

We Are FACES



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US Sign Council Donates Hand Made Signs and \$600+ to FACES.
Glen and Patty Taylor with Tim Elmer at the convention in AC. Story on Page 3.

HAPPY NEW YEAR TO OUR FACES FAMILIES AND FRIENDS!

Happy New Year to Everyone. We have lots good things for the new year to celebrate. Beat those winter blues by finding us on Facebook or at Dunkin Donuts or attend a support group meeting. Blow Bubbles 4 autism on April 26th, or laugh with us at Stand UP for Autism on the 27th. We hope to see you around as we celebrate our tenth anniversary as a non-profit in South Jersey. Thanks to all who have been with us along the path. You continue to inspire, motivate, and drive this organization, as well as the "faces" of your dear children! I found this Irish Blessing and thought it might make a great toast, or whenever you choose to salute the old and new. May you always have work for your hands to do. May your pockets hold always a coin or

two. May the sun shine bright on your windowpane. May the rainbow be certain to follow each rain. May the hand of a friend always be near you. And may God fill your heart with gladness to cheer you.

Peace, Love and Autism,

Isabelle A. Mosca FACES Executive Director

And the FACES Board

What will the new year bring?



Let us know. Visit our Facebook Page! Search: FACES Autism Support Network and join us.

FACES AUTISM SUPPORT NETWORK is proud to present



RECIPES for SUCCESS in Autism

with KEYNOTE SPEAKER
Tom Altaffer, MSW, LCSW

PLUS Success Stories from adult self-advocates & Mary Kientz, MS, OTR

Friday, March 16, 2012

The Richard Stockton College of New Jersey

101 Vera King Farris Drive
Galloway, NJ 08205-9441

in The New Campus Center!

FACES SUPPORT GROUP MEETINGS



Southern Ocean County meetings (NEW MEMBERS WELCOME!)

WHEN: Sunday nights TIME: 4:00pm-6:00pm
Call for dates. Child care & volunteers welcome.

**WHERE: Little Egg Community Center, 319 W. Calabreeze Way,
Little Egg Harbor, NJ 08087**

CONTACT: Kelly Maher 609-848-3099 or Jen Basile 290-9318.

Cape May County meetings

WHEN: 1st Monday of the month TIME: 6:30pm-8:30pm

WHERE: Ocean Academy 148 Crest Haven Ave. Cape May Court House, NJ
Contacts: Lisa & Liz (609) 898-4464, Child Care Available; No summer meetings

Atlantic County Hammonton meetings

WHEN: 1st Wednesday every month TIME: 6:30pm- 8:30pm

**WHERE: Early Childhood Education Center, Hammonton School District 601 N
4th St., Hammonton, NJ 08037-9722**

**CONTACT: Colleen 609-567-0568 or 609-892- 8104 or
faceshammonton@yahoo.com Child Care Available; No summer meetings**

Pleasantville -- Shore Area meetings

WHEN: 4th Thursday of every month

**TIME: 6:00pm-8:00pm WHERE: Bounce U (407-0088) 750 W. Delilah Rd.
Pleasantville, NJ 08232**

**CONTACT: Isabelle at 609-412-3750 .Child Care Available;
No summer meetings.**

Child Care Available in Bounce area with waiver; wear socks.

2012: January 26, February 23, March 22, April 26, May 24 and June 28.



Adult Groups Forming

FACES will be hosting a series of gatherings providing adults (those over 18) with the opportunity to share their stories and develop more connections with the community. The meetings will be guided by graduate students from The Richard Stockton College of NJ, and funded by FACES.

PLACE: Atlantic County Family Service Organization, Suite 1, 1601 Tilton Rd., Northfield, 08225

DAY: Thursdays

TIME: 6:30 to 8:30 PM

PHONE: 609-822-7536,
leave a message for David or
email: dmhagan@comcast.net

ASPEN Atlantic/ Cape May County

Where: Dance Dynamics
96 Route 50, Seaville, NJ 08230
Contact: ASPEN Coordinator Roberta Hoffmann
Phone: 609-425-4607
Email: gmhrh@comcast.net

This chapter is for parents and their adult children, ages 18 and older with Asperger Syndrome, PDD-NOS, HFA or NLD. The focus of the group is to provide support for the parents and opportunities for socializing and recreation, as well as foster independence, social growth, responsibility-taking, and decision-making for the adult children.

FACES Donates \$1500 to SRHS Non-Profit Program for Autism Students

Pieces of the Puzzle, Inc. is a non-profit organization comprised of students in the autism program at Southern Regional High School who sell sports gear and homemade ice cream. FACES has donated to their program to help it grow. They will attend the FACES conference in March as exhibitors and presenters.

GET YOUR BUBBLE WANDS READY!

Help others see the awesomeness in autism awareness!

We did not "officially" beat the Guinness World Record this year, but we did meet our goal to spread millions of bubbles of hope, awareness and support for those facing autism all over the world! Please know that we appreciate each and every person who was a part of our Bubbles 4 Autism challenge, and have more countries joining us next year.

We hope that you can join us on Thursday, April 26th, 2012, for Blow Bubbles 4 Autism around the world, as we celebrate our differences and engage those we love.

We have some exciting ideas on how to spread even more awareness in 2012, so friend us on Facebook, look for us on Twitter!

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www.faces-autismsupport.org
bubbles4autism@yahoo.com

It will be a unifying event, as before, but we now have contacts in seven more countries to share our pilgrimage of bubbles to the skies for autism!

THANK YOU ALL FOR YOUR CONTINUED SOLIDARITY IN AUTISM!

Book Signing at Georgian Court University on April 17th

Kyle and Isabelle Mosca will speak about their book, *Adventure to Autism Planet*.

The book is available for purchase on our web site via Paypal soon, and also by emailing FACES at

facesautism@yahoo.com. The book is \$15 in person, or \$20 with shipping.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

SAVE THE DATES!

FRIDAY, MARCH 16TH

FACES AUTISM CONFERENCE @ STOCKTON

EMAIL US FOR A BROCHURE TODAY!

THURSDAY, APRIL 26TH

BLOW BUBBLES 4 AUTISM DAY- DETAILS TO FOLLOW

FRIDAY, APRIL 27TH

2nd Annual Stand Up For Autism @ Mays Landing Golf and Country Club.

Three great comedians, fabulous food, and fun for one great price. Benefits FACES Family programs. For details, visit our website soon, and contact Ken at 609-412-3738, for tickets. This is our signature event!

SUNDAY, APRIL 29TH

BUBBLES 4 AUTISM MOTORCYCLE RUN & FUN DAY



SIGN SHOW DONATES over \$600 & Custom-Made Signs to FACES

Bruce Gough, of BG Graphics, Inc., is better known as "Bullpen Bruce", and he brought some of our artists



Kyle was so excited to see the artists make the signs.

into the Bullpen at the United States Sign Council's annual convention in December. FACES was recognized for their community work, and given a large donation to fund programs like the art classes which prepare our future sign makers of South Jersey. Tom Quattrochi, Kyle Mosca, Corey San Chirico, Tim Elmer, Ian Parral and their families were invited to attend a brunch with art teachers Charlotte Carney and Patty Taylor. A special sign was presented to the class,

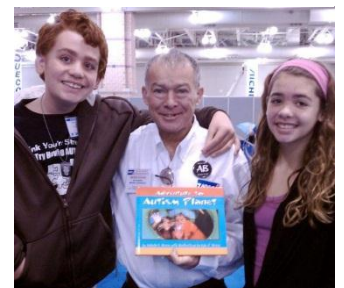


All Bubbles Day signs will be delivered to area schools.



which was hand made by world-famous artist "Howie". There were also several signs made by the convention artists of the Bullpen, which will be presented to area schools in time for Blow Bubbles 4 Autism Day on April 26th.

This amazing sign was made by "Howie".



Bullpen Bruce Gough thanks the twins for a copy of their book.

FACES IN THE NEWS



Bounce U was the perfect place to ring in the New Year for our FACES families a few days early.



Raye Tessyier, Balloon Twister, was the hit of the party. Patty Price looks on as she creates animals and hats for all in attendance.



Zack Elmer and Jacyn Piszczko play around on the slide.



Kim Rowe and sister Jennifer Runfolo thank Santa for the FACES Hammonton party at Jump Zone on Dec. 7th.



Kevin Tedeschi and Tim Elmer give the Holiday party two thumbs up!



Gary and Joey Lockwood slide down the path at Jump Zone.

**NEW MUSIC STUDIO FOR CHILDREN WITH
AUTISM OPENS!**



A new studio in Galloway Township offers your child a broad musical education. Private lessons are individualized and primarily piano based, but we'll also explore rhythm and diverse percussion instruments, movement to music, and singing/vocalization. Your child will be introduced to classical composers and the instruments of the orchestra, as well as world and popular musical genres. Flexible and playful, customized plans accommodate your child's style and interests, and can reinforce a broad range of academic, behavioral and social goals within the musical environment.

Lessons for typically-developing children are also offered.

Interested families are invited to contact Faith Ozan at ozanmusic@cox.net or (609) 470-1065, to schedule a free consultation.

A few scholarships have been offered thanks to a grant from Ocean City Home Bank's Charitable Fund.

Qualifications: 25+ years of teaching experience domestically and internationally in classrooms, museums and private practice. Attended Berklee College of Music; teacher certification, University of Massachusetts; grad courses Boston Conservatory, children with special needs; grad certificate University of Massachusetts, Behavioral Interventions in Autism. Established independent music label in 2001.

**Legal Advice Offered to
Families**

Alex Barrera, a member of FACES, is an estate planning attorney and is routinely involved in assisting families with guardianship matters. He would like to extend his assistance to the FACES families at little or no cost, particularly to those in need. Alex will be speaking to our support groups in 2012, and is also available by calling his office at 601-1775.

FACES ON THE GO



Our monthly morning chats at the Northfield Dunkin Donuts have been a delicious way to start the day for our attendees. Peers exchange info and ideas while the kids are at school.

So many of the parents have told us that they want do it again, so here are the new dates for 2012: Jan. 17th, Feb. 21st, and March 20th. For Autism Awareness Month and to celebrate our 10th Anniversary, we will meet on April 17th. Coffee and donuts are on us!

Where: Northfield Dunkin Donuts,
1200 New Road
When: 9:30am to 11:30am;
Jan. 17, Feb. 10th, Feb. 21,
March 20 and April 17
Contact: Isabelle at 412-3750



FACES Art Class Artist **Corey San Chirico's** works will now be available on official FACES Gift Cards. His works are now on display in the Ventnor Library Gallery.

Corey, 26, has autism, and will be selling art cards through FACES in 2012. He prefers natural shore landscapes in acrylic and oil.

Contact us at faceautism@yahoo.com if you would like to attend the art classes in EHT and Ventnor.

Grant provided by:
Rotary International





SIBLING SUPPORT PROGRAMS FORMING

Dr. Kelly Hargadon will be starting a 6-week sibling support program for children who have a brother or sister who are on the autism spectrum. The six-week program will feature peer interaction, self-esteem building exercises, and foster camaraderie between attendees to better cope with the challenges of autism in the home. Their voices will be heard! Dr. Hargadon is recruiting children ages 10 and up for the next program, which begins in February. There is no charge for the workshop, but there will be field trips which may require small fees.

Please contact Dr. Hargadon at (609) 601-2479
 Growing Tree Psychological Services, 2106 New Rd, #E1, Linwood, NJ08221



WE ARE FACES, a non-profit 501 (C) 3 dedicated to helping people see the awesomeness in autism awareness since 2002! All proceeds support and educate others about autism. Thank you for your support! We can be angels for each other. We make a difference one family at a time.

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 PO Box 2341
 VENTNOR, NJ 08406

ADDRESS CORRECTION REQUESTED

Celebrating 10 Years!

Thanks to all of the volunteers and sponsors and families who are responsible for making our dreams come true over the last 10 years, by helping us to offer family support groups, art classes, sibling support, autism awareness events and family activities.

WE ARE FACES! Here are some of our heroes: Atlantic Medical Imaging, Atlantic City Electric, Rotary International, ACFSO, Heritage Builders, ENA, JFS, Harry Hurley, The Press of AC, The Current, The Donny Fund, Medical Explorer Post 147, the Arc of Atlantic County, our Bubbles Day schools and businesses all over the world, and Ocean City Home Bank.

