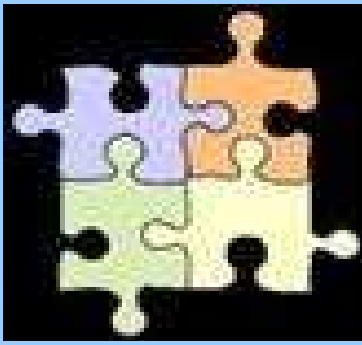


ASLC NEWS



"Bringing the pieces together."

Our Mission

The Mission of the Autism Society of Larimer County is to serve as a resource for individuals and families affected by autism spectrum disorder by providing information, advocacy, public awareness activities and promoting the development of services and resources.

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Raising Money for Family Support

In honor of National Autism Awareness month the Autism Society of Larimer County will be having three great fundraising and awareness events. The goal of each event to provide community awareness and education about autism spectrum disorder. The ASLC takes this one time of the year to fundraise for local programming.

It is estimated that 1.5 million Americans may be affected with autism and a new diagnosis is made every 20 minutes. The annual cost for autism treatment is \$90 billion and that strain trickles down to the family were therapies can cost between \$400,000 to \$700,000 a year. With the amount of money, sleepless nights, and often crippling behaviors that alter the entire family's existence it is no wonder the divorce rate for couples raising a child with autism is somewhere around 80%. There are more single parents raising children with autism than any other disorder.

The pressure of raising a child with any disability is exhausting and the ASLC recognizes this fact, by attempting to provide support to families as a community. We offer quarterly Mom's Times Out, Father's Groups, Book Clubs, informal Summer

Social gatherings, Pump It Up Birthday Parties, and monthly family support meetings to help one another as a like minded com-



munity. Yet we know these great support opportunities only provide a piece of the puzzle to help strengthen and preserve marriage relationships.

Time together alone for couples is vital to strengthen and build the marital bond. However, many of our families do not have family or other support systems in place to allow time alone. For this reason, the ASLC is focusing fundraising endeavors toward the development of the Exceptional Sitters Program.

What is exceptional sitters?

Exceptional Sitters are individuals who have extensive childcare sitter experience and are over the age of 18, and are CPR & First Aid certified. Each Exceptional Sitter is trained by board Certified Behavioralist Catherine Bladow and undergo a background check.

Where will the fundraising money go?

The ASLC provides Exceptional Sitter training free of cost to the candidates. Funds will also cover the Parent Training.

What is Parent Training?

Parent Training will be done on a quarterly basis by Catherine Bladow, SLP, BCB. Each parent will develop an Exceptional Sitters Communication Notebook. This notebook will provide the sitters with vital information about your child's likes, dislikes, medical needs and emergency numbers as well as serve as a two-way communication tool for the sitter and the parent.

The program has the potential to provide families with reliable, consistent in-home sitting so couples can focus on their relationships as well as single parents to get a much needed break.

If you would like more information about Exceptional Sitter Training or Parent Training, please contact the ASLC at 970-377-9640 or email at aslc@autismlarimer.org

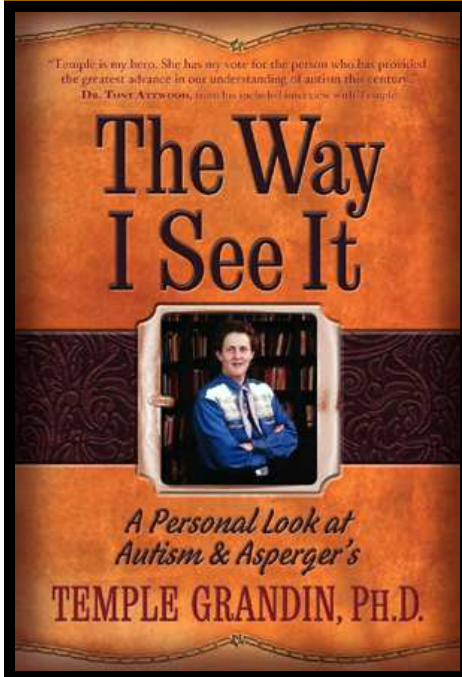
The Autism Society of Larimer County presents:

An Evening with

Temple Grandin

Autism the Way I See It

A personal look at Autism & Asperger's



In Honor of National Autism Awareness Month

*Join the Autism Society of Larimer County
for an evening with
Dr. Temple Grandin.*

The evening will kick off with a silent auction, light desserts and culminate with Dr. Temple Grandin sharing practical strategies for parents and professionals. Dr. Grandin will get down to the REAL issues of autism, the ones parents, teachers, professionals and individuals on the spectrum face every day. Temple will offer helpful do's and don'ts, practical strategies, and try-it-now tips, all based on her "insider" perspective and a great deal of research.

Date:

Tuesday, April 21, 2009

Time:

Silent auction bidding starts at 5:30 pm

Location:

Hilton Garden Inn, 2821 E. Harmony Road,
Fort Collins

Cost: FREE

SILENT AUCTION

Come and bid on some of the following great items:

Bed & Breakfast at the famous Stanley Hotel

10 hours of Learning Clinic Instruction from Neurodevelopment, LLC

Guitar & Piano Lesson from the Piano Institute

Stay at the Antlers Pointe Suites on Fall River

AND SO MUCH MORE!

EVENT
SPONSERS

The Neenan Company
Poudre Valley Health System
Technographics, Inc.

EVENT SCHEDULE

5:30 pm—7:00

Silent Auction Viewing

7:00 pm to 8:00 pm

Presentation, Dr. Temple Grandin

8:00—8:40 pm

Book Signing

8:40 pm

Silent Auction winners announced

Pre registration is recommended

Phone: 377-9640 or

Email: aslc@autismlarimer.org

Help Beat Autism



Wednesday, April 22

Join the

Fort Collins African

Drum and Dance

for a family friendly night of entertainment at the

Island Grill

The evening will be filled with drumming, dancing and great food. Following the performance the Foundation Music Inc. will present a hands on music exploration for the kids!

Time: 6:00 pm

Place: Island Grill

2601 S Lemay Ave # 12, Fort Collins

More Events





a
Quick Silver
Film



Clay
MARZO
Just Add
WATER

Movie Night

The ALSC and The Lyric Cinema Café are proud to present the 2009 X-DANCE Film Festival best biography winner "Clay Marzo: Just Add Water". "Just Add Water" is an action-packed surf film that tells Clay Marzo's inspirational story about the gifts and challenges of living with Asperger's syndrome.

Take a visually stunning and emotionally powerful journey through his life. See Clay literally come alive in the ocean as he destroys the waves of Tahiti, Fiji, Hawaii, France, Spain and Australia with his wildly creative surfing. You'll also experience inspiring testimonials about his incredible talent from the most legendary surfers in the world. The story also showcases an awareness-raising glimpse into his life and mind as he comes to understand both the gifts and challenges of living with Asperger's.

Date:
Thursday April 23
Show Time:
7:00 pm

Location:
Lyric Cinema Café
300 E. Mountain

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Inspirational
awareness film for
everyone especially
teens on the
spectrum!

Support Autism Awareness



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Don't forget to check our community calendar for other great events at www.autismlarimer.org

Join the team!



The Larimer County Crusaders is forming a Northern Colorado team for the March 31, Denver walk. It is the goal of the group to promote unity, camaraderie and raise fund for the cause.

The Larimer County Crusaders would like to have a large number of families, friends and sponsors to join together and represent Northern Colorado at this years walk. Joining is easy, just visit the team website at <http://www.walknowforautism.org/denver/crusaders> or contact team organizer Jessica Gipson at gipsonjessica@hotmail.com



Silent Auction Items

If you would like to preview the many great silent auction items offered for our April 21 "Autism the Way I See It" Silent Auction you may do so starting Wednesday April 15th. View items at www.autismlarimer.org look for Silent Auction button.

Shop and plan ahead lots of great stuff!

Other Great April Happenings

Giant Friends Club

Friday, April 17 10:30 am - noon

Inspiration Playground at Spring Canyon Park 2626 W. Horsetooth Road

Enjoy Performances and activities!

FREE FOR ALL!

Kite Festival

Sat. April 25, 10 AM- 4 PM,

Inspiration Playground at Spring Canyon Park 2626 W. Horsetooth Road

