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ASA Broward Chapter Enters Cyberspace! New Website Supports ASA Broward's Community Outreach

ASA Broward entered the world of cyberspace this past spring by establishing a new website at

www.asabroward.org

Our chapter now joins the dozens of other chapters that have a presence on the Internet. According to Michael Crosnick, ASA Broward's Webmaster, "Our website gives us a unique opportunity to inform, educate, stimulate, and entice visitors 24 hours a day, 7 days a week."

The growth of the Internet has been unbounded. 800 million people world wide have access to the net. With the number of people on the net searching for information growing by 250% a year, ASA Broward's website has a potential global reach.

Since going online in April, the website has attracted families and friends of individuals with autism seeking information and



support. Several family members, providers, and educators have utilized the website's auto-email feature to request information and offer their services.

The website is designed to represent the position of ASA Broward and efficiently meet the needs of those searching for quick information. On our website, you will find general autism related news and facts, information about local support

groups, current activities, and meeting locations and logistics.

Being a work-in-progress, our website will continue to evolve and disseminate information about ASA Broward. Our visitors can look up the site via any search engine and learn about many aspects of the ASA. They will learn about ASA's history, our officers, and services offered.

"Enhancing the experience for visitors is crucial to our website's success," Michael said. "If we want to keep our site fresh, informative, balanced, and useful to our visitors, we need to encourage input from both ASA members and the public."

If you would like to publish information or submit articles for consideration, please contact: crosnick@asabroward.org.

We Invite You To Attend Our Next Meeting

Developing and Implementing Behavior Plans

When: Wednesday, September 22, 2004 at 7:30pm

Where: ARC Broward, 10250 NW 53rd Street, Building #2, Sunrise (One block south of Commercial between Nob Hill and Hiatus Road)

Our meetings are open to all that are interested in autism. Refreshments will be served. Child care is available by reservation only. Please call 954-577-4141 by September 15th.

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Involved!**

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of America
Broward
Chapter*



*See back page
for details*

Kids Treated to a “Monster Jam” Of A Time

The thunderous sounds of massive engines combined with the clatter of crashing metal filled the Office Depot Center as Monster Trucks showed off their muscle at the USHRA Monster Jam on August 21st.

Thanks to the generous contributions of **Billy Silas of Palm Beach Grating** and the coordination efforts of **Denise Karp**, children with autism, and their families and friends enjoyed an entertaining day of performances from oversized pick-up trucks and motor cross bikes. With the addition of a pit-passes donated by **Ellen Blackburn** of ASA Florida, the kids were also offered a rare opportunity to check out trucks and interact with the drivers on the floor of the center just prior to the performance.

The entertainment started with a display of radio controlled model trucks buzzing about the staging area while their owners frantically tried to avoid crashing the tiny vehicles as they jumped over miniature ramps and skidded across the floor.

As an added feature, motor cross bike riders defied gravity by jumping over junked automobiles. The Freestyle



Motocross (FMX) riders thrilled their fans by demonstrating acrobatic like moves in mid air such as the cliffhanger, heel-kicker, and the kiss-of-death.

The Monster Trucks, with names like “Grave Digger,” “Bad News,” and “Gun Slinger,” took a rather different approach to the condemned cars. The colossal vehicles crushed the cars under their tremendous weight as they performed wheelies on top of them and flattened them with tires taller than most of the kids in attendance. To the delight of the crowd, each truck took its turn pulverizing a total of 10 autos in a competition judged by selected members of the audience.

Another feature of the show was a fire breathing tractor in the form of a dinosaur named Transaurus that systematically tore apart and consumed yet another aged car. With the lights of the center dimmed, the mechanical prehistoric beast slowly emerged from its metal shell, lifted a doomed Honda in its claw like arms, belched flames, and proceeded to tear it up as if it were made of cardboard. Now that’s road rage!

Overall, the event proved to be a very special and entertaining day for the kids. We are lucky to have giving and bighearted people like Billy, Denise and Ellen who dedicated their time and money to make this event happen.

Nominating Slate—Elections to be held at ASA meeting on September 22

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Advertisements

ADVERTISE WITH US—our newsletter is circulated to over 350 people, families and/or professionals throughout the community. Advertising space is available as follows:

business card size	-----	\$25
¼ page	-----	\$50
½ page	-----	\$75
full page	-----	\$150

Membership

Please check your address label for expiration date. If applicable, please send your membership dues to our PO Box address. Don't forget to make any necessary changes.

Thank you for your support!

Due to budget constraints, we will not be able to send you a newsletter if your dues are not current.

Thank You!

Special "thank you" to GRACA for meeting each month to assemble and label newsletters for distribution.

WE WOULD ALSO LIKE TO THANK THE ADULTS FROM THE ARC ADULT TRAINING PROGRAM for volunteering their time and effort as well. Your tireless contribution is greatly appreciated!

ASA Broward especially thanks chapter member Denise Karp for maintaining a free informational list serve for all persons interested in Autism. IT'S YOUR #1 SOURCE FOR AUTISM RELATED INFO IN SOUTH FLORIDA E-mail Denise at deniseslist@yahoo.com to subscribe.

ASA Broward would also like to thank Eric and Deborah Lazarus for donating the enclosed ASA Fashion Show flyers.

Recreational Activities

The Broward Autism Foundation is pleased to be able to offer for chapter members partial scholarships for selectively sponsored recreational programs. Please contact the following for additional information:

Tag Gymnastics Alicia Murphy (954)983-8659

Incredible Ice (ice skating) Carol DiMauro (954)962-0901

Project Stable Horseback Riding Eileen Roth (954)474-5333

Volunteers

Volunteers are needed for assisting in set up and clean up duties for our monthly meetings. Please contact our Hospitality Chairperson, Judi Steinberg at (954)577-4141 if interested.

Support Groups

SPEC (Support for Parents of Exceptional Children)

Meetings are held the first Wednesday of every month (7:00) at the Dan Marino Center in Weston, Florida. For more details please contact Laura House at (954)893-5553.

GRACA (Grandparents and relatives of Autistic Children and Adults)

Please contact Roz Bellman for meeting dates and times at (954)720-5683.

CARD (Center for Autism and Related Disabilities)

Please contact the CARD center directly at (800)9-AUTISM and register to be on their mailing list. CARD hosts many informative workshops and conferences, addressing a variety of issues and needs.

ACE (Autism Committee for ESE)

This school advisory meeting is held the third Wednesday of every month (9:00a.m.) at the Baudhuin School in Davie. Call Stacey Hoaglund for more details at (954)252-8764.

South Florida Fragile X Resource Group

Please contact Randy Green for meeting dates and times at (954)433-5413.

Adult Transition Group

Please contact Eileen Roth for meeting dates and times at (954)474-5333.

Fundraising

The Broward Chapter of the Autism Society has a variety of NEW gift items available to help in our fundraising efforts:

NEW logo EMBROIDERED T-shirts	-----	\$12 each
NEW Autism Remembrance "Brie" Bears	-----	\$10 each
Puzzle pins	-----	\$10 each
Angel cards (Qty 10)	-----	\$16 pack

Also, don't forget that donation cards are available for "In Memory Of" and "In Honor Of".

All gift items can be purchased at the monthly chapter meetings or by calling the ASA office @ (954) 577-4141.



Membership—ASA Broward Chapter (Please Print) This amount includes local, state and national dues

Individual \$50.00 Family \$60.00 Full-time Student \$35.00 (copy of current registration as evidence of full-time status)

Name _____ Spouse's Name _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Home Phone _____ Work _____ Fax _____ E-mail _____

Parent Professional Occupation _____ F/T Student Location _____

Relative or Friend of: Child's Name _____

Residence: Home Group Home _____ Other _____

School, Job or Workshop Name _____ Grade _____

Are you willing to be part of our referral and Information Network? (yes/no) _____ On a committee (yes/no) _____

Do you give ASA Broward Chapter permission to put your name on the U of M CARD Center mailing list (yes/no) _____

Other comments or suggestions? _____

Please send your check made payable to Broward Chapter / Autism Society. PO Box 450476, Sunrise, Florida 33345

Public Notice: The Broward Autism Foundation and the Autism Society are publicly supported organizations under the IRS Section 501(c)(3). A copy of the exemption, determination letter and tax returns are available for public inspection at our home office with advance notice.

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