



Jackie Pfuntner, Editor

Calendar of Events:

- § Dec. 2 @ 11:00 am ~ ABA Support Group at Jason's Deli
- § Dec. 9 @ 11:30 am ~ ALC Support Group at Cross Creek Mall
- § Dec. 17 @ 9:30 am ~ ABC Support Group at McDonald's Skibo
- § Jan. 12 @ 5:45 pm ~ HFA Support Group at Spainhour
- § Jan. 12 @ 6:30 pm ~ Parent Ed. Mtg. at Spainhour
- § Jan. 27 @ 11:00 am ~ Board of Directors Mtg. at Omni Family Resource

Board of Directors:

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The staff and the board of directors of the Autism Society of Cumberland County wish you and your family a joyous holiday season and blessings in 2009.

Please note that the ASCC is taking a holiday break! There will be no Parent Education Meeting or HFA Support Group in December.

Be sure to join us on January 12, 2009 at 6:30 pm at the Dorothy Spainhour Center, 223 Hull Road, Fayetteville as Heather Wilkerson presents: Equine Assisted Psychotherapy for Individuals with Autism.





Support Groups

Monthly Support Groups are open to parents, professionals, and anyone else who wishes to attend. Support groups are a great place to network with other parents and share your ideas or concerns. Find a support group meeting to fit your busy schedule.

The **Applied Behavior Analysis (ABA)** Support Group will meet **Tuesday, Dec. 2** at 11:00 am at Jason's Deli.

The **Autism Breakfast Club (ABC)** Support Group will meet **Wednesday, Dec. 17** at 9:30 a.m. at McDonald's on Skibo. This group is for parents of ages pre-school—elementary with autism.

The **Autism Lunch Club (ALC)** Support Group will meet **Tuesday, Dec. 9** at 11:30 am at Cross Creek Mall. This group is for parents of ages middle school—adults with autism.

The **High Functioning Autism (HFA)** Support Group will meet **Monday, Jan. 12** at 5:45 pm at Dorothy Spainhour Center. This group is for parents of individuals with high-functioning autism/aspergers.

SAVE THE DATE

20th Annual

Leo M. Croghan Conference *on Developmental Disabilities*

*A Conference for Parents and Professionals Concerned with
the Care and Development of Young Children*

Wendy Stone from Vanderbilt University will be giving a plenary and a concurrent session on early intervention in autism. There will be numerous break-out sessions.

December 8, 2008

Sheraton Imperial Hotel, Durham, NC

For more information please visit www.croghanconference.org

Twenty scholarships are available for parents who have a child less than 5 years old with special needs.

Goody Bag Items:

We need your help! We will be stuffing over 350 goody bags for the self-contained classrooms on Tuesday, December 2 at 10:00 am at the Omni Family Resource Center (upstairs conference room). We need at least 10 volunteers. Call Jackie or Jennifer if you can help at 826-3004/3005.

If your child is not in a self-contained class; please feel free to come by the office to pick up a goody bag for your child.

Teacher's Wish List:

Over the years, ASCC has tried to assist the teacher's of self-contained autistic classes by printing their wish list in the ECHO. We are once again asking that the teachers of Cumberland County send us any wish list items they would like to have, such as Velcro, laundry baskets, books, CDs, puzzles, etc.

Hopefully we have some parents with these items laying around that would love to donate them to a great cause.

Teachers may send wish list requests via e-mail to autismcc@ccpfc.org or call 826-3004.



DJ's On the Go:

We would like to thank Charles Perry and Jody and Amy Perry for selecting the ASCC as the recipient of their fundraiser, *Rocking to the Oldies Party*. We are so very grateful for their dedication to our mission.

ASNC 2008 Holiday Cards Available:

Each year the Autism Society of North Carolina sells holiday cards created by artists on the autism spectrum. This year we are pleased to offer holiday cards designed by Vidal Tan, DJ Svoboda, and Noah Hrynewych. The holiday cards are sold in packs of 18 (6 of each design) with 20 envelopes. Each pack of cards costs \$10. The shipping and handling is \$5 regardless of quantity ordered. International customers will be charged shipping according to the weight of their order. Please allow 1-2 weeks for delivery of your cards. For more information visit www.autismsociety-nc.org or call 1-800-442-2762.

Order your 2008 Holiday cards today!

All cards feature original artwork by North Carolina artists on the autism spectrum.



Each packet includes 18 cards, 6 of each design, and 20 envelopes.

We Need Your Help - Become a Member - 2009:

ASNC Membership (includes local and state membership): \$40.00 _____ (make check payable to ASNC)

ASCC Membership: \$10.00 _____ (make check payable to ASCC)

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Telephone (h) _____ (w) _____

E-Mail _____ Child's Birth Date (if parent) _____

Local Affiliate Name: **Autism Society of Cumberland County**

Mail all memberships, ASNC and ASCC to:

Autism Society of Cumberland County, 351 Wagoner Drive, Suite 140, Fayetteville 28303

To charge memberships to ASNC, visit www.autismsociety-nc.org and click on "Be a Member" on the left hand side

or to charge to ASCC, visit <http://autismcc.org/membership.php>

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

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:

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