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ABOARD *Autism Weekly*

Advisory Board on Autism & Related Disorders

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There is considerable debate throughout the autism community about the cause of autism and issues such as vaccination, diet, inclusion, and appropriate therapies. Legislative acts can also influence services to those with autism. Our policy is to inform. We trust that individuals will assimilate the information we provide and make the best decision for their children and clients.

The entire mission statement can be found at
<http://aboard.web.officelive.com/aboutus.aspx>

LAST WEEK TO REGISTER For

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AUTISM *through* *the* LIFESPAN

A part of the Passavant Hospital Foundation Extending the Care ETC Program Series
Passavant Hospital Foundation Conference Center & Legacy Theatre at Cumberland Woods Village



Presentations and breakout sessions each day

Wednesday, April 13th early childhood to adolescence

research

findings and implications

education

*working with the system to meet
individual needs*

medicine

*primary care, co-occurring
conditions and diagnosis*

Thursday, April 14th transition: adolescence through adulthood

research

review of relevant state
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planning for
independence

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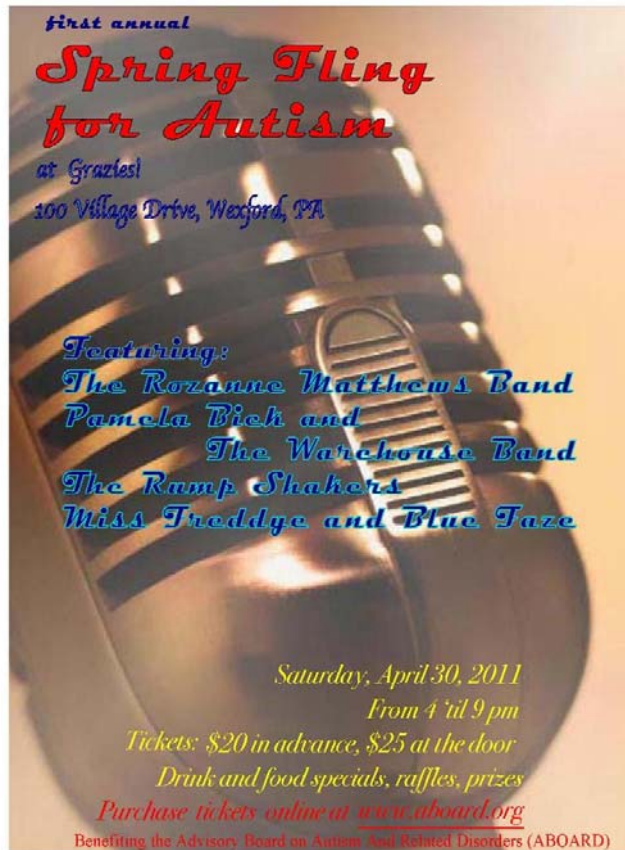
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Thank you to our supporters who are hosting these events for ABOARD.



[Tickets on sale now](#) to get the early bird special!

Tickets will not be mailed for this event, but you are registered once you finish registration.

We look forward to seeing you at the Spring Fling for Autism & Masquerade Bowl.

Your receipt will be emailed to you.

Contact the Office at 412-449-0165 for more information!

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Click here to learn about **What's Happening** at ABOARD and all our upcoming events, conference and seminars for 2011!



Today's eblast is provided free to the families through the support of our sponsors!

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June 11, 2011

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Feature

What Works to Treat Autism?

Studies Detail Evidence Behind Medication, Behavioral Therapies for Autism Spectrum Disorders
For children diagnosed with [autism](#), hope comes in many forms -- stimulants, hormone therapy, vitamins, powerful antipsychotic [medications](#), intensive behavioral therapies, and strict [diets](#).

It is harder, however, to find treatments that have been scientifically proven to help.

Now three government-funded studies, published in the journal Pediatrics, have examined the evidence behind common medical and behavioral treatments for [autism spectrum](#)

disorders (ASDs). They concluded that there's little proof that some therapies actually work. And although some medications may ease disruptive and aggressive behaviors, they can have significant side effects.

<http://www.webmd.com/brain/autism/news/20110404/what-works-to-treat-autism>

Research: Autism treatments fall short

A new set of analyses offers sobering news in the long search for effective treatments for autism. Researchers concluded that medications are of little help to most autistic children. Although intensive behavioral therapies can be effective, they don't work for everyone, and doctors don't have a way to predict which children will benefit, according to three reviews in today's Pediatrics.

<http://yourlife.usatoday.com/health/medical/autism/story/2011/04/Research-Autism-treatments-fall-short/45725852/1>

Research



Vaccines and autism: a new scientific review

For all those who've declared the autism-vaccine debate over - a new scientific review begs to differ. It considers a host of peer-reviewed, published theories that show possible connections between vaccines and autism. The article in the Journal of Immunotoxicology is entitled "[Theoretical aspects of autism: Causes--A review.](#)" The author is Helen Ratajczak, surprisingly herself a former senior scientist at a pharmaceutical firm. Ratajczak did what nobody else apparently has bothered to do: she reviewed the body of published science since autism was first described in 1943. Not just one theory suggested by research such as the role of MMR shots, or the mercury preservative thimerosal; but all of them.

http://www.cbsnews.com/8301-31727_162-20049118-10391695.html

Autism Diagnoses Still More Likely in Richer Neighborhoods

But as awareness grows, gap is narrowing, study finds. Poor children with autism are less likely than richer kids to have the condition diagnosed, but this disparity has decreased in recent years, according to a new study. Researchers analyzed data on children in California and found that the average age of autism diagnosis fell from 5.9 years among children born in 1992 to 3.8 years for those born in 2000. Of the 4,906,926 children born in California between 1992 and 2000, they found that 18,731 (0.38 percent) were diagnosed with autism. The prevalence of autism in the state increased from 29 per 10,000 children in 1992 to 49 per 10,000 children in 2000.

<http://health.usnews.com/health-news/family-health/brain-and-behavior/articles/2011/04/06/autism-diagnoses-still-more-likely-in-richer-neighborhoods>

New Study into Possible Cholesterol-Autism Link

Researchers at The Ohio State University Medical Center are studying whether simple nutritional intervention - adding cholesterol to the diets of children with autism spectrum disorders after a test to see if they need it - can improve core autism symptoms.

<http://www.dddmag.com/news-New-Study-into-Possible-Cholesterol-Autism-Link-4111.aspx>

Education



School Restraint, Seclusion Bill Resurfaces In Congress

There are renewed efforts in Congress this week to impose federal limits on the use of restraint and seclusion in special education, but it's unclear how or when the issue might move forward.

Rep. George Miller, D-Calif., reintroduced legislation Wednesday that would prohibit restraint or seclusion in most school situations. The bill would also mandate that parents be notified if the practices are used on their child and it would disallow restraint or seclusion from being included in a student's individualized education program, or IEP.

<http://www.disabilitycoop.com/2011/04/07/restraint-seclusion-resurfaces/12847/>

Education - National Survey on IDEA released

The National Center for Learning Disabilities (NCLD), National Down Syndrome Society (NDSS), Autism Society of America (ASA), Autism National Committee (AutCom), and The Advocacy Institute (AI) are sponsoring a survey of whether the rights of students with disabilities and their parents are protected. The survey topics include whether the rights of students with disabilities and their parents are protected throughout the special education process, including IEP meetings and IEP issues, eligibility (child find), Due Process hearings (impartial hearings), and other education issues. There is also a questionnaire for parents whose children have been denied eligibility for IDEA (denied an IEP). They are studying these issues for all students, regardless of their disability or special need. There are surveys for all community members: parents of children with disabilities; self-advocates (people with disabilities); and attorneys, advocates, and other professionals. The survey will run March-May 2011. The results will be compiled into a report about experiences under the IDEA that will be published this summer. Learn more and take the survey at:

<http://www.ideasurvey.org>

Do2Learn.com - launches JobTIPS

Do2Learn.com, an innovative, online provider of educational resources for individuals with special needs, is expanding its website to include JobTIPS. JobTIPS offers free "how to" interactive materials for individuals with an autism spectrum disorder (ASD) and other special needs to help them evaluate, identify, and maintain employment.

http://pr-usa.net/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=678545&Itemid=29

Of Interest



Food Matters for Autism

When you see how much food matters, it's easy to understand why most people who try dietary intervention benefit! The Autism Research Institute (ARI) surveyed thousands of parents and found that 69% of those applying the Gluten-free Casein-free Diet saw improvement. For the Specific Carbohydrate Diet, 71% noted improvement. In recent autism diet research funded by Autism Speaks, 82% of parents reported "definite improvement" in their child's skills. Parents report improvements in eye contact, language, attention, diarrhea, constipation, sleep, hyperactivity, and more.

<http://www.godairyfree.org/201104044987/News/Nutrition-Headlines/Food-Matters-for-Autism.html>

Inflicted with Asperger's Syndrome, Round advances through judo

Diagnosed at a young age with Asperger's Syndrome, which is a condition that is associated with delay in the development of many basic social and physical skills, Round had all sorts of problems until he got involved with judo.

"I had a lot of trouble in school with my work and I had no coordination, so stamina ... nothing, until I started in judo," said Round, who also trains in Brazilian jujutsu. "I wasn't good in anything and it was pretty depressing.

"Judo brought everything together. After I got into it, I was able to focus on my studies until the point that now I'm in a pretty difficult major (biology, with a focus on ecology) and I went from the last person picked in gym to being a good athlete.

<http://www.eagletribune.com/sports/x930490838/Inflicted-with-Aspergers-Syndrome-Round-advances-through-judo>

Sharyland teen with Autism composes music

"Educate yourself," said Sam, "and remember that if they have Asperger's or Autism, it doesn't mean they can't do the same. Just look at Mozart, Einstein, Newton, Thomas Jefferson."

Actually, Sam doesn't consider himself to be a normal guy.

He's a teen who pretty much can do a lot more musically than a lot of other kids his age and even some adults.

<http://www.valleycentral.com/news/story.aspx?id=600357>

Wretches & Jabberers (2010) Traveling With Autism

Those who work with or are related to people with disabilities can get considerable encouragement from "[Wretches & Jabberers](#)," a documentary about two autistic men who learned only in adulthood how to use a keyboard to convey their thoughts and needs. But the film also has a message for a different group: the technical wizards who develop communication devices.

Gerardine Wurzburg, the director, is not shy about showing that even though her subjects now have a way to communicate, it is a painstaking process; perhaps this film will encourage engineers and software developers to keep the innovations coming.

<http://movies.nytimes.com/2011/04/01/movies/wretches-jabberers-a-documentary-on-autism-review.html?src=twrhp>

Employment - NIH to hold hiring event in June

The National Institutes of Health (NIH) will hold a hiring event to help increase the employment of people with disabilities in federal jobs. To be considered for a position you must submit your resume online and provide documentation supporting your disability. For more information visit:

https://www.disability.gov/employment/jobs_%26_career_planning/federal_employment

Events/Info



ABOARD Support Group Meeting

For a complete listing of the ABOARD Support Groups please see our website at www.aboard.org !

Just Us Parents - Autism Support Group

Find support, encouragement and help in your parenting of a child on the Spectrum Autism, PDD-NOS, Aspergers. Meet other parents; Support one another; Share information and ideas; Get resource information; Meeting the needs of those who attend.

Location/Address Panera Bread Company at 7217 McKnight Road, Pittsburgh, PA 15237
(Across from Ross Park Mall)

Time 7pm to 9pm

Monthly First Monday of the month.. The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, May 2

Contact Name Astrid Camille Arroyo and Maureen Wirth

Contact Phone 412-358-0393 or 724-625-0284

Contact Email la.bella@verizon.net or mhwirth@gmail.com

CPC Family Support Network

Support Group for family, friends and caregivers touched by autism

Location/Address 814 E. Pittsburgh Street, Greensburg PA 15601

Time 6:30 - 8 p.m.

Monthly Second Wednesday of each month

Contact Name: Desiree Pollard
Contact Phone 724.875.1675
Contact Email dlp0721@gmail.com

**FOR A COMPLETE LIST OF APRIL AUTISM AWARENESS EVENTS SEE
[APRIL AUTISM AWARENESS CALENDAR OF EVENTS](#)**

Perspective Program: Intervention Research Study for Adults with ASD

The Perspectives Program at the University of Pittsburgh is developing new non-drug interventions to meet the unique needs of adults with autism spectrum disorders. Individuals with Autism, Asperger's Syndrome, or Pervasive Developmental Disorder NOS, between the ages of 16-40, are now being accepted into the program. All participants will receive one of two new experimental interventions, Cognitive Enhancement Therapy or Enriched Supportive Therapy, at no cost. Participants must be able to come to the University of Pittsburgh on a regular basis. A new session is beginning soon. To enroll or find out more information contact 1-866-647-3436 or autismrecruiter@upmc.edu.

Camp Sequoia Open House

Camp Sequoia is an innovative overnight summer camp for children ages 8-18 who are diagnosed with Asperger's Syndrome, high-functioning Autism and high-functioning PDD-NOS. The focus of our camp is building social skills through a traditional camp program combined with utilizing the principles of the Social Thinking curriculum. Located on the campus of a prestigious boarding school in Pottstown, PA (40 miles northwest of Philadelphia) Camp Sequoia serves a segment of campers diagnosed with ASD who are bright, creative kids who need help developing their social cognition. We offer two separate 3-week sessions, a full 6 week season and a "First Timers" week for campers who are new to the overnight camp experience. We are hosting an Open House on Saturday April 23rd, please RSVP if your family would like to attend. 610-771-0111

FBR and AERI Bring William Stillman to Western PA - FREE WORKSHOP!

Oftentimes parents, caregivers and educators are at a loss about how best to support individuals with autism because they are overwhelmed by out-of-control, aggressive "behaviors," inundated with disrespectful prognoses and clinical jargon, or confused by technical information. This workshop is the perfect introduction for participants to begin to discern the functions of mental health issues from autism. William Stillman demystifies such perplexing challenges using language, examples and anecdotes that are concrete and understandable for all. Join us April 26, 2011 from 9AM-4PM at the Four Points Sheraton for this FREE event! Registration begins at 8:30AM. For a registration form, visit www.familybehavioralresources.com or send email to autismservices@familybehavioralresources.com. Events also listed on our Facebook page!

**Westmoreland IU & University of Pittsburgh Greensburg Autism Conference
Wednesday, May 4, 2011**

The First Annual Autism conference sponsored jointly by the Westmoreland IU and UPG offers practical ways to respond to youth on the Spectrum. The opening keynote presentation by Dr.

Nancy Minshew will focus on understanding the cognitive and physical basis of autism. Dr. Minshew, Director of Pitt's Autism Center of Excellence will review her 25 plus years of research on brain connectivity and information processing for persons on the spectrum. Afternoon sessions feature practical responses to "Sensory Processing", "Social Skills Training", "Responses to Agitation, Escalation & Meltdown", and "Career Development/Employment Experiences". Sessions on "Parent Partnership Development" and "Advances in Assistive Technology" are also scheduled. Contact Ms. Kelly Heitchue, (724) 836-2460 Extension 2324
www.wiu.k12.pa.us

DASH Advocacy Training

DASH is presenting a skill building training for disability advocacy groups at six different locations from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Different Advocacy Approaches and Advocacy with State and Local Government. To enroll, email Lan Do at Ldo@drnpa.org. The training is held on April 4 at the Disability Empowerment Center in Lancaster, on April 13 at Abilities in Motion in Reading, on April 26 at the Luzerne County Annex Building, on May 9 at the Three Rivers Center for Independent Living, on May 10 at Voices for Independence in Erie, on May 23 at Vision for Equality in Philadelphia.

Children with Hyperactivity & Autism Research Study For more information please contact: David Maloney at 412-235-5407 or maloneydj2@upmc.edu The UPMC Center for Autism & Developmental Disorders at Merck Child Outpatient Clinic is conducting a study to examine the use atomoxetine and/or parent training vs. placebo for symptoms of ADHD in children with Autism Spectrum Disorders. It includes 10 management sessions and an optional 24 week follow-up involves monthly visits to our outpatient clinic. This is open to children 5-13 years of age who are not on medication or are on medications that are not working well.

The Watson Institute Summer Programs - Still Accepting Applications!

The Watson Institute operates summer programs for children and teens diagnosed with ASD. We are still accepting applications for our WISP, STAT, and ACCLAIM programs. For more information about our programs, visit us online at www.thewatsoninstitute.org, or contact us at (412) 749-2889.

The Central Westmoreland Transition Council is holding a "Parent Night" on April 6, 2011 from 6:00pm to 8:00pm at the Private Industry Council Office (PIC), which is located behind Clairview School on Donohoe Road in Greensburg. We invite you to attend this informational event and believe you will obtain a variety of resources that will benefit you and your child as they reach [adulthood](#). There are at least 25 vendors that will be present.

Western PA Coalition of Education Advocates Take the Survey

Take part in the IDEA National Survey Project and share your experiences with special education!

<http://www.ideasurvey.org/>

All disabilities are welcome! We are interested in children with all disabilities. The IDEA survey is not limited to the disabilities on which the sponsoring organizations focus. We

also have surveys for all members of the community. There are several surveys available. In each survey, answer only the questions that you wish.

Parent Survey: A survey for parents whose children with disabilities receive or received special education services. (This means your child has or had an IEP.)

Special Education Denied Survey: A special survey designed for parents whose requests for special education and an IEP have been denied. If your child ultimately received special education services, please complete the Parent Survey.

Attorneys, Advocates, Professionals Survey: A survey for attorneys, advocates, and other professionals who work to help children obtain appropriate special education services.

Questions? If you have questions about the IDEA survey, please contact Jessica Butler, Coordinator (Jessica@jnba.net) of the IDEA National Survey Project (and member/attorney of COPAA).

Autism Awareness Month Parent Advocacy Training

Workshop for Parents of Children with Autism. Parents will have the opportunity to learn more about the services offered by the Pressley Ridge Day School as well as Perfect Fit Canine's service dog program for children on the autism spectrum. These dogs can enrich the lives of children with autism as well as help them gain independence. April 19, 2011, 5pm-7pm at Pressley Ridge Day School Johnstown 445 Schoolhouse Road. To RSVP please call 814.262.9514 or email cadams@pressleyridge.org.

Inspiring Hope: Living a Full Life With Disability

Three young adults - Chaz Kellem, Joe Kleppcik and Chris Mielo -- talk about living successful and fulfilling lives despite the challenges of their disabilities (rare bone disorder, Asperger Syndrome, and paraplegia). Thursday April 14, 7-9 pm, at Canon Mac High School auditorium (314 Elm St. Ext. Canonsburg PA 15317). All are welcome! Presented by Canon Mac Special Families Network. Information: CMSFNInfo@gmail.com or call Rose Baumann at 412-996-3230.

Theiss Early Autism Program of Western Psychiatric Institute and Clinic (WPIC) Open Enrollment for Spring 2011

The Theiss Early Autism Program (TEAP) provides care for 6 children ages 2-5 years of age. The children follow an individualized program and receive one-on-one instruction through Applied Behavior Analysis, including Discrete Trial Teaching, Applied Verbal Behavior, and Natural Environment Teaching. Each individualized treatment program is designed to address a child's cognitive and language skills, self-care and adaptive behavior, and social-emotional development. Daily activities also include circle time, gross motor, playground activities, pretend play, early language arts, art and sensory activities, early cooperative play in small groups, self-help activities, meal time (lunch and snack), and socialization activities (play opportunities with typically developing children from an adjacent child care facility twice a week). The program is located at the Hill House Association, 1835 Centre Avenue, WPIC Autism Suite 200, Pittsburgh, PA 15219. Hours are 8:30 am to 2:30 pm. The program runs for 12 months a year, Monday through Friday. Although transportation is not available, families can enrolled in MATP (Medical Assistance Transportation Program) for reimbursement for travel. To discuss our services, schedule an observation of our program while in session, take a tour of our facilities, or to make a

referral, contact Danielle Saad at Saadd@upmc.edu or call 412- 235-5386.

Forwarding this request from APNA:

The DSM-5 is being field tested by the American Psychiatric Association. When the announcement was first made about the testing, nurses were not included. APNA brought this oversight to the attention of APA and the process was amended to include PMHN. However, after several announcements the level of participation has been much too low. There are fewer than 100 participants and the target is 500. If we are not able to gather a sufficient number of PMHN to volunteer for the field trials, nursing's voice will not be heard. In addition to their members and nurses, APA is actively recruiting Social Workers, Clinical Psychologists, Licensed Counselors, and Marriage and Family Counselors.

If you are licensed to make DSM diagnoses independently, APNA hopes you will consider taking part in the DSM-5 field trials. Participants will receive CE for the activity. If you are interested, please respond to this email with just a simple YES! We will provide your name and contact information to the APA Research Staff who will provide you with the links you need to take the eligibility survey. Thanks for your attention and thank you for your consideration.

Nicholas Croce, Jr., MS , Executive Director, American Psychiatric Nurses Association
866-243-2443 www.apna.org

Sensory Friendly Showin of Rio

Saturday, April 30, 2011, 10:00 am

AMC Theatres® and The Autism Society have teamed up to bring families affected by autism a special opportunity to enjoy their favorite films in a safe and accepting environment on a monthly basis. With Sensory Friendly Films, the movie auditoriums will have their lights brought up and the sound turned down. For tickets to this unique experience, please visit the theatre's box office the day of the event. AMC Waterfront 22, 300 West Waterfront Dr. West Homestead, PA 15120
412-462-6550

Autism Sharing and Parenting

Wednesday, April 20, 2011

6:15pm-8pm

CBH

8th & Market, 7th floor

Philadelphia, PA 19107

(8th St. entrance across from 'ROSS')

Light meal provided

Executive Function for Individuals on the Spectrum

Presented by Dr. Rosemarie Manfredi - Center for Autism Research at the Children's Hospital of Philadelphia

Executive function is an area rarely explored nor understood by families and teachers, yet these difficulties can have a significant impact on academics, daily life and social functioning. Issues in executive function are not limited to attention and organization, but include emotional control and regulation, flexibility, planning, processing, sequencing, inhibition, initiating, working memory and

much more! In this talk, Dr. Manfredi will discuss what executive functions are, as well as strategies that parents and teachers can use to help individuals with executive functioning difficulties.
*Call RSVP Line: 215-413-7106 ~or~ Email: NASYA06@MSN.COM
Save the Date: May 14th - ASP's FUNdraiser -Line dancing, Prizes & much more!

Everything parents should know but aren't being told about their child's IEP" Woodlands Wellness Speaker Series

Woodlands Wellness Center presents Lori Breen "Everything Parents Should Know But Aren't Being Told About Their Child's IEP". Please join us for this free event at the Woodlands 134 Shenot Road, Wexford PA 15090. RSVP to Sarah Fagan at 724-935-5470 x227.

THE CAMP ar FAMILYLINKS

A Specialized Summer Program for Children on the Autism Spectrum. Aug. 8-12 & Aug. 15-19 from 10am-3pm - Safe & Nurturing Environment - Qualified Staff - Daily Outdoor Activities Sensory Activities - Socialization Opportunities

The camp will be held at 2644 Banksville Road, Pittsburgh PA 15216

For more information contact Mia Tamburri at 412.942.0609 or visit our website

www.familylinks.org

The NH TOPSoccer (The Outreach Program for Soccer)

Team is for children ages 8 to 19 with any disabilities. Our goal is to give children exercise and a sense of pride in themselves while teaching them sportsmanship and teamwork. They even learn to play soccer in the process!

Sponsored by the North Hills Soccer Club since 1997, the program is open to children from any community. The cost is only \$10 per player per season.

We meet on Saturday mornings beginning in April, 10:15 AM to 11:30 AM, at Tyler Field on Sangree Road in Ross Township.

For more information and a registration form, contact Janet Wargo, by April 12, 2011, at coachjanw@aol.com or 412-366-0984.

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www.walkforahealthycommunity.org



Select ABOARD as the organization that you would like to support.



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Walk Details:

WHERE: Heinz Field, Pittsburgh

WHEN: Saturday May 21, 2011

REGISTRATION: Starts at 7:15am

5K WALK START: 9:00am

ONE-MILE FUN WALK START: 9:15am

Call 412-781-4116 or email autismwalk@aboard.org with any questions.

ABOARD and the families that we serve thank you for your support!

Spring will be here soon and it's time to start thinking about supporting ABOARD at the 9th annual Walk for a Healthy Community presented by Highmark Blue Cross Blue Shield. This year's fundraiser benefits 67 local health and human service agencies in Southwestern PA, including ABOARD. Because all costs are underwritten by Highmark ABOARD receives 100% of the money that is collected.

To register, go to www.walkforahealthycommunity.org and select ABOARD as the organization that you would like to support. Would you like to be a team leader? On the website you can register as an individual walker, team leader or just make a donation. Pre-register and donate \$25 to receive a t-shirt on walk day!

Here is a way to see a great show & support ABOARD all in one night!

Support the cause with one night



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BOYZ II MEN
JUNE 23, 2011 • 7:30 PM • HEINZ HALL

Join the Pittsburgh Symphony Orchestra and Resident Conductor Lawrence Loh for the eighth annual PSO Community Partners Concert. This year's performance features the sounds of Boyz II Men and the winner of the renowned 2011 Sphinx Competition, Paul Larcia. The PSO's Community Partners Concerts have raised more than \$539,000 for partnering nonprofit groups since they began in 2004.

Pittsburgh Symphony Community Partners Concert Featuring BOYZ II MEN

Location: Heinz Hall

Thursday, June 23, 2011 at 7:30 PM

TICKETS ON SALE NOW

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- ordering online at pittsburghsymphony.org/communitypartners
- coming to the PSO box office in person (600 Penn Ave., in Heinz Hall)

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