

Autism Society



of the Quad Cities

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New Format for New Year

Mission:

The Autism Society of the Quad Cities is an Iowa nonprofit charitable corporation whose mission is to establish, maintain, operate and support activities, facilities, training, education and other programs designed to advance or support the general welfare of persons with Autism Spectrum Disorders and their caregivers in the Quad-Cities area and surrounding counties in Iowa and Illinois.

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The Autism Society of the Quad Cities is pleased to unveil its new newsletter format. While we have enjoyed our partnership with the ARC, we want to provide our members with information that is more specifically related to their needs.

In future newsletters, you will find information on upcoming events including:

- ASQC support group meetings
- ASQC sponsored symposia and conferences
- Other community events and agencies supporting those with Autism and their families

To make this newsletter even more helpful to you, we ask our readers to share their ideas and stories. We would like to feature your success stories and respond to your questions through this newsletter as well as keep you up to date on the important work we are doing to support you.

As we transitioned to this new system, some of the information we had in our database was lost. If you know of others who should be receiving this newsletter, or families who are relatively new members to ASQC, please share this with them and ask them to contact us to update their information so that we may include them in future mailings.

This page of the print version of the newsletter contained the Autism Awareness Walk Registration Form. That document can be found on the events page of our website.

Resources, Upcoming Events, Other Items of Interest



Camp Hand in Hand Sign-Up and Special Needs Expo are scheduled for 9 am on Saturday, April 21, 2007. The address for Hand in Hand/Tessa's Place is 3860 Middle Road, Bettendorf. If you have any questions call Mark Smith at 332-8010.

The Family Museum in Bettendorf is holding a class for students with special needs called "Bodies in Motion". They'll work on gross & fine motor skills, use instruments, scarves and other props, and most importantly, have fun! Session 2 is on Tuesdays from 4:00 - 4:45 pm, from February 27 - March 27. This is for children ages 4 - 14 and their caregivers. For more info call Julie Klein at 344-4170.

The Autism Society of America's 38th National Conference is scheduled for July 11 - 14 in Phoenix, Arizona. Check out their website www.autism-society.org for more details.

If you're looking for Autism Awareness items, check out the **Victory Store** at www.victorystore.com. They have many items available. The Victory Store also generously donates a portion of their proceeds from their Autism Awareness items to the Autism Society of the Quad Cities. This money has been used to support symposia and other events.

The Iowa Federation of Families for Children's Mental Health is hosting a presentation by Dr Ross Greene about The Explosive Child on June 15th in Des Moines, IA.

The Autism Society of the Quad Cities Autism Awareness Walk will be held April 14, 2007 at Augustana College. To register for the walk, complete the form on the previous page and return it to us, along with your check or cash. We hope to make this an annual event and to raise awareness in the greater Quad Cities area. Please join us for the morning and learn more about Autism and the organizations in our area that support our children and families.

Join **Athletes Against Autism and Cure Autism Now** as we raise awareness about autism and funds for research into treatments and a cure for autism at the **Chicago White Sox Autism Awareness Day**. Sunday, April 29, 2007. 1:05 PM at U.S. Cellular Field. For more information call (323) 549-0500, ext. 747

Chicago White Sox vs. Los Angeles Angels of Anaheim

Tootsie Roll Drive August 2006

The LeClaire Knights of Columbus recognized area organizations dedicated to the support of individuals with disabilities and their families. At a presentation breakfast held on September 24, 2006 at Our Lady of the River in LeClaire, Grand Knight, Ed Rumpza, presented to the Autism Society of the Quad Cities a monetary donation from the proceeds of their annual Tootsie Roll Drive. The Autism Society of the Quad Cities greatly appreciates the continued support offered by the LeClaire Knights of Columbus to individuals with Autism Spectrum Disorder.



Kathy Sivil accepting a donation from Ed Rumpza of the LeClaire Knights of Columbus

Why should you join the Autism Society of America (ASA)?

- ▶ Your support contributes to an increase in public awareness.
- ▶ Your support secures funding for government-sponsored research.
- ▶ Your support helps contribute to a forum that provides comfort and information to families living with autism.
- ▶ You become part of a network of others who share in one mission.
- ▶ Your support also qualifies you to receive the ASA's quarterly magazine *The Autism Advocate*, a valuable source of information on autism-related issues.
- ▶ Your support enables you to vote for your local chapter board of directors

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