special Needs: University of Delaware, Newark

The University of Delaware's Center for Disabilities Studies offers a STEP program for youth with disabilities, ages 16-21. The Summer Transition Education Program helps prospective college students learn about becoming more independent, experiencing college life, and advocating for the supports they need. The 2008 session is from June 22 - 27. Participants will live in the U of D dorms. The cost is \$1,400. Contact: Cory Nourie, 831-1705 to receive more information.

D & M Electric: Families and friends of LDAF-SC-DAP are offered a free initial service call fee OR 10% off their bill...whichever works best for them! D&M provides service daily, including evenings and Saturdays – and there is never an extra service charge for those hours. D & M Electric 302-745-7342.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Race for Autism Committee: Seeks volunteers to assist with day of event support, including race timers, water stops, set up, break down & clean up, etc. for this April 27th event. Contact Mary Landon Green at mgreen@ldaf.com to learn more about this opportunity or call the office at 302-644-3410.

Carnival for Children and Teens with Autism: Volunteers are needed for set up, activities, & games. Call 302-644-3410.

ESSENTIAL PIECES

LDAF offers our sincerest appreciation to:

All of our attendees, donors, and volunteers who helped LDAF to raise over \$70,000 during our Annual Autism Ball and Auction for Hope, held at the Baycenter in Dewey Beach. Over 300 people attended the event and a truly WONDER-ful time was had by all! Look forward to seeing you next year!