

## **Advisory Board on Autism and Related Disorders (ABOARD) to Benefit from “Spring Fling for Autism” Blues Night**

Parent of young man with autism sponsors four-band concert fundraiser in Wexford, PA on April 30th

Pittsburgh, PA. The Advisory Board on Autism and Related Disorders (ABOARD) will be the beneficiary of the first annual “Spring Fling for Autism” rhythm and blues night on Saturday April 30, 2011 from 4pm until 9pm. The fun evening will also feature a Chinese Auction and will be held at Grazie’s in the Oxford Athletic Club, 100 Village Club Drive, Wexford, PA 15090.

The Rozanne Matthews Band, Pamela Bick and the Warehouse Band, The Rump Shakers, and Miss Freddy and Blue Faze have generously donated their time to play the event. Tickets are \$20 if purchased in advance or \$25 at the door. Tickets may be purchased at <http://aboard.web.officelive.com/fundraiser.aspx> . All proceeds benefit ABOARD.

Fredericka Stover, mom to a young man on the autism spectrum, and to an adult son who lives independently with a physical disability, contacted ABOARD in November, asking if she could organize a benefit concert.

“Freddy is such a dynamic force in the lives of her children, her nursing job at the VA, and in her musical career. It has been such a pleasure getting to know her this year, and we are really excited about enjoying the blues night with our friends while raising money to support families facing autism in our region,” said Lu Randall, Executive Director of ABOARD.

“It’s about time someone did this to help people with autism. I plan on doing this gig until I am 90!” says Ms. Freddy, who has already lined up bands, sound techs and an emcee for next year’s Spring Fling.

Those interested in sponsoring or attending the event should contact Rebecca Williams Thomas at 412.449.0165 or [autismnews@aboard.org](mailto:autismnews@aboard.org)

ABOARD was founded as a non-profit advocacy organization in 1995. Through its Family Support Services, 62 support groups in 46 Pennsylvania counties are supported by ABOARD. ABOARD’s Information Services disseminates comprehensive information packets to families of newly diagnosed children with autism, staffs a toll-free hotline, and maintains an up to date website. The most current information pertaining to autism is available through the lending library of over 800 publications, a quarterly newsletter, and an informational weekly e-mail. More information, can be found at: <http://www.ABOARD.org>

For more on Miss Freddye's music, please visit  
<http://oldmonmusic.blogspot.com/2010/09/miss-freddye-and-blue-faze.html> and a  
feature article at: [http://www.pittsburghlive.com/x/pittsburghtrib/s\\_601435.html](http://www.pittsburghlive.com/x/pittsburghtrib/s_601435.html)

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