



"News You Can Use" from LDAF

FEBRUARY - MARCH 2009

UPCOMING EVENTS

SUSPAC: Thurs, Feb. 12 Sussex Consortium, Lewes 6pm: Join SUSPAC-your parent organization- to discuss topics related to the Consortium program and issues facing the autism community.

LEDO PIZZA Dine Out Night: Tues, Feb. 17, 18701 Coastal Hwy #1, Rehoboth 5pm-Close Dine Out for LDAF with our friends, family and staff! Have some pizza, an overstuffed sandwich, or any of Ledo's other tasty menu items and a portion of the proceeds will benefit LDAF's programs and services! [Ledo Pizza & Pasta](http://www.ledopizza.com) (302) 644-1880 or Visit www.ledopizza.com to check out their menu.

8th Annual Autism Ball & Auction: Sat, Mar. 7th, Baycenter, Dewey Beach 6pm-12pm

Invite your friends, family, co-workers, neighbors...anyone you know...to join LDAF for a special celebration of our DREAMS for people with autism. Dinner and Dancing featuring music by Big City Band, Open Bar 6-8pm, Cash Bar 8pm-midnight. Honorary Chairs: Mr. and Mrs. Jim Kiernan. Presented through the generous support of Sussex Tree, Inc., The Bellmoor Inn, and The Kiernan Family. Tickets: \$125 per person - Cocktail Attire. Visit www.ldaf.com for tickets, auction donation forms, sponsorship information, or to volunteer!

BALLOON TRIBUTES AVAILABLE!!! \$25.00 each LDAF will create a beautiful balloon tribute at the Autism Ball in the dining room. You can honor a person with autism, special teacher, grandparent or friend who has helped make a difference in the life of your loved one. A balloon is flown in honor of this special person with a puzzle piece tag stating the honoree's name and the donor attached!

\$25.00 each Contact Mary Green at mgreen@ldaf.com or visit www.ldaf.com and click on the Autism Ball Sponsorship info to purchase!

IN THE COMMUNITY

Camp Fairlee Manor-Easter Seals: 2009 Special Autism Sessions June 14-19 August 2-7 Camp Fairlee Manor, MD is offering autism specific camping sessions for kids and teens with autism. Devoted to serving children ages 6-21 with ASD, two special week-long sessions are offered. If registered with DDDS, some families have been able to utilize respite funds to pay for the camp. Visit www.de.easterseals.com to learn more or call LDAF at 302-644-3410 for a brochure or application. We can also put you in touch with other families of children with autism who have participated if you would like to learn more about their experience.

SNAP/ Special Needs Alert Program: SNAP identifies children with special health care or behavioral needs in the community before an emergency situation, allowing families to meet with Emergency Medical Service (EMS) providers in their home before they have to make a 911 call. Information is shared that will help EMS responders better serve the child in the event of an emergency. Having a plan make the difference in saving your child's life! To enroll call 302-744-5400.

Granny Dee's Divine Homemade Butter Crunch: 302-945-1354 Your valentine will love sweets from Granny Dee's! Order some of her scrumptious milk or dark chocolate almond butter crunch and a portion of the proceeds will be donated to LDAF by this dynamic duo of grandparents of a child with autism. Priced from \$3.95 to \$14.95...make sure to show someone sweet you care about them AND about LDAF's programs for people with autism! 302-945-1354 to order in time for Valentine's Day!

Pearl Essence Toys and Treasures: The Shops at the Cultured Pearl, Rehoboth Intriguing toys and imaginative play things for kids with autism and their siblings can be found at this unique shop under the Cultured Pearl on Rehoboth Avenue. See "Denise" for help finding the right toy or to ask how a toy can be adapted for learning fun. Mention LDAF at the check out and receive a special 20% off autism awareness discount for families AND teachers!



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VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Autism Ball and Auction ~ Week of March 2, Set Up March 6, Event March 7: LDAF seeks individuals interested in helping to prep auction donations prior to the event, selling program ads and balloon tributes over the next few weeks, and to work the night of the event! Please call Mary at 302-644-3410 or email her at mgreen@ldaf.com.

Race for Autism ~ April 27: Seeking committee members to help coordinate volunteers, obtain sponsorships, distribute information about our biggest community event. We are particularly interested in finding committee members who will help us to grow our WALK by coordinating teams and engaging participants as fundraisers. Please call or email Mary 302-644-3410 or mgreen@ldaf.com.

Sign Work Prep ~ Anytime you Choose! In preparation for our annual Race for Autism, LDAF needs to clean, inventory and organize our mile marker signage. Let us know if you can help by calling 302-644-3410.

ESSENTIAL PIECES

Special thanks to Carol Manion, volunteer, for acting as a greeter during our Dine Out Night at the Roadhouse in January!

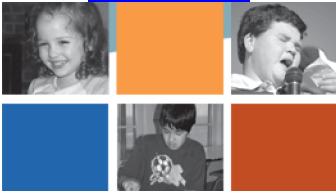
Sincerest Appreciation to the following donors for supporting LDAF's Annual Holiday Appeal 08-09!
With your help, LDAF raised \$9,190.00 in support of our programs and services:

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