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The Brightest Hope for People with Autism

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Dear Friends,

Ask any Michigander what their favorite season of the year is and the answer is most likely “autumn” -- with its beautiful golden days and cool evenings with harvest moons! Homes for Autism is kicking off the spirit of the season with plans for our annual black-tie event, the **13th Annual Ring of Hope Dinner**, on Saturday, November 7, 2009.

We are excited about our choice of venue this year—the Detroit Institute of Arts—and we plan a less structured format to include gourmet food stations, gallery viewings and live entertainment. A special exhibition of the comprehensive study of photographs by American photographer, Richard Avedon, will be featured in the main gallery.

We are very fortunate this year to honor Dave and Peggy Meador as recipients of our 2009 Golden Ring of Hope Award. Dave is EVP and Chief Financial Officer of DTE Energy. The Meadors have a daughter with autism and are very involved within the autism community. We hope you will plan to join us on this very special evening!

Plans are already underway for 2010. We'll continue with the tradition of Irish Night, the 14th Annual, on Sunday, March 28. I am extremely pleased to announce that The Run for Autism will be held on Sunday, May 16. This was a new event for us last year that proved to be most successful. We will partner again with Oakland University's Center for Autism Research Education and Support (OUCARES) on their beautiful campus. We hope you will mark these dates on your calendars and join us with your family, friends and co-workers.

Our need for donations this year is even greater because of the faltering economy. We would appreciate anything you can do to help us continue in our efforts to develop and maintain housing opportunities for those with autism.

Best regards and I hope you all enjoy the colors of falling leaves in the days ahead,

Bill Schramm, President

P.S. Please share this newsletter with your friends, to keep them up to date on the needs and activities of Homes for Autism.

If you have any questions or would like to be added to our mailing list for upcoming information and events, please contact us:

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Mission

Homes for Autism provides and maintains houses for adults with autism and developmental disabilities. Homes for Autism exists to help people with autism achieve their best and to live and grow towards a better quality of life. We specialize in creative solutions to meet the needs of the people we serve and their families.

Children with autism become adults with autism. The number of adults with autism will rise significantly over the next two decades as the large group of recently diagnosed children with autism age. The current statistic is 1 in 150. Correspondingly, autism in adulthood is an issue of increasing concern. The critical shortage of services for adults with autism is a daily struggle for thousands of families who seek to provide a mainstream adult life for their loved ones living with autism.

Create Your Own Event

Homes for Autism depends on the efforts of organizations, clubs, congregations, company employee groups, student school clubs and teachers to help raise dollars. Here are some examples of fund-raising activities that you could sponsor:

- ▲ Charitable jeans day is an easy project that fellow employees appreciate.
- ▲ Bake sales, pancake breakfasts & spaghetti dinners are a good way to support our worthy cause.
- ▲ Bowl-a-thons, volleyball and basketball marathons.

Wish List

You can support our organization by donating your used cell phones and inkjet cartridges, while helping save the environment from toxic waste!

- ▲ You will be giving old technology new life and keep it from polluting our landfills. If improperly disposed of, one cell phone can pollute up to 132,000 liters of drinking water. Your unwanted cell phones and inkjet cartridges will be recycled in accordance with EPA regulations or refurbished and reused.
- ▲ Your donation may be tax-deductible.

Upcoming Events

13th Annual
Ring of Hope Dinner
November 7, 2009
6:30 p.m.

The Detroit Institute of Arts

Gallery Viewings
Silent and Live Auctions

2010 – Save the Date

14th Annual Irish Pub Night
Sunday, March 28, 6:00 p.m.
Four Green Fields, Royal Oak

The Run for Autism
Sunday, May 16
Oakland University Campus

Contact us at 248-588-2111 and we will arrange to pick-up your items

Our homes need donated business services, especially skilled trades such as electricians, plumbers, contractors and landscapers. Please call us at 248-588-2111 to be added to a list of resources that we can call when specific needs arise.

We are always looking for silent and live auction items for our fund-raising events. Call 248-588-2111 for details.

Please visit TonerforAutism.com for all your office and home business supply needs. Select Homes for Autism and we will receive 5% of those purchases.