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Dear Friends,

As summer comes to a close, with children and others going back to school, one cannot help but be contemplative. I'll share a couple of thoughts I have been exposed to this week.

First, we need to love one another, our neighbors and family. The Book of Isaiah says we should learn to love the poor. Those of us who live with adults who have autism practice these matters on a daily basis. It gives you an appreciation for life. That is why we can joyfully proceed with our upcoming fall plans.

Two big events for Homes for Autism are approaching rapidly! Join us on Saturday, October 8th at the Detroit Zoo for Homes for Autism's Annual Walk for Autism! Bring your family, friends and co-workers and enjoy this family friendly "fun walk" to support our cause (buying and maintaining homes for adults with autism). Your participation at the event also entitles you to enjoy the rest of the day at the zoo. To register as an individual or team, to volunteer and/or make a donation, please visit the www.thewalkforautism.org.

We will be celebrating a milestone this year - our 15th Annual Ring of Hope Dinner - which will be held on Saturday, November 12th at The Village Club in Bloomfield Hills. We hope you will join us to honor two deserving individuals: Jeffrey Margolis, M.D. and Patrick J. Kemp, EVP, Marketing, Corporate Relations and Development, Autism Speaks. Please mark your calendars and plan to participate in the festivities in November.

Each of these events allows us to continue our mission to others who need our assistance. Thanks for your help.

Warmest regards,

Bill Schramm, President

As the 10th anniversary of the September 11, 2001 terrorist attack approaches, Homes for Autism pays tribute to the thousands of innocent victims. Let us honor and never forget the lives that were taken in New York, Washington D.C. and Pennsylvania on that horrible day...

Upcoming Events

GARAGE SALE

ALL proceeds to benefit Homes for Autism

Friday, Saturday, Sunday (September 9th, 10th and 11th, 2011, 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. each day
1596 Northlawn (corner of Northlawn and Pleasant), Birmingham 48009

Mike Jennings, Sr. is hosting this garage sale. If you have tax-deductible items to donate or, if you have questions, please contact Mike by email: michaelkjennings1@yahoo.com, or call 248-842-3865. We hope you will all participate! Please pass this information on to your family, friends and co-workers!



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 and 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 qualified adult guardian. Check-in starts at 7:00 a.m. and participants are welcome to stay at the Zoo until closing at 5:00 p.m.

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 Patrick J. Kemp, EVP, Marketing, Corporate Relations and Development, Autism Speaks. 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.

