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2007-2008

Annual ASA Members Report

Autism Society of America - Boulder County Chapter

May 21, 2008 from 6:00—7:00 pm

Imagine! Pounds Conference Room

Autism Facts

- 1 in 150 births...
- Over 1 to 1.5 million Americans...
- Approximately 12.5-17 million family members
- Fastest-growing developmental disability – rate 10 - 17 %
- Growth comparison during the 1990s:
 - U.S. population increase: 13%
 - Disabilities increase: 28.4%
 - Autism increase: 1,354 %
- US \$90 billion annual health care cost
 - 90% of costs are in adult services
- Cost of treatment can be reduced by 2/3 with early diagnosis and intervention
- In 10 years, the annual cost will be \$200-400 billion

Lee Grossman, CEO ASA "Day on Capital Hill 2008!"

Mission: to raise autism awareness in Boulder and Broomfield Counties by supporting all Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) individuals and their families and professionals. We provide information on all topics related to autism, educational support, autism research and legislation.

Vision: to create a community where ASD individuals, families and professionals dealing with autism obtain education and information about local services and support based on individual differences, family preferences and needs.

Autism Society of Boulder County (ASBC) is pleased to highlight the activities and accomplishments of 2007-2008. These following achievements have met the goals of ASA and ASBC's Mission and Vision. Following is just a sampling:

Information Services

News:

- **New:** ASBC eNews has gone electronic via Constant Contact.
- ASBC Express newsletter is regarded as a great ASD informational resource for Boulder and Broomfield County.

Information:

- **NEW:** The ASD Resource Directory has been updated and is available on-line as a downloadable PDF.
- IEP support available through "Ask The Advocate" series in the ASBC Express newsletter. A Peak Parent & BVSD PAM (Parents As Mentor) trained volunteer is available to answer questions regarding the IEP process.
- **NEW:** ASBC was a resource during Avnet Technology Solutions Non Profit Fair.

ASBC Autism Collection

- Housed at the City of Louisville Public Library.

Website:

- **NEW:** Look through ASBC's new website accessible 24/7. **NEW** pages: Community Partners, sponsors and donors.

Support Services

Network:

- Lecture Series provides education on timely subjects for the ASD Community.
- Family Support Group offers an informal opportunity to gather and discuss ASD issues or treatments.
- **NEW:** ASBC is collaborating with GRASP to begin a Northern Colorado GRASP Network to include Boulder and Broomfield Counties.

Education Programs:

- **NEW:** ASBC hosted US Autism and Asperger Association (USAAA) 2007 International Conference in August 2007. The keynote speaker was Temple Grandin, Ph.D. Also present were local and national resource providers and exhibitors.
- **NEW:** ASBC is sponsoring **Wrightslaw** in September 2008. Wrightslaw provides advocacy training and is designed to meet the needs of parents, educators, health care and service providers, advocates and attorneys. **NEW:** CEU and CLE are available to attendees, advocates and attorneys.
- **NEW:** ASBC co-sponsored with Healthy Learning Paths of Broomfield, *Understanding Autism* Seminar, in February 2008.

Respite:

- "Give Me A Break" respite grant is awarded to at least four families a year. The grant provides the family with an ASA Member status and allows the caregivers a break to aid in normalizing the family dynamic.
- ASBC Annual Family picnic provides respite for families.

Scholarships:

- ASBC makes available scholarships to families attending ASBC sponsored educational programs.

Legislation:

- **NEW:** ASBC chapter leaders attended Autism Society of America's "Day on the Hill 2008!" Washington, DC in March 2008.
- **NEW:** ASBC chapter leaders lobbied Colorado Senators and Congressman during "Day on the Hill 2008" Washington, DC in March 2008.

Autism Awareness

"Through My Eyes" Art Show

- **NEW:** NAAM 2007 "Through My Eyes" art show adds local hospitals as hosts for art show. Art is displayed throughout Boulder and Broomfield Counties.
- **NEW:** NAAM 2008 "Through My Eyes" adds a local library to host art show. Art is displayed throughout Boulder and Broomfield Counties.
- **NEW:** "Through My Eyes" art show was displayed during USAAA 2007 International Conference in August 2007.
- **NEW:** "Through My Eyes" art show will be displayed during Wrightslaw Conference in September 2008.

Outreach Programs:

- Collaboration with Boulder Police on making materials for the "Safety First Program" more accessible to the cognitively impaired.
- **NEW:** "Autism and Law Enforcement Roll Call Briefing" a training for Boulder and Broomfield City and County police by ASBC. At present, local County Sheriff, Fire and EMT personnel are requesting this training.

Autism Awareness

Outreach Programs (cont.):

- **NEW:** ASBC co-sponsored Dennis Debbaudt, keynote speaker, at the Fire Safety Educators of the Rockies Conference in Breckenridge April 2008.
- **NEW:** Dennis Debbaudt, special guest lecturer, presented *Autism Risk & Safety Workshop* for families, educators, and care providers in April 2008.
- **NEW:** ASBC sponsored Autism Recognition, Response and Risk Management for Law Enforcement, presented by Dennis Debbaudt for Boulder and Broomfield City and County police, in April 2008.
- **NEW:** ASBC sponsored Captain William Cannata, Westwood Fire Department, Westwood, MA, to present autism training to firefighters of Boulder and Broomfield City and County in April 2008.
- **NEW:** "Autism Community Awareness" Award. ASBC chose a local Boulder County family as recipients of the first "Autism Community Awareness" award for personal efforts to bring Autism Awareness into the Community.

Community Collaboration:

- ASA, ASC, ASA-Pikes Peak & Larimer County, Autism Speaks-Colorado Chapter, Art Institute of Colorado-Denver, Association for Community Living, Avista Adventist Hospital, Boulder Police, BVSD & SVVSD, ARC, BCH-Mapleton, 97.3 KBCO, Boulder City Parks & Recreation, Boulder Broker Inn, Centennial Wine & Spirits, Children's Hospital, Exempla Good Samaritan, Google, Huckleberry, IBM, Imagine!, JFK Partners, Kaiser-Rock Creek, Kinko's-Louisville, Longmont United Hospital, Law Offices of Louise Bouzari, LLC, Louisville Library, Metro Volunteers, University of Colorado-Boulder, Volunteer Match, Wild Oats, along with numerous ASD providers, supporters and advertisers.
- **New:** Anthropologie, Avnet, Assistive Cycling Tours, Boulder City Parks-EXPAND, Boulder Film Festival, Broomfield Community Foundation, Colorado Nonprofit Association, Captain William Cannata and Dennis Debbaudt, GRASP, Healthy Learning Pathways, Helping Hands, International Dyslexia Association-Rocky Mountain Branch, Peak Parent Center, Easter Seals, Longmont Public Library, Boulder & Broomfield City and County-Police, Fire Fighters and Sheriff, Wrightslaw, Wellsley Corporation collaborative efforts in the works.



Respectfully Submitted,
Gena Rieck, President

2007 ASBC Respite Testimonials

1st Quarter: A single Dad with two boys 3 and 4. Before he became a single Dad he had a career opening and running restaurants, but the hours were not conducive to single parenthood. Now he drives a cab at night. He has a nanny that he takes his kids to overnight. He tries to sleep in his cab at night between 3:00 and 7:00 if he doesn't have a call. Then he picks the kids up at the nanny's in the morning and takes them to preschool. He tries to sleep again until has to pick up the children. The youngest still takes naps; the oldest is a busy boy. I hope you consider my nomination for the "Give Me a Break" respite grant for this single dad & family.

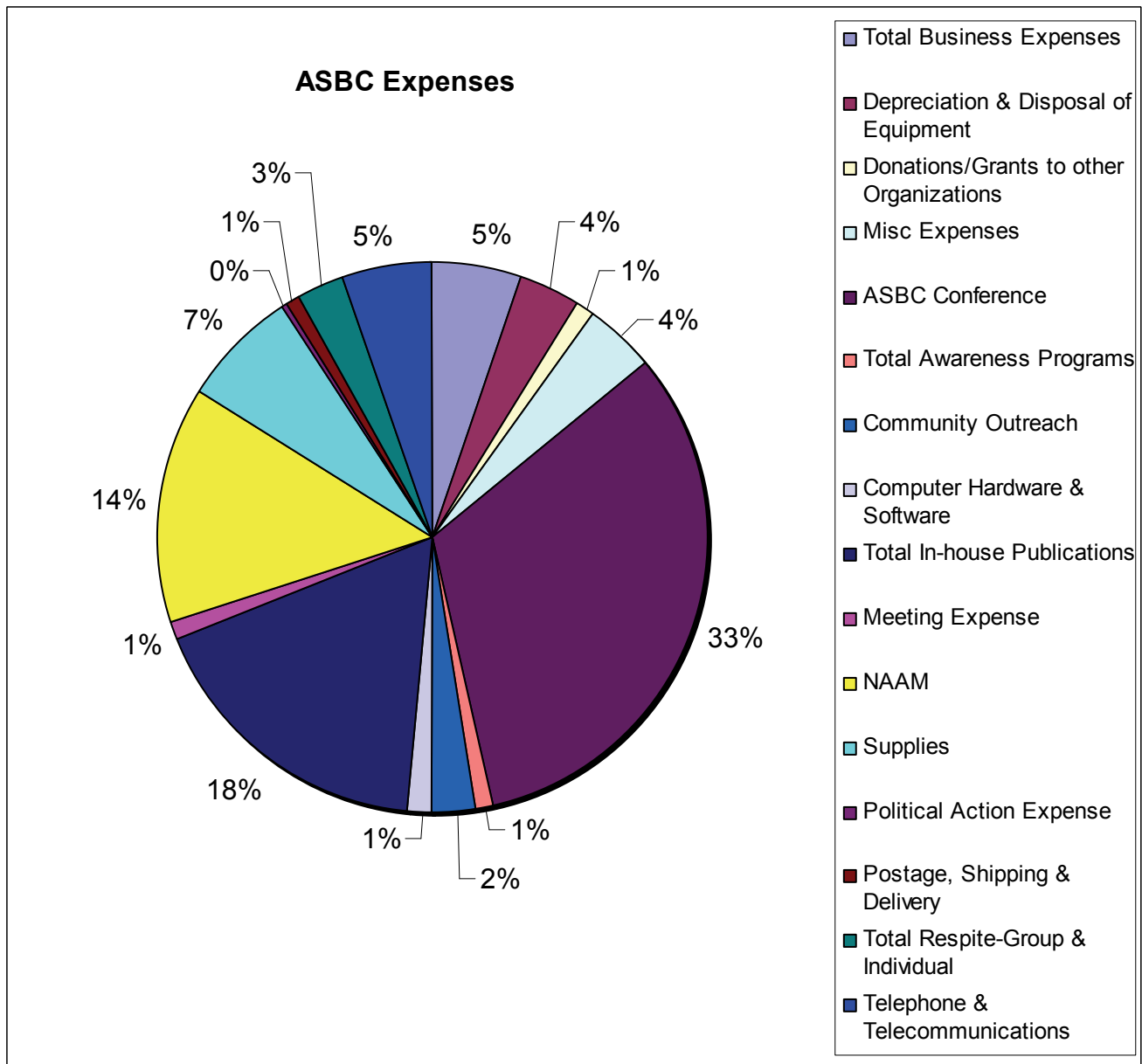
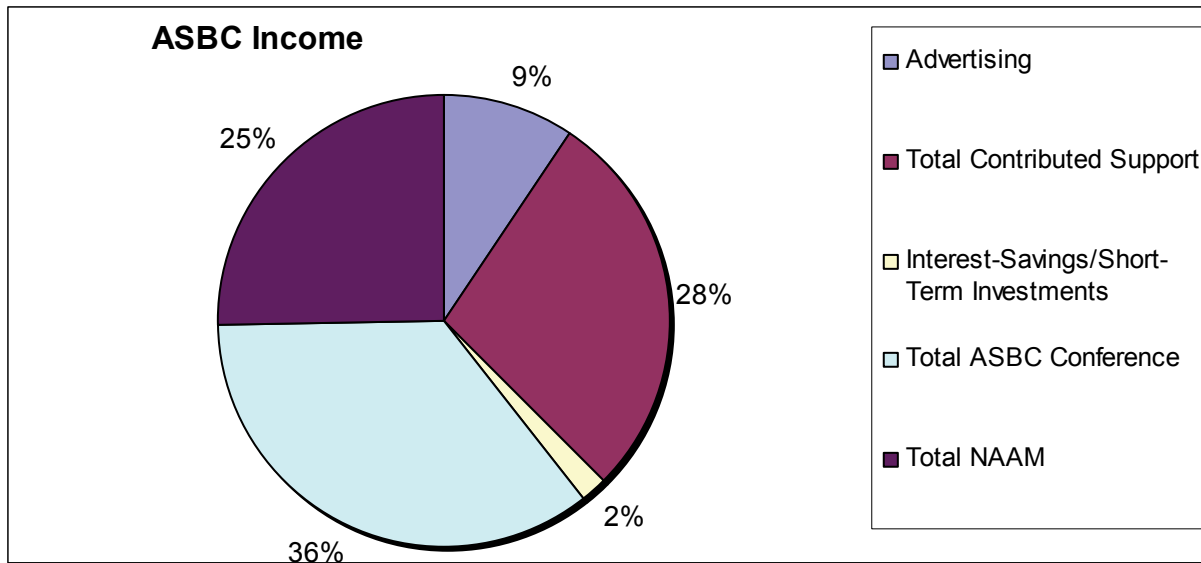
2nd Quarter: Thank you so much for awarding us the "Give me a Break" respite fund. The extra money was a great welcome and helped to ease our financial burden a bit. With the extra money we were able to pay all of our bills on time-- which was a welcome relief. We have incurred a tremendous debt providing services for our child that our insurance company has refused to pay claiming that cognitive behavior therapy was not "proven treatment" and in legal fees fighting our local school district for it's failure and refusal to provide our child with FAPE. At a point when we felt no one cared about our family or our child ASBC was there and provided a helping hand. Just knowing the wonderful people that comprise ASBC cared about our plight and wanted to help was a great morale booster at a time when we needed it the most.

3rd Quarter: 2007 3rd Quarter "Give Me a Break" respite grant was used to attend the August USAAA Conference for one day with the help of your respite fund. I used the money to pay for a babysitter for my ASD daughter, so that I could learn more about the biomedical options available to her.

4th Quarter: 2007 4th Quarter "Give Me a Break" respite grant goes to a Boulder County family of 4, who struggles with the every day choices of food or gasoline. As this family was nominated, ASBC honors their request to remain anonymous.

2007 ASBC Lecture Series

- September 19, 2007 – **Ailsa Wonnacott**, a senior advocate for the Association of Community Living (ACL), for a timely discussion on "Everything You Need to Know about Individualized Education Plans (IEPs)."
- November 14, 2007 – **Debra Fitzgibbons**, a licensed clinical social worker and family support specialist, for a presentation entitled "Respecting Your Own Process," geared towards helping parents cope with their children's disabilities, help them, but while also keeping their own sanity.
- February 20, 2008 – **Audrey Blakeley-Smith, Ph.D.** assistant professor in the departments of psychiatry and pediatrics at the University of Colorado at Denver and Health Sciences Center for "Anxiety in Children."
- Monday, April 21, 2008 - **Special guest lecturer Dennis Debbaudt** present Autism Risk & Safety Workshop for families, educators, and care providers. Research indicates that persons with autism are seven times more likely to come in contact with law enforcement professionals than others.
- May 21, 2008 – **Megan P. Martins Ph.D., BCBA**, Autism and Developmental Disabilities Clinic, JFK Partners, University of Colorado Denver. "Supports for Siblings of Individuals with ASD"



2007 Family Bronze Donations

Adsit Family
 Beatty Family
 Bernard Family
 Brackin Family
 Brooks Family
 Buckley Family
 Burman Family
 Cazden Family
 Cole Family
 Criss Family
 Darrow Family
 Downie Family
 Dyson Family
 Einspahr Family
 Fitzgerald Family
 Fowler Family
 Geiszler Family
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Ptaszjinski Family
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 Valdez Family
 Wilensky Family
 L. Williams Family
 Winstead Family
 Wrangham Family
 Wyant Family

2007 Individual Bronze Donations

Steven Altschuler
 Dr. Debby Hamilton
 Betsy Lane
 Mark Lynch
 Denise Noe
 Tracy Lynn Smith
 Robert Witte

Jillian Bannon
 Dr. John W. Kirk
 Jim Morgan
 Diane Mosley
 Jane Olsen
 Susan Spero

2007 Business Bronze Donations

A Piece of the Sky Artwork
 Altan Alma Organic Farm
 ANNAJ Jewelry Collection
 Art Direction & Graphic Design
 Avirom & Associates, Inc.
 Becker Sports Massage
 Boulder Broker Inn
 Boulder Running Company
 Children's Museum
 Center for Integrated Therapies
 City of Boulder Flatirons
 Coal Creek Golf Course

Alison Blair Studio
 Angelic Gourmet, Inc.
 Arbonne Interenational
 Airbonne Gymnastics & Dance
 Avista Therapy
 Boulder Book Store
 Boulder Family Dental Center
 Boulder Valley Ice @ Superior
 Chuck E. Cheese
 Colorplay
 Golf Course
 Costco

2007 Business Bronze Donations (cont.)

Copper Mountain Ski Pass	Crackpots Pottery Studio
Dave & Buster's, Inc.	David Hawley
Mark Schlereth/Denver Broncos	Denver Nuggets
Eldorado	Emerald Sierra Café
Gallery One	Geppetto's Toy Shoppe
Glimmer Glass	Helen L. Wagner Insurance Agency
Haystack Mountain Golf Course	Imagine!
Impact Sports Performance	Inspire Salon & Spa
Integral Therapeutics, LLC	Jennifer Lindley Jewelry
Jila Design	Judy Sanchez Photography & Picture Framing
KBCO 97.3 FM	Lars Waldner
Lisa Myers	Martini's Bistro
Old Chicago Pizza Superior	One Boulder Fitness
OZO Coffee Company	Pathways Therapy Center, LLC
Pump It Up	Qdoba Mexican Grill
Sante Day Spa	Shanna Hawley
Sierra and Associates	Silly Scissors
Solar Yoga	Splitz
Swiss Chalet	T. Cuts A Salon
The Aspen Center for Autism	The Huckleberry
The Pilates Center	Tom & Suzi Wyman
Total Climbing	Vic's
What's Cooking, Inc.	Whole Foods
Wiese Body Tune Physical Therapy, P.C.	Wild Oats Markets, Inc.
Wild Oats Wooden Nickel Program	

2007 Family Silver Donations

David & Marjorie Gehant

2007 Business Silver Donations

Autism Research Group	Centennial Wine & Spirits
Irene Lucas, Lucas Writes	Educational Multimedia, Inc.

2007 Individual Gold Donations

The Larry Garland Family	Timothy Ficker
Gena Rieck	

2007 Business Gold Donations

Anthropologie	Harriet Austin,
Autism Speaks	Boulder Broker Inn
Boulder Community Hospital	
Care Clinics	Konica Minolta

2007 Business Titanium Donations

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2007 Matching Programs

Corporation Donations

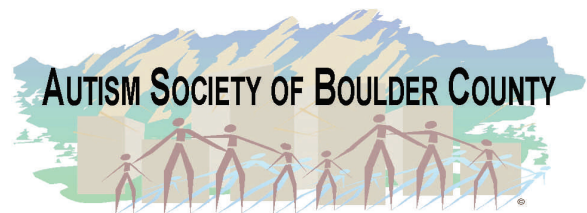
Employee Pledge Programs

Google, Inc.	IBM
Venoco, Inc.	
The Community Foundation for Greater Atlanta	

Autism Society of Boulder County

Associations & Memberships

Colorado Nonprofit Association
Volunteer Match
Metro Volunteers



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