

2008

Annual ASA Members Report

Autism Society of America - Boulder County Chapter

May 20, 2009 from 6:00-7:00 pm

Imagine! John Taylor Conference Room

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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 individuals with Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD), 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 2008-2009. 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,
Angelica Layton, President

2008 ASBC Respite Testimonials

1st Quarter (2 awards) (1) Our son is a wonderful, energetic 10-year-old diagnosed on the Autism Spectrum/Bipolar Disorder. We would love to hire someone to come and babysit him and our 6 year old daughter in our home. I am currently unemployed, we can't afford childcare, and my husband and I could use a night out or 2. We haven't been able to find resources to help us with any of our son's medical-social needs. Thank you for considering our application, and thank you for your organization! (2) We are requesting to be considered for a respite grant for our son, age 28 years. He has autism. He will be accompanying us to the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, MN where my husband will be undergoing a clinical trial. We expect to be in MN for at least 4 weeks and will need to return monthly thereafter. Our son will accompany us because it is the best care for him. We will need to secure some care for him when we need to meet with the doctors. This grant would be very useful to help our son to be safe. Any other resources you might know and could share would also be appreciated. This is happening very quickly and we will be leaving the area this weekend. However, our mail will be forwarded and our home phone number will ring on the cell phone.

2nd Quarter Hello, my husband and I were so thrilled when we read in your newsletter the invitation to apply for this fund. We have a 5 year old ASD boy and as wonderful as he is, we could really use a night or two to ourselves. Our family is all back East and it is just the three of us out here. We have downsized on everything in order to afford the therapy services for him, living now in a just over 900 square foot home with only two bedrooms. Currently, my husband and I do not even have the evenings to ourselves as we have a "family bed" to accommodate our son's needs. A night out as man and woman, husband and wife would mean so much that I do not have enough words to describe it. Thank you for considering us for this fund.

3rd Quarter Most states do not require private insurance companies to cover essential autism treatments or services. In the absence of insurance coverage and Medicaid benefits/waivers we pay out-of-pocket. In fact, most insurance companies designate autism as a diagnostic exclusion, meaning no autism-specific services are covered. Unfortunately, we fight the fight for which treatment is most essential now with limited funds.

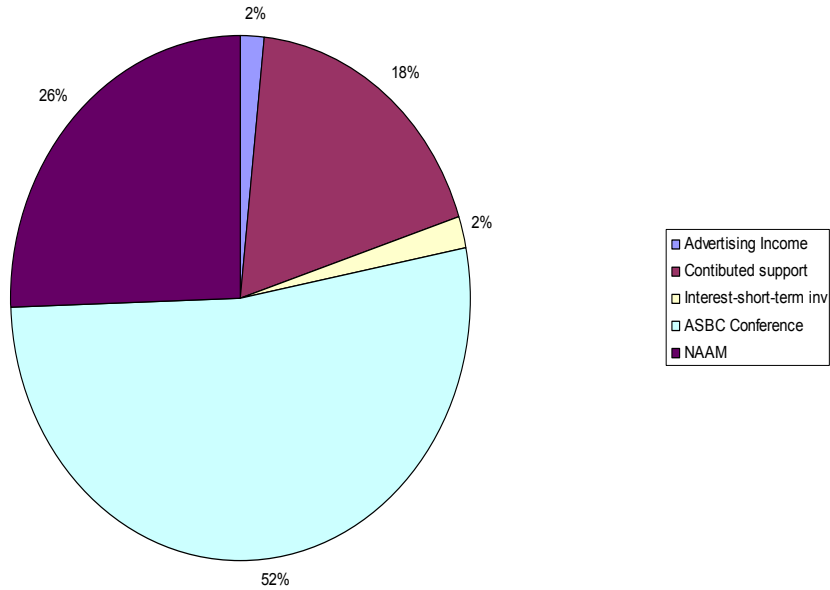
4th Quarter (2 awards)

- (1) I am a stay at home mom of two preschoolers, both with special needs and IEPs. My daughter almost five years old has a speech delay and my son three and a half has been diagnosed with ASD. It has been very difficult for me and my husband to find some time to rest from the daily cares of our kids, with only one income and so many necessities that increase day by day. Please consider our application for the respite that ASBC is offering to families in need.
- (2) I just read about your grant for respite care and hope that you consider us in east county. My husband and I would like to find some help with babysitting for our 4 year old daughter who was just diagnosed with Autism Disorder at Children's Hospital, as well as our 2 year old daughter. We lost our family help from my parents this year, as they both now have chronic debilitating health issues (my mom was just diagnosed with a tumor) and can't watch our girls. My dog was just diagnosed with terminal cancer and we need a break for ourselves and for our marriage. Both girls are wonderful, fun-loving people with great senses of humor, anyone watching

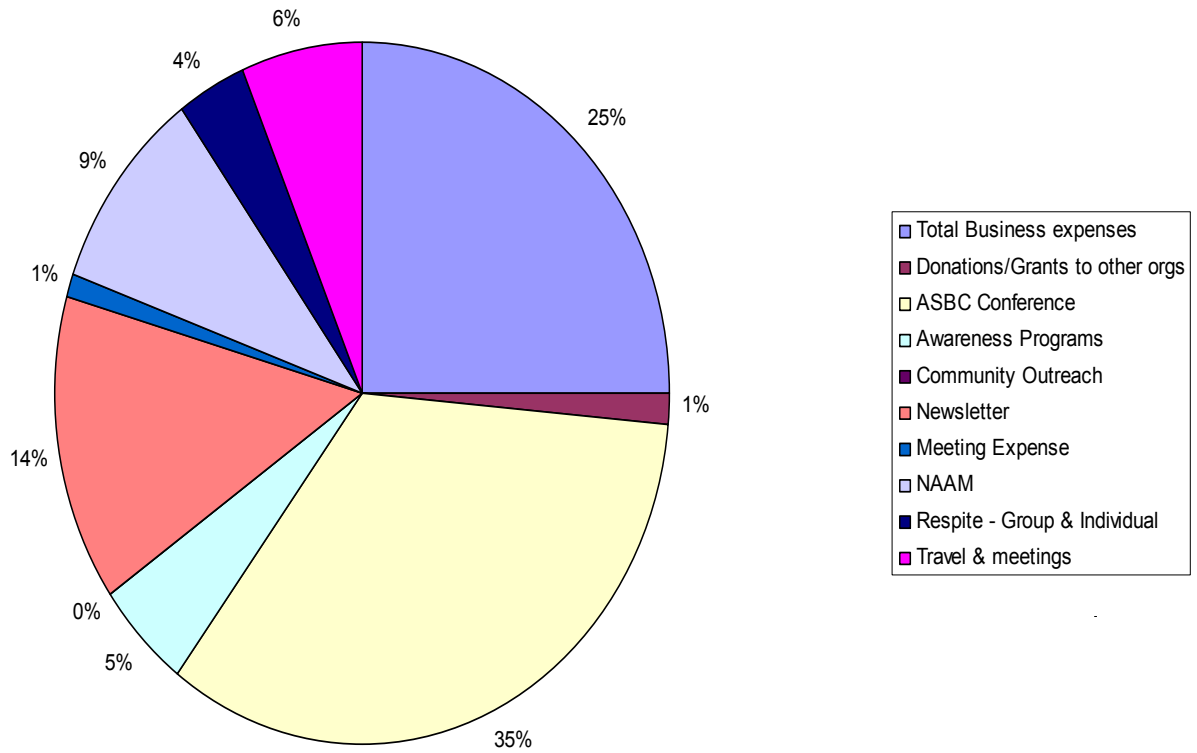
2008 ASBC Lecture Series

- February 20, 2008 **Audrey Blakely Smith** assistant professor in the department of psychiatry & pediatrics at the University of Colorado at Denver & Health Sciences Center for "Anxiety in Children".
- April 21, 2008 Special guest lecturer **Dennis Debbaudt** presents Autism Risk & Safety Workshop for families, educators and care providers.
- 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" Cancelled due to illness.
- August 20, 2008 **Planning for the Future of Your Special Needs Child George Todd** is a financial analyst and registered representative of GCG Financial in Greenwood Village, Colorado. His practice is focused extensively in the area of investment, retirement, and estate planning for families with special needs dependents.
- September 25, 2008 **ASBC Annual Conference presents: Wrightslaw** at the Broomfield Auditorium.
- November 19, 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"

ASBC Income



ASBC Expenses



2008 Family Bronze Donations

Adsit Family
A. Anderson Family
Baran Family
Benjamin Family
Boyle Family
Cain Family
Carrigan Family
Cleveland Family
Conroy Family
Darrow Family
De la Mata Family
Doctor Family
Dyson Family
Emoto Family
Fitzgerald Family
Gahn Family
Gergen Family
Glarion Family
Goetz Family
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Green Family
Guenter Family
Harrison Family
Hoepflich Family
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Deckys Family
Dougherty Family
Emery Family
Fenster Family
Fostveit Family
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Gravel Family
Grothus Family
Hamilton Family
Hawley Family
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Julyk Family
Kintzel Family
Kloepfer Family
Kutinsky Family
Landblom Family
Lee Family
K. Lewis Family
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McCarthy Family
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J. Taylor Family

S. Thomas Family Toll Family Trautenberg Family
R. Umbaugh Family Valdez Family Willard Family
L. Williams Wilson Family Worth Family
Wrangham Family Wright Family Wyman Family M.. Young Family

2008 Individual Bronze Donations In Honor of:

Lorraine Child in Honor of Robert A. Gouder: Graham's Longwalk

Elizabeth Lane in Honor of Sue Thomas

Carolyn Logterman in Honor of Katie Engelhardt and Nathan Wells

2008 Business Bronze Donations

AeroGrow Garden	Alison Blair Studio
Airborne Gymnastics & Dance	Altan Alma Organic Farm
American Windows	Arapahoe Basin Ski Area
Arvada Center	B & C Bounce Town
Bart's CD Cellar	Bed, Bath & Beyond
Body Dynamics	Boondock's Fun Center
Boulder Book Store	Boulder Broker Inn
Boulder Dinner Theater	Boulder Running Company
Boulder Valley Ice @ Superior	Broomfield Events Center
Brunswick Zone	Café de Paris
Centennial Wine & Spirits	Century Theatre
Cheesecake Factory	Chipotle Mexican Grill
Chuck E. Cheese	City of Boulder Flatirons Golf Course
Colorado Shakespeare Festival	Colorado Symphony Orchestra
ColTerra Restaurant	Courtyard by Marriott Boulder
Crackpots Pottery Studio	Crystal's Ski Shop
Cynthia Shiko, OTR, CMT, LLC	Daichel Wine Importers
Dave Hawley	Denver Botanical Gardens
Denver Museum of Natural History	Dick's Sporting Goods
Elite Dance	Fiske Planetarium— Uni of CO— Boulder
Flowers with Flair	Foolish Craig's Café
Geppetto's Toy Shoppe	Glimmer Glass, Ingrid Julyk
Grandrabbits Toy Shoppe	Gymboree
Haystack Mountain Golf Course	Helping Hands Bakery, Bridget Lane
Holistic Pediatric Consulting	Honey Baked Ham
Joe Barbour Photography	Karen & Bob Herz
Inta Juice	Integral Therapeutics, LLC
Lafayette Florist	Lakeshore Athletic Club
Lars Waldner	Lefthand Brewing Company

2008 Business Bronze Donations (cont.)

Lisa Myers	Leonard's Golf
Longmont Recreation Center	Louisville Recreation Center
LUVTOYS.com	MaDcap Improv Theatre
Marcel's Chocolate Room	McGuckin Hardware
Mountain Day Camp	Natural Factors Nutritional Products, Inc.
Noodles	One Boulder Fitness
Old Louisville Inn	OZO Coffee Company
Out There! Promotional Fundraising	Peanut Butter Players
Pat Guyton Pilates, Sheri Kessler	PlayFair Toys
Pedestrian Shops	Radiant Running
Portrait Innovations	Reverence Dance Academy
Pump It Up!	Rocky Mountain Chocolate Factory
Ricco's Burritos	Rotors of the Rockies
Rocky Mountain Racket Specialists	Sante' Day Spa
Safeway Grocery	Splitz
Silly Scissors, Lou Ponesse	Spyder
Spiritus Designs, Susan Baile	Steven Altschuler, Rolwing
St Julien Hotel & Spa	Susan & Bob Rosenthal
Sun Ice Arena	Tattered Cover Book Store
T. Cuts, a Salon	The Colorado Avalanche/ Kroenke
The Big Red F Restaurant Group	Sports Enterprises
Denver Center for Performing Arts	The Huckleberry
"The Med" Mediterranean Restaurant	The Pampered Pooch
The Pilate Center	Wheat Free Gourmet, M. Capone
Total Climbing	UMC Connection at University of Colorado -Boulder
Via Toscana Ristorante	What's Cooking, Inc.
Vitamin Cottage	WildDivine Project
Vic's Espresso Inc.	YMCA of Boulder Valley
Western Air Flight Academy	
WOW! Children's Museum	

2008 Business Bronze Donations

Community Foundation of Greater Atlanta Cars Helping Charities, Inc.
King Sooper Rags to Riches Rock Spine Rehabilitation Center
Sams Club Staples

2008 Volunteers

Emmy Conroy Patrick Conroy Julie Darrow Joe Darrow
Michelle Dyson Alison Fostveit Karen Herz Angie Layton
Jim Morgan Kathy Reed Gena Rieck Tom Rieck Sunny Sanford
Bridget Sargent Bob Sargent Bret Saunders Christy Shoemaker
Dan Thomas Sue Thomas Scott Thomas Dallas Tully Leah Walton
Deb Ward Theresa Wrangham

2008 Business Titanium Donations

97.3 FM KBCO

2008 Business Platinum Donations

FedEx Kinko's Office & Print Center - Louisville, CO

2008 Business Gold Donations

Anthropologie Google Larry & Wanda Garland Louise Bouzari, LLC
Autism Speaks-Colorado Chapter Aquarium Environments, Pat Patterson

2008 Business Silver Donations

Broomfield Community Foundation
The Huckleberry VICO Software, Inc.

2008 Bronze Business Donations: Community Partners

Association for Community Living (ACL) in Boulder County
Centennial Wine & Spirits IDA- RMB Rocky Mountain
Branch: The International Dyslexia Association

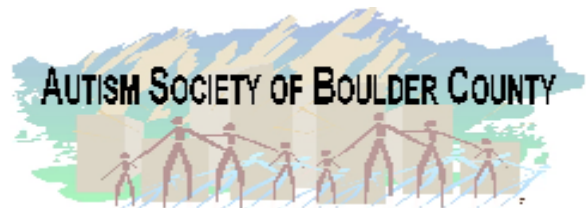
PEAK Parent Center LaMar's Donuts OZO Coffee Com-
pany Whole Foods State Farm Insurance- Helen Wagner,
Agent

2008 Matching Programs Corporation Donations Employee Pledge Programs

Google, Inc. IBM

Autism Society of Boulder County Associations & Memberships

Colorado Nonprofit Association
Volunteer Match



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