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Dear Friends,

Welcome to our spring edition. I hope this newsletter finds you and your families in good health and looking forward to the warmth of the summer days ahead. This newsletter is intended to keep you informed and engaged with HFA – our goals, accomplishments and aspirations.

Homes for Autism began and will end 2011 with our two traditional events. Our 16th Annual Irish Pub Night was held on Sunday, March 27th and proved to be another delightful night of camaraderie and music. Our 15th Annual Ring of Hope Dinner will be held on Saturday, November 12th at The Village Club in Bloomfield Hills. It is not too soon to start thinking about this upcoming celebration -- please mark your calendars and plan to join us in November.

We have a new and exciting happening taking place on Saturday, October 8th at the Detroit Zoo – Homes for Autism's Annual Walk for Autism! Join us for this family- friendly "fun walk" to support our cause (to buy and maintain homes for adults with autism) and to enjoy a wonderful day at the zoo. I am very proud of the enthusiasm and passion of the committee members planning for this event, but we still require many volunteers to help us navigate towards a successful outcome. Please visit the Web site at www.thewalkforautism.org for team and individual online registration, online donations and / or to volunteer. Also see page 2 for more information on the day's events.

I wish you a wonderful summer and thank you for your sustained support of our charity.

Warmest regards,

Bill Schramm, President

HAPPY FATHER'S DAY!



Upcoming Events

The Walk for Autism Saturday, October 8, 2011 The Detroit Zoo

To raise awareness and support of Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) and to help improve the quality of life for individuals affected by autism, come enjoy a day at the Detroit Zoo through pledges collected from friends and family. Although there is no "registration fee," the recommended pledge funds raised per walker-participant is \$100; however, additional pledge-raising is certainly encouraged! *Please understand that, because of event costs, the minimum required pledge amount per person is \$40 for event and Zoo entry.* Children under five are welcome to attend with no associated fund-raising requirements, when accompanied by a qualifying adult guardian. Check-In starts at 7:00A and participants are welcome to stay at the Zoo until closing at 5:00P.

Please visit the Web site at www.thewalkforautism.org for more information on the day's events, team and individual online registration, sponsorship opportunities, or to donate dollars or your time as a volunteer. Last year's event was a tremendous success with more than 700 participants. With all of your help, we are looking forward to the prospect of continued success this year!

15th Annual Ring of Hope Dinner Saturday, November 12, 2011, 6:30 p.m. The Village Club, Bloomfield Hills

Plans are now being finalized for our guests to enjoy a wonderful evening to include a cocktail reception, silent auction and a gourmet dinner, followed by a live auction, entertainment and dancing. Each year, we recognize deserving and special friends of HFA with the Golden Ring of Hope Award. This year, we are very proud to announce that we will honor both Jeffrey Margolis, M.D., and Dennis Flynn, Flynn Benefits Group, as recipients. For information detailing the opportunities and benefits for you or your company to participate -- Sponsorship, Program Book and Live/Silent Auction Donations – or to answer any questions, please call 248-588-2111.

Your support of one or all of our events is particularly critical during this time of economic hardship. Homes for Autism receives no state or federal funding – our only hope to continue in our efforts to grow at the rate of diagnosed autism depends on your contributions.

16th Annual Irish Pub Night

Our 16th Annual Irish Pub Night was held on Sunday, March 27th, at Four Green Fields in Royal Oak. This traditional goodwill event featured great food, drinks, and a silent auction. Special thanks go to the Schramm and Paternel families for providing the raffle prizes, to our volunteers for their time and energy, and to those who donated silent auction items.

Pat McDunn and the Irish Gaels provided the entertainment and, as always, invited our Ypsilanti resident, Dana Hartman, to join the band and charm us all with his songs.

We also appreciated our host, Rick Griswald, and his friendly staff, who kept the food replenished and the drinks flowing. However, it has come to our attention that Rick has sold Four Green Fields, so we are considering a different location for Irish Night 2012. We welcome your suggestions for a new Irish pub location. Please contact us at 248-588-2111.

