

Circles of Support: Connections for a Life Time

Autism New Jersey (formerly COSAC)
The New Jersey Center for Outreach and Services for the Autism Community

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COSAC Mission Statement

The New Jersey Center for Outreach and Services for the Autism Community (COSAC) is a nonprofit agency that provides information and advocacy, services, family and professional education, and consultation to the state's autism community. COSAC encourages responsible basic and applied research that would lead to a lessening of the effects, and potential prevention, of autism. COSAC is dedicated to ensuring that all people with autism receive appropriate, effective services to maximize their growth potential, and to enhancing the overall awareness of autism in the general public.

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What is Autism?

Autism is a neurologically-based developmental disability characterized by atypical, repetitive behaviors and deficits in social and communications skills. According to the Centers for Disease Control, autism spectrum disorders (ASDs) affect one in 150 children nationwide and 1 in 94 in New Jersey. In New Jersey alone, as many as 80,000 individuals could have an autism spectrum disorder.

Autism is typically diagnosed during the first three years of life and is four to five times more prevalent in boys than in girls. Autism knows no racial, ethnic or social boundaries. Modern research suggests that autism is a highly genetic disorder that may be triggered by environmental factors.

There is no known cure for autism at this time, but early diagnosis and intervention make meaningful differences and improve prognosis. Asperger's Disorder and Pervasive Developmental Disorder Not Otherwise Specified (PDDNOS) are disorders related to autism. Although the diagnoses vary from autism, all three disorders affect social interaction, communication and behavior.

COSAC Affiliations

Association for Behavior Analysis International
Association for Fundraising Professionals
Association for Science in Autism Treatment
Autism and Faith Task Force
 Autism Special Interest Group
Coalition for Inclusive Ministries
Coalition for Passage of the National Combating Autism Act
DDD Olmstead Quality Management Steering Committee
 Development Committee
Family Support Coalition of NJ
 Government Affairs Committee
Greater Mercer County Chamber of Commerce
National Center on Disability and Journalism
 NJ Chapter
NJ Coalition for Special Education Funding Reform
NJ Communications, Advertising and Marketing Association
NJ Consortium for Citizens with Disabilities
NJ Council on Developmental Disabilities' Education Subcommittee
NJ Governor's Council on Prevention for Mental Retardation
 and Developmental Disabilities
NJ IDEA (Individuals with Disabilities Education Act) Compliance Workgroup
NJ Protection and Advocacy Developmental Disabilities Advisory Committee
NJ Psychological Association
NJ Special Education Review Committee
 NJ State Chapter
NJ State Teacher of the Year Selection Committee
 Parent Professional Partnership Special Interest Group
The Greater Mercer County Chamber of Commerce
The Medicaid Dual Eligibles Coalition
The NJ Disability Budget Coalition
The NJ Governor's Council for Medical Research and Treatment of Autism
The Statewide Network on Cultural Competence
UMDNJ Autism Task Force
Women in Development

The Year in Review

I am proud to serve as COSAC's third Executive Director, gratefully and enthusiastically continuing the legacy of COSAC's founding Executive Director Nancy Richardson, and following in the foot-steps of Paul Potito who served as COSAC's second Executive Director until May of this year.

Board of Trustees President Michael Aquino and I are pleased to present this annual report to you, our members, donors and supporters. We are proud to describe the activities of a fiscally-thriving, mission-driven agency which continues to successfully support the autism community. As we close out 2007 and begin 2008, our message is one of gratitude for past support and for a year of strong connections. These circles of support have benefited individuals with autism and their families as well as the professionals who support them each day.

We are appreciative of our many donors and ambassadors who, under the leadership of COSAC's Resource Development department, have attracted much needed dollars to COSAC and significantly increased autism awareness. Huge numbers of individuals and groups reached out beyond themselves, making the necessary connections between their respective communities and the autism community.

COSAC's departments also helped to facilitate meaningful circles of support.

COSAC's Clinical Department hosted workshops and support groups connecting parents and professionals to each other and to vital information about evidenced-based practice and resources.

COSAC's Communications Department made the necessary public relations connections to promote autism information through national, regional, state and local media, the production of informational DVDs, assorted publications and our website.

COSAC's Policy and Systems Advocacy Department connected COSAC to Trenton and parents to important information to get needed services.

COSAC's Business Manager connected COSAC to various state and private funding sources to ensure compliance with their regulations.

Members of COSAC's Board of Trustees, who are personally and professionally connected to autism spectrum disorders, found the time, energy and passion to connect their hearts, talents and wallets to COSAC.

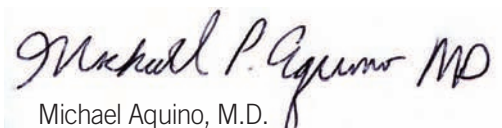
A complex developmental disability, autism takes an emotional and financial toll on families. Your kind support of COSAC's endeavors enables us to help make a positive difference in their lives.

Mike and I sincerely thank you, our supporters, for valuing COSAC's work and believing in our mission. Thanks to your generosity, we can continue to help create better futures for the autism community through our concerted efforts.

Respectfully submitted,



Linda S. Meyer, Ed.D., MPA, BCBA, CPT
COSAC Executive Director



Michael Aquino, M.D.
President of COSAC's Board of Trustees

What is a Circle of Support?

A circle of support encompasses a group of people who help others accomplish their personal goals in life. Circles are comprised of family, friends, teachers, peers and others who are eager to help an individual with an autism spectrum disorder live to his or her full potential. COSAC is a vital part of these circles of support, as illustrated throughout this report. Although the person's goals are the primary drive in everything the circle does, the relationship is not one-sided. The members will all have diverse gifts and interests, and there can appear many new opportunities and possibilities, which had not been considered before the circle formed. A properly facilitated circle is empowering to all of the individuals involved and, unlike many service systems, does not reinforce dependence. These circles of support enhance the person's life and the lives of all who contribute.



Devin has autism. His grandparents, Angelo and Maryann Fail-lack, and his mom, Jennifer Patrick, attended a COSAC workshop on Autism Advocacy in April. As a result, Angelo found out about another COSAC workshop entitled the "Individualized Educational Program (IEP) Clinic." The next day Angelo attended the clinic to gain knowledge about the education system, learn the required components of an IEP and learn advocacy strategies to assist his daughter in securing appropriate services for Devin. A week later, Angelo mailed in a copy of his grandson's IEP, and because mother is a COSAC member, the family received an in-depth review of his IEP. The family now effectively advocates for appropriate services

for Devin based on attending our workshops and the IEP review.

The mission of this department is to help parents and professionals understand autism, its characteristics, how a diagnosis is made, how to individualize an educational program and how to advocate for parental rights in early intervention, special education and adult services.

2007 accomplishments included:

- COSAC's seven telephone lines, including its toll-free, 1-800-4-AUTISM number, received more than 4,607 from parents, relatives, professionals and the media.
- COSAC's website received 50,512 hits.
- Distributed autism information at 37 conferences and informational fairs throughout New Jersey and beyond to a total of 9,866 individuals.
- Provided 3 families with emergency respite care for a total of 149 hours, through COSAC's Short-Term Emergency Care program.
- Provided advocacy assistance to 1,203 families, helping parents better understand early intervention, special education and adult service systems and how they relate to their child.
- Counseled parents on many topics including how to present their children's needs to the school district, evaluate their child's Individualized Education Plan (IEP) and advocate for necessary services.
- Evaluated and provided feedback on 24 IEPs and offered helpful suggestions on how to individualize the content.
- Offered 14 seminars and workshops covering advocacy-related topics to 273 parents. This total included participants in IEP clinics, during which parents received an in-depth review of the legal components of an IEP, after which staff reviewed specific aspects of their child's plan.
- Provided services, in partnership with Children's Specialized Hospital, at its Fanwood, Toms River, Mountainside and Hamilton locations, at which 216 parents and professionals were served.

The Clinical Department



Marlene Selfridges' son, Ben, has autism. The greatest support for her family comes from other parents whose children have autism. She regularly attends COSAC-sponsored Support Groups where discussions have covered medical treatments, behavioral therapies, maneuvering through the education system and obtaining appropriate programs for children with autism. Marlene and other parents give and receive support. She attests that any gains or progress her young son has made are the result of the unique education she has received in these support groups. Her belief is that the best thing about autism is the community, which she calls warm, caring and accepting of her limitations, darkest moments and victories.

COSAC's Clinical Department provides parents and professionals with information and support to improve the lives of individuals with autism.

2007 accomplishments included:



- Presented *The Parent Series on Behavioral Teaching* in Essex, Burlington and Hudson counties to 150 parents who received information on utilizing the principles and practices of Applied Behavior Analysis (ABA) so they can teach their children new skills.
- 15 families participated in follow-up, behavioral consultation services in their home to individualize the strategies they learned in the Parent Series.
- Parents attended COSAC-sponsored workshops on autism, siblings, extended family and taking care of the caregivers.
- 15 COSAC Support Groups united hundreds of parents. Additional groups were developed in Somerset and Camden counties as well as one statewide for parents of adolescents with autism, further expanding COSAC's reach into geographically diverse communities.
- Provided a Sibling Pen Pal Program to enable more than 148 brothers and sisters of children with autism to share experiences.
- Sponsored workshops for more than 950 teachers, early intervention personnel and administrators to learn more about autism and scientifically-validated intervention strategies. Workshop topics included research-based methods for assessing and treating challenging behavior and promoting communication and social skills.
- Collaborated with the Autism and Faith Task Force to write a Resource Guide for congregations and families in an effort to facilitate the inclusion of individuals with autism in their religious communities.
- Published *Consumer Guidelines for Identifying, Selecting, and Evaluating Behavior Analysts Working with Individuals with Autism Spectrum Disorders* to educate parents and professionals about the desirable qualifications of ABA-based program directors for individuals with autism.
- Reviewed and disseminated information regarding participation in high-quality research projects to promote research on the causes and treatment of autism.
- Participated in professional meetings and conferences of the Association for Behavior Analysis, sponsored by the Autism Special Interest Group (SIG), the Parent-Professional Partnership SIG and the New Jersey State Chapter.
- Conducted a collaborative conference with the Association for Science in Autism Treatment (ASAT), which was attended by 150 parents and professionals on May 17, 2007.
- Tamara Bannon, LMSW, BCBA, joined the department as the Coordinator of Parent Services.

Department of Public Policy and Systems Advocacy

From the time period of October 2006 to October 2007, Adult Resources and Government Affairs were separate departments working together on similar initiatives. In October 2007, COSAC united these departments to form the Department of Public Policy and Systems Advocacy.

The Government Affairs Department

This department interacted with both elected and appointed government officials in Trenton and Washington, D. C. to increase their understanding of the substantial needs of individuals with autism spectrum disorders (ASDs) and their families and to ensure that the attitudes and actions of public officials positively impacted people with ASDs of all ages. Last year, the department worked with the Adult Services Department to advance the needs of adults on the spectrum and continued to support efforts to advance the early intervention and educational needs of children affected by autism.

Adult Resources Department

The mission of this department was to advocate for adults on the autism spectrum to meet the needs of this burgeoning segment of society.

Accomplishments included:

- In collaboration with Hinkle, Fingles and Prior, Attorneys at Law, developed and disseminated, a fact sheet on the Department of Human Services' Division of Developmental Disabilities' Medicaid Waiver, the Community Care Waiver (CCW), entitled *Medicaid Fact Sheet and its Important Role in Funding Services and Supports for Individuals with ASDs*.
- Executed more than a dozen statewide workshops on issues affecting the life of adults with ASDs.
- Participated on a planning committee for the Governor's Conference on Employment and People with Disabilities (NJ Dept. of Human Services' Division of Disability Services' Comprehensive Employment Systems).
- Reviewed and analyzed the Medicaid program and the DDD Community Care Waiver and their respective roles in funding services for individuals with ASDs. Submitted comments on the Waiver amendments as they affect individuals with ASDs.
- Planned a track on adult-related topics for COSAC's 25th Issues in Autism Conference.
- Assisted in reviewing and supporting the newly legislated NJ Task Force on the Needs of Adults with Autism to research and develop a specific Autism Medicaid Waiver aimed at generating more federal dollars.

Within the first year of the Adult Resources Department's work, COSAC received a grant from the State to begin an Adult Resources Initiative across New Jersey. Here are some of the accomplishments from this time period.

Adult Resources Phase 1

Parents of adults with ASDs often struggle to locate information that enables them to make educated decisions about New Jersey's adult service system. Many parents and professionals have attended COSAC workshops for a comprehensive overview of this system. There have been innumerable occasions when workshop attendees called COSAC to relay that they successfully negotiated the system to secure services and supports for the individual they support. In one example, a father who wanted to secure a work opportunity for his son was able to obtain funding from the Division of Developmental Disabilities (DDD) and the Division of Vocational Rehabilitation Services (DVRS) to support his son in a local job. His son also was able to receive functional skill training through DDD's day service system.

Project staff educated consumers to better understand the complex maze of available service options so they could learn to advocate for themselves or their loved ones. Information was consistently shared regarding Medicaid and the Community Care Waiver, state-only funding, the Essential Lifestyles Planning (ELP) process and the array of options under self-directed models such as Real Life Choices.

Phase 1 accomplishments included:

- Created and disseminated a NJ Resource Guide to Services for Adults with ASDs.
- Expanded and strengthened the information structure of the statewide human services system to adequately address the needs of NJ adults with autism through expert presentations, provision of resource publications and contact information and referring different county organizations, local providers, parents and professionals to factual information about adults on the autism spectrum.
- Worked with county agencies and local service providers to identify the special needs and necessary supports of adults with autism; helped county and local agencies respond to the needs of this population in their community; and advocated for long-term improvements through changes in their policies, training and referral information to individuals, families and professionals.
- Addressed parent and self advocacy groups by providing available resources from the federal, state and local levels so that information can be consistent statewide.

Government Affairs and Adult Resources Departments' Partnership with the Community

As the parent of a child with autism, Julie joined COSAC to stay knowledgeable to support her son. When she had a question about safety, she called COSAC's Information Services Helpline. The same day, COSAC's Departments of Government Affairs and Adult Services received calls about a pending bill on First Responder's Training that was going to be introduced in the Legislature. The Manager of COSAC's Information Services recalled that Julie and her husband were EMTs. In the following weeks, Julie and her husband testified on behalf of the legislation, which ultimately passed. Her concern for her son and her expert testimony enabled legislators and the First Responder community to better understand the issues impacting individuals with autism, their families and the professionals who support them. COSAC helped these and many other parents receive advocacy services and advocates for themselves.

- Participated in Autism Speak's Young Adult/Adult Services work group.
- Attended the Department of Human Services' Division of Medical Assistance and Health Services' (DMAHS) Medical Assistance Advisory Council (MAC) and participated on a Medicaid Advocates committee.
- Participated on a Department of Health and Senior Services (DHSS) committee to review Early Intervention (EI) efforts.
- Participated in the Mercer Area Partnership (MAP), which united businesses, family members and service providers to explore program options and identify service gaps.
- Attended the Supportive Housing Association of New Jersey (SHA) committee meetings.
- Participated at committee meetings of the New Jersey Association of County Disability services, of which we are a member.
- Participated on the Allies, Inc. Annual Transitional Conference Steering Committee for national Disability Mentoring Day 2007.

The Department of Public Policy and Systems Advocacy focused on issues impacting people with ASDs throughout their lifespan, their families and the professionals who support them. As we amassed information on concerns and solutions in the areas of healthcare, employment, education and housing, this department maintained a specific focus on issues affecting adults with ASDs through the Adult Resources Initiative (ARI) project, Phase 2. Phase 2 received working funding from DDD to begin its work on specific activities including a housing symposium and a housing resource guide, an employment symposium and employment options guide and the development of an employment marketing tool. The department is committed to the focus of systems change that will offer transparency for healthcare, educational, employment and housing options for individuals with ASDs.

The Communications and Marketing Department



Sandra Thomas is a COSAC member whose daughter, Kimberly, has autism. Kimberly is non-verbal and has behavioral issues. Sandra and Kimberly's extended family have been a support system ever since Kimberly was born. Kimberly's grandmother and brother support her, assist her with routine tasks and show her the unconditional love that keeps their family close. As a member of COSAC, Sandra has found the strength to advocate for her daughter and participate in many of COSAC's public awareness projects. Recently, the family participated in COSAC's DVD series, "Untapped Potential: Adults on the Autism Spectrum," to demonstrate the unique needs that adults with autism face when transitioning out of school entitlements.



Communicating and connecting typifies the work of COSAC's Department of Communications and Marketing. This department performs a significant role in raising autism awareness and promoting public understanding of COSAC goals, initiatives and successes. We establish goals, determine the target audience, identify the news, frame the issue, craft a plan and produce deliverables. In 2007, staff consistently collaborated with the media and utilized public and community relations strategies to achieve goals. Through these endeavors, this department helped identify appropriate information and messages to be conveyed to the autism community, the national media and diverse audiences. By coordinating public relations and marketing activities and campaigns, the greater community continues to rely on COSAC as a source of accurate information.



2007 accomplishments included:

- Executed strategies to raise the agency's profile, foster corporate image, promote services and help agency to maintain its reputation as New Jersey's leading autism authority.
- Created messages and wrote collateral material for Executive Director and staff.
- Positioned COSAC as being at the forefront of national and state efforts regarding autism; promoted presentations by Executive Director and senior staff.
- Facilitated the introduction of national leaders at the Henry J. Kaiser Family Foundation and the John J. Heldrich Center for Workforce Development to senior staff.
- Executed individual campaigns expanding agency's visibility and promoting agency initiatives, services and events including: Support Groups; Charity Golf Outing; Autism Awareness Month; Issues in Autism Conference; Fall Gala; and parent and professional workshops.
- Wrote, produced and marketed an award-winning, three-part DVD series, "Untapped Potential: NJ Adults with Autism," to 425 people; posted series on agency website, where it received more than 1,600 hits; showed series during various COSAC events; enabled news media to use some of the series' compelling footage; series garnered a National Videographer Award for Excellence and was covered by Exceptional Parent Magazine.
- Marketed Autism Awareness Month public service announcement (PSA) scripts to tri-state radio stations.
- Worked with senior staff to develop strategies, based on department needs, to share pertinent information with key audiences.

- Facilitated outreach to Hispanic and other underserved areas to emphasize the importance of portraying autism as a diverse community that has no racial, ethnic or social bounds.
- Advertised agency's Spanish workshops and support group in Hispanic media.
- Promoted outside autism events including The Ride for Autism, NJ Marathon, Trenton Thunder's Autism Awareness games, The Michael J. Valiant Sr. Foundation's Annual Golf Tournament, the Surfers Environmental Alliance and Martial Arts with Hearts.

Media:

- Developed, maintained and strengthened agency's successful collaboration with national, state and local media.
- Collaborated with media to raise autism awareness, educate the public and highlight agency's services, reliability, achievements and initiatives.
- Served as liaison for all incoming media inquiries; immediately responded to all incoming requests.
- Garnered National Videographer Award for "COSAC: New Jersey's Autism Resource," a DVD which this department wrote, produced in English and Spanish and marketed to more than 300 people from assorted audiences.
- Developed and circulated timely media advisories and press releases promoting agency events.
- Researched, selected and circulated daily autism news clips to Board and staff.
- Trained, prepared and facilitated placement of agency staff, Board of Trustees members, parents and professionals in national, state and local media including radio, cable and broadcast TV news stories, talk shows and specials, as well as in DVDs, newspaper and magazine interviews.
- Shaped, pitched, identified and secured media coverage to raise autism awareness and agency's visibility.
- Expanded agency's Media Specialist directory, comprised of statewide families affected by ASDs and autism professionals willing to work with media, to educate the public by sharing their knowledge and personal stories.

Publications:

- Wrote and produced bi-monthly newsletters featuring topical autism news and interviews with state and national autism leaders, professionals and families affected by ASDs.
- Updated, published and distributed numerous agency publications, including: the Annual Report; Autism Awareness Month materials; agency brochure; professional workshops schedule; and other materials.
- Proofread and edited promotional materials including.
- Coordinated publication of materials with outside vendors.
- Initiated the in-house design of promotional materials.
- Handled multiple printing/reprinting of agency brochures, booklets, pamphlets, flyers, publications and additional promotional materials.
- Identified and hired new newsletter designer saving agency approximately \$8,000.
- Purchased Quark software to facilitate more in-house editing of materials, thus saving agency money.
- Assisted agency departments with communications needs.

- Submitted promotional ads to media outlets based on target audiences.
- Expanded and upgraded agency's publications library of photos for use in agency materials, website and other productions.

Website:

- Maintained agency website and regularly posted topical news stories, events and legislative headlines.
- Updated referral lists.
- Posted agency DVDs on website.
- Collaborated with other department to implement online registration for workshops and events through agency's Raiser's Edge database.
- Created an Annual Conference web section providing up-to-date information, which received more than 6,000 hits and created the opportunity for people to register online.

The 25th Annual Issues in Autism Conference



Cheryl Figliano is a preschool teacher for children with disabilities in the Bridge-water-Raritan school district. Ann-Marie Kuba is an ABA preschool teacher in the same district where she teaches Cheryl's son, Joe, who has autism. Ann-Marie has attended COSAC's Issues in Autism Conference to continue her autism edu-cation. Cheryl now attends this conference with Ann-Marie, not only as a profes-sional in the field, but as a parent of a child with autism. In 2007 Ann-Marie presented a workshop, "The Social Skill Maze," using Joe as an example within her video presentation. When she was also honored as COSAC's 2007 Teacher of the Year, Cheryl congratulated her.

The objective of COSAC's Issues in Autism Conference is to educate attendees about the most topical issues in autism, and to receive a survey rating of 80% or better from respondents.



2007 highlights included:

- Celebrated 25th Anniversary Conference, which attracted 1,300 attendees.
- An 88% satisfaction rating on Thursday, 93% on Friday and 98% on Saturday.
- Offered free Type 2 BACB® continuing education units with 53% more workshop options for BCBA's and BCaBA's.
- Attracted 140 people to The State of the Science on Autism Interventions, presented in conjunction with the Association for Science in Autism Treatment (ASAT).
- Presented a comprehensive adolescent and adult track with 25 workshops.
- Offered professional development hours for poster session presenters.
- Expanded the poster session to one hour.



Operations and Administration

A family member contacted COSAC to inquire about Issues in Autism Conference scholarships in order to attend the 2007 Conference. The family, which has a child with autism, recently adopted two children. During the adoption process, the family incurred many expenses, which was a financial hardship. The family emphasized that many of the sibling workshops would be helpful and asked that their scholarship application be considered. COSAC was able to offer this family one of 70 scholarships for two days of attendance and learning.

COSAC is committed to managing and operating the agency within the highest ethical and managerial standards.

2007 accomplishments included:

- Hired Linda S. Meyer, Ed.D., MPA as Executive Director.
- Promoted Apryl L. Roach to Director of Business Management and Conference Director.
- Promoted Barbara Wells to Conference Coordinator.
- Integrated financial management and development database to more efficiently manage agency's financial and constituent records.
- Implemented internal electronic account payable processes.
- Upgraded accounting software package to Blackbaud's Financial Edge.
- Added financial system enhancement feature for importing capabilities relative to payroll.
- Rewrote Human Resources manual.
- Added additional benefit offerings to staff.
- Revised agency By-Laws.
- Recruited 5 new members for the Board of Trustees.
- Hired a new audit firm.

The Development Department



Jessica Van Derhoef is a dedicated teacher of children with autism at Rockaway Meadow School in Parsippany, NJ. She values the importance of early intervention and effective behavioral teaching techniques and received professional training and continuing education support from COSAC. In an endeavor to support COSAC's efforts, Jessica held a fund raiser to benefit the agency.

Jennifer DePietro's son, Anthony, has autism. Knowing how important COSAC's services are to parents and professionals, Jennifer answered an ad for volunteers for a fund raiser benefiting COSAC. To her surprise she connected with Anthony's teacher, Jessica, and a friendship was formed.

With help of their committee, the dynamic duo raised \$23,000 for COSAC during the First Annual Tricky Tray event. Jennifer and Jessica continued their commitment to COSAC while representing the agency at the Somerset Patriot's Autism Awareness Day. Anthony was center stage, throwing out the game's first pitch. Both women continue to support each other and COSAC through their commitment to raising autism awareness and funds.



DONOR LISTING

All donations are for the 2007 calendar year (January 1 to December 31) unless otherwise noted. Every effort has been made to ensure the accuracy of this list. However, if we inadvertently omitted your name or made an error in spelling, please accept our apologies and contact COSAC so that we may correct the mistake.

Major Grants

The Select Equity Group Foundation



The Select Equity Foundation remains our largest individual contributor, with a grant of \$118,000. Former Board of Trustee member Marie Santos championed our cause. Marie is photographed above with her family at the 2007 Fall Gala. **\$118,000**, General Support

Greenwich Autism Alliance Foundation



Kelly and Bob Milazzo presented COSAC with a check for \$45,000, proceeds from the Alliance's first annual golf outing. **\$45,000**, General Support

NY Center for Autism Charter School

\$25,000, toward Adult Resources

The Daniel Jordan Fiddle Foundation

\$16,500, toward Adult Resources
DVD Tri-Series

Allstate Foundation

\$10,000, toward COSAC's parent education and special needs planning workshops

"The Woods" Charitable Trust

\$10,000, General Support

Elaine and Steven Masket

\$7,500, toward Adult Resources

The E.J. Grassmann Trust

\$6,100, toward purchase of new computer server

The Lillian Lorber Trust

\$6,000, General Support

Hyde and Watson Foundation

\$6,000, toward computer equipment and software purchase

Gene and Fran Doyle in honor of Lexi Nelson

\$4,800, toward Online Advocacy Software

The Simpson Baber Foundation

\$3,500, to underwrite the cost of the facilitator for COSAC's Hudson County Parent Series

Charitable Fund of Lomurro, Davison, Eastman and Muñoz, Inc.

\$2,000, General Support

Lawrence Schacht Foundation

\$1,800, General Support

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\$3,500 to \$2,000

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Regional Day School, proceeds from Fifth Annual Auction for Autism
Wakefern Corporation

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The Wakefern Corporation supported COSAC's Autism Awareness efforts with a **\$2,500** contribution.



\$1,999 to \$1,000

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Cliff Barneman, collections from running the 2007 NYC Marathon
Danny's House, Inc., toward Adult Services
Knights of Columbus St. Mary's Council, No. 6202
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National Calabria Forum
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Arlington Capital
Employees of Othro Biotech Products, L.P., and Tibotec Therapeutics
William Jacobson
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Markel Corporation
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2007 COSAC Award Winners

Congratulations to the following individuals for their commitment to New Jersey's autism community.

The following recipients were selected by a committee of 2006 Award Winners:*

Community Service Provider of the Year Award

Joanne Monaco, Special Olympics New Jersey

Distinguished Service Award

Dr. Andrew Bondy and Lori Frost, Pyramid Educational Consultants, Inc.

Individual Achievement Award

Thomas Mulligan

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Ann Marie Kuba, Bridgewater-Raritan School District

The following recipients were selected by COSAC Board and staff members:

Autism Awareness Ambassador of the Year Award

Maria Teresa Abinader

Community Partner Award

Trenton Thunder and Greg Coleman

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Development Achievement Award

Greg Panasuk and Kevin Orender, "Solve the Puzzle" Jump for Autism

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Service and Commitment Award

Paul Potito

Golf Outing

August 6, 2007
 Forsgate Country Club

2007 Golf Committee

With the help of a dedicated committee exclusively comprised of fathers of children with autism, the 2007 Golf Outing raised \$84,000 for COSAC.

2007 Golf Committee



Kevin Doherty (Co-Chair)
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 Michael Aquino
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Fall Gala "Jazz it Up for Autism"

Featuring Special Musical Guest,
 Max Weinberg
 October 27, 2007
 East Brunswick Hilton

Fall Gala



Our 2007 Fall Gala, "Jazz it Up for Autism," featured special entertainment by Max Weinberg and remarks by Governor Jon Corzine. Both are pictured here with COSAC Board President Dr. Michael Aquino and COSAC Executive Director Linda Meyer. The event raised \$57,000.

2007 Fall Gala Committee Chairs:

Debbie Cullen and Donna Doherty

Committee:

Cheryl and Michael Aquino
 Tracey Gray-Walker
 Helen and Norman Greenberg
 Leslie Long
 Linda Meyer
 Lorraine and James Paone
 Gail and Paul Potito
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Community Events

In addition to the aforementioned COSAC-sponsored events, individuals and groups coordinate events on COSAC's behalf each year. We thank the following individuals for their significant contributions through the following special events.

7th Annual Ride for Autism,

presented by BGC Partners

(June 9, 2007)
 Ride for Autism



The Ride for Autism is one of the many community event fund raisers planned to benefit COSAC. The 2007 event raised \$75,000.

\$75,000

Organized by Andy Abere, Tim Hitzel and Committee

1st Annual Tricky Tray for Autism

(March 15, 2007)

\$23,382

Organized by Jess Vanderhoef

Salt Creek Grille Princeton Wine and Martini Fund raiser

(March 19, 2007)

\$22,025

Organized by Hugh L. Preece and Steve Bidgood

SEA Paddle NYC

(August 11 and 13, 2007)

\$15,000

Organized by Andrew Mencinsky and Surfers Environmental Alliance

Remington and Vernick Engineers

Bowling Tournament

(March 31, 2007)

\$13,750

Organized by Remington and Vernick Engineers

Center State Autism Foundation Golf Outing

(June 11, 2007)

\$10,000

Organized by Bob Walsh and Center State Mortgage

Junior Women's Club of Sparta

Festival of Trees

(November 16 and 17, 2007)

\$8,050

Organized by Carrie Kelleher and Darlene Blandina

Westlake Golf and Country Club Tennis Tournament and Banquet

(July 29, 2007)

\$5,310

Organized by Howard and Toby Lazan

Jump for Autism Wine Tasting

(January 27, 2007)

\$5,000

Organized by Gregory Panasuk

The New Jersey District Kiwanis Foundation and the Kiwanis Club of Toms River's "An Evening at the Boardwalk"

(March 31, 2007)

\$5,000 (for Autism New Jersey

Foundation)

Organized by Yvette Janvier, M.D.

Forward Air 3rd Annual Holiday Cruise

(December 12, 2007)

\$3,600

Organized by Jim Ciraky

Burlington County Walk for Autism

(May 20, 2007)

\$3,176

Organized by Jacqueline Moore

Hanover PowerSports 2nd Annual Ride for Autism Motorcycle Run

(September 30, 2007)

\$3,044

Organized by James DiCataldo and Hanover PowerSports

Reeds Road School Walkathon

(November 2, 2007)

\$2,748

Organized by Monica Silver

ASBT's 1st Annual Fund Raiser – Bowling for Autism

(May 19, 2007)

\$2,000

Organized by Sharlene Zupardo and Autism Searching for a Better Tomorrow

Phoenix Productions – Fiddler on the Roof Benefit Performance

(July 15, 2007)

\$900

Organized by Andrea Zawadcky

Rutgers Zeta Beta Tau Fraternity "Get on the Ball for Autism" Fund raiser

(Week of October 1, 2007)

\$822

Organized by Matt Cortina and ZBT Fraternity

2007 Autism Awareness Month Campaign

Thank you to the following individuals who coordinated fund raisers for COSAC during April, National Autism Awareness Month.

Autism Awareness Ambassadors

More than 650 Ambassadors and Junior Ambassadors organized fund-raising events and awareness projects for April, National Autism Awareness Month. Activities included Dress Down Days (such as the one planned by Byram Township Schools pictured here), library displays and presentations.

2007 Autism Awareness Month Campaign**Over \$10,000****AXA Corporation**

Tracy Grey-Walker

\$9,999 to \$7,500**Glen Ridge School District**

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Terrill Middle School Builder's Club

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\$5,999 to \$5,000**Helen Morgan School**

Maria Trentcosta and Krist Hicok

\$2,999 to \$2,000

Krystn Cedzidlo

Kelly Milazzo

\$1,999 to \$1,000**Belleville School District**

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The Early Childhood Learning Centers

Allyson Dworacek and Shannon Rafferty

East Brunswick Public Schools

Mariann Zema

The Learning Center

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\$999 to \$500**Burnet Street School**

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Kathy Thoresen

West Windsor-Plainsboro School District

Lorell Levy and Vicki Elkins

\$499 to \$300**All Saints Regional Catholic School**

Kelsy Lardiere

Melissa Basile

Grover Middle School

Karina Padron

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Patricia Maloney

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Colleen Henry

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\$299 to \$200**Belmar Elementary School**

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Annually, COSAC receives thousands of dollars via various workplace campaigns, including the United Way, Public Employees Campaigns and a several private companies' employee fund drives. COSAC is pleased to participate in the following:

Workplace Giving

More than \$35,000 is annually contributed to COSAC through workplace giving and employee payroll deductions. Thank you to individuals like Elliot Levy and companies like Bristol Myers Squibb for selecting COSAC as a beneficiary of their pledges.

Federal Government Employees

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Autism New Jersey Foundation

The Autism New Jersey Foundation was established in 2005 to support the important work of COSAC and ensure the future stability of the organization. To learn more about this foundation and planned giving opportunities, contact 609.883.8100, extension 17.

Membership

COSAC boasts a membership of more than 2,000 committed parents, professionals and organizations. While space precludes us from listing all of their names, we are grateful for their support of COSAC. If you are not yet a member of COSAC, but wish to learn more about the benefits of joining, please contact our offices at 609.883.8100.

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Financial Highlights

Our audited financial statements for the 2006-2007 Fiscal Year are available upon request, as is our IRS Form 990. You can also view our financial information online at www.guidestar.org.

Highlights include:

SUPPORT & REVENUE

Government Grants	\$717,970
Contributions	\$500,956
Conference Income	\$324,835
Special Events	\$294,735
Community Events	\$156,717
Membership Income	\$130,371
Program Fees and Other Income	\$51,112
Investment Income	\$60,725
Total Support and Revenues	\$2,237,421

EXPENSES

Program Services	\$1,707,658
Management and General	\$275,705
Fund Raising	\$194,743
Total Expenses	\$2,178,106
Changes in Net Assets	\$59,315
Net Assets, Beginning of Year	\$1,648,645
Net Assets, End of Year	\$1,707,960

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