



**Autism Society of
Cumberland County**

Jackie Pfuntner, Editor

Calendar of Events:

- § April 12 @ 5:45 pm ~
HFA Support Group at
Spainhour
- § April 12 @ 6:30 pm ~
Parent Ed. Mtg. at
Spainhour
- § April 13 @ 11:30 am ~
ALC Support Group at
Olive Garden
- § April 16 @ 6:00 pm ~
Vera Bradley Bingo at St.
Patrick's Church
- § April 21 @ 9:30 am ~
ABC Support Group at
Ckick-Fil-A on Skibo
- § April 27 @ 11:00 am ~
Board of Directors Mtg.
at Omni Family Resource
Center

Board of Directors:

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Outreach**

Jackie Pfuntner

Monthly Parent Education Program

Christine Seeburger, M.Sc.,

Autism Consulting Services

Will Present

Play and the Child with Autism

Presentation will include information about:

1. Discovering ways to adapt the toys/games you already have to make them more 'user friendly' so you do not have to go buy more,
2. Increasing understanding of how the pitfalls of autism impact your child's ability to play and get along with others, and
3. Learning how communication skills impact one's ability to successfully play and interact with other children.

**Join us April 12, 2010
at 6:30 pm at the
Dorothy Spainhour Center
223 Hull Road, Fayetteville, NC**

For your convenience, free respite care is available on site through Community Based Developmental Services. However, you must contact Cynthia Billops at least 24 hours prior to reserve your space at 488-5820/ 488-4584. You may leave a message to reserve your space; you will not receive a return phone call.

Save The Dates :

Vera Bradley Bingo for Autism Awareness

April 16, 2010 @ St. Pat's Church, 6 pm

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Hogs and Rags 5th Annual Spring Rally

April 25, 2010

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4th Annual Autism Awareness Golf Invitational

June 5, 2010 @ King's Grant Golf Course, 8:00 am

More information on pages 3 and 4

****Please note the change in location from previous years' tournaments****





April is Autism Awareness Month

What is autism?

Autism spectrum disorder (ASD) refers to a group of developmental disabilities—including classic autism, pervasive developmental disorder-not otherwise specified (PDD-NOS), and Asperger's Syndrome—that affect a person's ability to understand what they see, hear, and otherwise sense. It is a brain disorder that impacts communication, social interaction, and behavior. Individuals with ASD typically have difficulty understanding verbal and nonverbal communication and learning appropriate ways of relating to other people, objects, and events. No two people with ASD are the same. As its name implies, ASD is a spectrum disorder that affects individuals differently and with varying degrees of severity. Additionally, ASD is often found in combination with other disabilities.

How common is autism?

Autism spectrum disorder is the second most common developmental disability following mental retardation. ASD is more common than childhood cancer, cystic fibrosis, and multiple sclerosis combined. It is estimated that one out of every 110 people born today has some form of ASD. Roughly translated, this means as many as 2 million Americans today are believed to have some form of autism. And this number is on the rise. Based on statistics from the U.S. Department of Education and other governmental agencies, autism is growing at a startling rate of 10-17 percent per year. Autism knows no boundaries of race, ethnicity, social status, family income, lifestyle, or educational levels and can affect any family and any child. Although the overall incidence of autism is consistent around the globe, it is on average 4 to 5 times more likely to occur in boys than in girls.

Information for kids:

People with ASD are born with brains that work differently than others, so they learn differently. Many times a person with ASD will have a hard time talking with people and understanding what

they are saying. Some people with ASD cannot talk, while others talk a lot. Certain things may not feel, sound, smell, or taste the same to a person with ASD, and sometimes this difference is upsetting. Sometimes people with ASD rock back and forth or wave their arms and hands. They may not know they are doing this or how it looks to others. It is important to remember that each person is different whether or not he or she has ASD. We all have unique qualities that make us special.

What is the ASCC doing?

- Awareness ads in April:
 - The Fayetteville Observer
- Public Service Announcements:
 - Beasley Broadcast Group
 - Cumulus
- Collaborating with Hogs & Rags on their April 25 Spring Rally to Myrtle Beach
- Hosting the Vera Bradley Bingo for Autism Awareness on April 16 at St. Patrick's Church
- Planning the ASCC Fourth Annual Autism Awareness Golf Invitational scheduled June 5

What can you do?

- Write a letter/article for your child's school newsletter or your church bulletin
- Create a display board for your child's elementary school, YMCA, or place of worship
- Provide ASCC brochures to your pediatrician's office or local police department
- Wear your ASCC t-shirt often and answer questions when asked

For more information about autism spectrum disorder, contact the Autism Society of Cumberland County by calling (910) 826-3004/3005 or visit www.autismcc.org.



Fourth Annual Autism Awareness Golf Invitational

Saturday, June 5, 2010

Sponsorships & Donations

Name of Sponsor/Donor: _____

Company Slogan: _____

Contact Person: _____

Address: _____

Phone number: _____

Please fill in the area below and let us know how you are going to participate:

Corporate Sponsorship: \$1,000 \$_____

(Includes Hole Sponsorship, Two 4-Man-Teams, logo on Tourney t-shirt, and print media)

\$500 \$ _____

(Includes Hole Sponsorship, One 4-Man-Team, logo on Tourney t-shirt, and print media)

Hole Sponsorship: \$100 \$_____

I would like my Hole Sponsor sign to read:

_____ is a Hole Sponsor in Honor of

_____.

Tax Deductible Donation: (Fill in Amount) \$_____

Any items or gift certificates you would like to donate for door prizes

Items: _____

Gift Certificates: _____(Number of gift certificates you are donating)

\$ _____ (Value of each gift certificate)

Please submit gift certificates or make check payable to:

Autism Society of Cumberland County

Mail to: ASCC, 351 Wagoner Drive, Suite 410, Fayetteville, NC 28303

*ASCC is a non-profit organization. Your donation is tax deductible within IRS regulations. Please consult with your accountant.



Fourth Annual Autism Awareness Golf Invitational Saturday, June 5, 2010

The ASCC will be hosting a 4 Man Team, Captain's Choice Tournament. The tournament will be held at **King's Grant Golf Course** in Fayetteville, NC. There will be a shotgun start at 8:00 am.

Team Captain: _____ Phone #: _____

Mailing Address: _____ T-shirt size: _____

2nd Player: _____ Phone #: _____

Mailing Address: _____ T-shirt size: _____

3rd Player: _____ Phone #: _____

Mailing Address: _____ T-shirt size: _____

4th Player: _____ Phone #: _____

Mailing Address: _____ T-shirt size: _____

The fee is \$50 per person. Fees will include Golf Cart, Green Fees, Range Balls, Raffle Ticket, T-shirt, and Lunch.

I would also like to be a Hole Sponsor for an additional \$100: \$_____

I would like my Hole Sponsor sign to read:

_____ is a Hole Sponsor in Honor of _____.

Sorry, I am unable to attend the ASCC Golf Invitational. Please accept my tax-deductible donation of \$_____.

If you have any questions, please call Jackie Pfuntner at (910) 826-3004.

Please make check payable to: Autism Society to Cumberland County

Mail to: ASCC, 351 Wagoner Drive, Suite 410, Fayetteville, NC 28303

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Please consult your accountant. NOTE: Golf Registrations are not tax-deductible.



The Fayetteville Dogwood Festival Event **5th Annual Spring Rally**



Enjoy a fun & relaxing escorted ride to the beach.

Saturday, April 24, 2010 • 8am—3pm

Raffles • Silent Auction • Fun • Food • Fellowship

A fundraiser benefiting Autism, American Cancer Society, and Our Kids Can Read Foundation.

Register now at www.hogsandrags.com

The registration fee is \$50 per entry and \$30 for each additional passenger.

**The Airborne & Special
Operations Museum**

Rocking A Ranch

N. Myrtle Beach

Vera Bradley Bingo for Autism Awareness

Friday April 16, 2010

6:00 pm

Doors open at 5:00 pm

St. Patrick's Catholic Church
2844 Village Dr. Fayetteville, NC



\$20 and \$25 packages offered at the door
20 Regular games, 1 bonus game, 20 door prizes drawings, and 1 raffle drawing
A fun-filled evening of Vera Bradley bingo and door prizes
Raffle drawing - 2 piece Samsonite Luggage
Concessions will be available

Proceeds will benefit: Autism Society of Cumberland County

For more information: 910-826-3004/3005

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Web: www.autismcc.org

Winner of the Autism Society of
North Carolina affiliate of the Year
Award—1996, 2002, & 2003

Return Service Requested

Supporting Individuals Within The Autism Spectrum



The Autism Society of Cumberland County is an affiliate of the Autism Society of North Carolina

Mission Statement

The Autism Society of Cumberland County is committed to providing support and promoting opportunities which enhance the lives of individuals within the autism spectrum and their families.

Vision Statement

The Autism Society of Cumberland County strives to create a community where people within the autism spectrum and their families receive respect, services, and supports based on individual differences, needs, and preferences.

Funded In Part By:



Donations

Please remember the ASCC with your **tax-deductible** charitable contribution!

Checks should be made payable to:

Autism Society of Cumberland County
PO Box 35600
Fayetteville, NC 28303

Name _____

Address _____

Amount of Contribution _____

The Nicholas Fasul Finch Autism Fund was established in 1998 by Hank and Anna Fasul Finch, in honor of their son Nicholas. The fund is a donor advised fund of the Cumberland Community Foundation and was created for the purpose of supporting programs and services for individuals with autism in the Cumberland County area. All contributions are tax-deductible to the extent allowed by law.

Checks should be made payable to:
Cumberland Community Foundation
PO Box 2345
Fayetteville, NC 28302-2345

***Please write "For the Nicholas F. Finch Autism Fund" on your check.**