

SPECIAL SERVICES EDUCATION FOUNDATION, INC.

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AUTISM

According to the Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), 1 in 150 children are diagnosed with autism and some reports indicate an even higher rate in New Jersey. Autism, which affects thought, perception, and attention is not just one disorder with a well defined set of symptoms; autism is a broad spectrum of disorders that range from mild to severe.

A complex brain disorder, autism often inhibits a person's ability to communicate, respond to surroundings, or form relationships with others. Few disorders are as devastating to a child and his or her family. Recent epidemiology studies have shown that autism spectrum disorders are 10 times more prevalent today than 10 years ago. Autism is the second most common developmental disability, next to mental retardation.

Dear Principals and Child Study Team Directors,

RE: Gloucester County Autism Walk

On Saturday, September 26, 2009 Gloucester County Special Services Education Foundation will sponsor the Gloucester County Autism Walk. Proceeds from the walk will remain in Gloucester County to provide outreach, support, and educational services to children and families affected by autism spectrum disorder.

As a Gloucester County school district representative, we are asking for your assistance and support for the Gloucester County Autism Walk. During the months of August and September, you can contribute to this effort by:

- Displaying our walk poster in a conspicuous area in your school buildings and offices.
- Sell walk sponsor cards for \$1 and posting them in your school buildings and offices.
- Collecting donations from students, staff and families within your school community.
- Encourage specific clubs and organizations within the school (i.e. Key Clubs, NHS, etc) to volunteer, create a team and run fundraising activities to help contribute to the cause.

Your efforts will be recognized at the Gloucester County Autism Walk. Funds collected for the Gloucester County Autism Walk should be submitted by September 18th, 2009 to:

GCSS Education Foundation
1360 Tanyard Road
Sewell, NJ 08080

GCSS Education Foundation is a registered 501(c) (3) organization. For more information about the Gloucester County Autism Walk, please visit our web site:

www.gloucestercountyautismwalk.kintera.org

Sincerely,

Margaret E. Daly, MS
Walk Committee Member

Gloucester County Autism Walk

RiverWinds Community Center

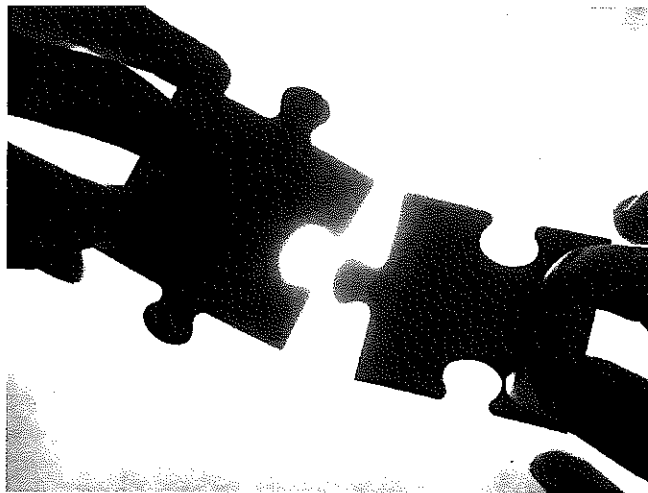
1000 RiverWinds Drive

West Deptford, NJ 08086

Saturday, September 26th, 2009

Registration: 9:00am

Walk begins @ 11.00am



*[www.gloucestercountyautismwalk
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