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Our Mission Statement

To provide services and programs to families of children diagnosed within the Autism Spectrum Disorders to develop their child's behavioural, communication, and social skills, and to advocate for their ongoing needs.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

- Children at Risk Annual Raffle **May/June 2009**
- Autism Community Annual Family Picnic **June 14, 2009**
- Entertainment Coupon Books **August 2009**
- Blast Off to Kids Wellness Day **September 19, 2009**
- 14th Annual Celebrity-Carved Pumpkin Contest **October 22-24, 2009**



THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF CHILDREN AT RISK, OTTAWA

Wednesday, June 3, 2009
235 Donald Street, Room 212 – 7:00 p.m.

You are invited to attend the Annual General Meeting of Children at Risk. This evening will also be an opportunity for all friends and families of Children at Risk to meet informally and to discuss issues around supporting children and families within the Autism Spectrum Disorders. Wine and cheese will be served!

****Special Guest****

2009 marks 30 years of charitable services and supports for the Autism Community by Children at Risk!
We are delighted to have ELLIOTT SMITH, Magician attend this year to demonstrate to our parents and supporters his exciting and captivating skills of Magic, Illusion and Mentalism! www.seethemagic.com
Join us for an evening of comedy, laughs and few hours “away from Autism”! Help us blow out the candles on our Anniversary Cake!

The following business will be conducted:

1. Minutes of last meeting
2. President's Report
3. Treasurer's Report & Appointment of Auditors
4. Fundraising Report
5. Election of new Board

Standing for re-election to the Board are:

Paul Lacroix - Hazel Smith - Lesia Gilbert - Mark Lalonde
Robert Jaffray - Diane Theron - Andrea Mailhot - Stephanie Casagrande
The following positions are vacant: 1-2 Board of Director Officers*

*With most of our 2008/2009 Board Members returning, we are excited to continue our plans and initiatives. However, we always have a need for community members to step forward! We encourage parents and friends to get more involved with the Autism Community through service on the Board of our local charity! More information, time commitments and job descriptions can be obtained by calling the office at 613-741-8255.

Submit Nominations to Brenda Reisch, Executive Director at 613-741-8255, FAX 741-5530 or info@childrenatrisk.ca.

Please RSVP by Monday, June 1 to make sure we have enough for all!

2008/2009 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

President	Paul Lacroix
Treasurer	Lesia Gilbert
Secretary	Amanda Telford
Director	Hazel Smith
Director	Robert Jaffray
Director	Andrea Mailhot
Director	Diane Theron
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Director	Stephanie Casagrande

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Children at Risk, Ottawa (CAR) was founded in 1979 to address the urgent need of the thousands of children in Eastern Ontario diagnosed within the Autism Spectrum Disorders (ASD). For over 30 years, we have demonstrated the knowledge and expertise to provide families and professionals with appropriate, Autism specific supports and resources. CAR brings positive change into the lives of those with ASD and their families. Timely and appropriate intervention does make a significant difference.

CAR works hard with community, education and medical and mental health professionals to break down the barriers for individuals diagnosed with ASD, and to provide support for the social/emotional and mental health issues associated with it – filling in the gaps in services that exist with publicly-funded government agencies.

Listed below are general statistics for 2008 from the Asperger's Society of Ontario for queries from individuals with ASD, their families, friends and other professionals in the community that cover an array of topics and come from a wide range of individuals who are connected to ASD in some way:

- 28% of the inquires were from parents and other caregivers seeking a diagnosis for a young child, or with a recently diagnosed child with ASD, who are looking to better understand ASD and how to support the child in their life;

PRESIDENT'S REPORT (Cont'd)

- 22% required help related to schooling and education;
- 23% were related to finding support or a diagnosis for an adult;
- 27% were interested in more information on the support groups, workshops and services offered.

Children at Risk needs your help to continue our work providing:

- Parent support and professional consultations
- Social Interaction groups for children and teens with ASD
- Referrals to other agencies and community services
- School Supports (i.e., recommendations for IEPs/IPRCs and suggested interventions)
- Information and training on ASD to educators, medical and mental health professionals, employers and the broader public, workshops and seminars
- Partnerships with other like agencies
- Support of ASD specific research initiatives across Canada through exposure

We are not government funded and rely solely on donations and member fees.

We need your help! Children at Risk is your Eastern Ontario organization dedicated to serving those affected by Autism Spectrum Disorder, but we can't do it without your volunteer and financial help.

To volunteer or make a tax deductible donation, please call our offices at 613-741-8255 or email us at info@childrenatrisk.ca.

We are so pleased to announce that almost all of your last year's board members are returning to once again work hard for you and your charity. Hope to see many members and friends at the AGM on June 3rd!

Paul Lacroix, President, Board of Directors



EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE

Submitted by Brenda Reisch

Spring & Summer Greetings! Hard to believe that soon will be half-way through 2009 – heading into summer holidays and, before we know it, fall and winter....

As a registered charity, we are obligated to hold an Annual General Meeting each year. We review the happenings and events of the previous year, as well as the Financial Status of the charity with our Statements. Usually, we have tried to bring in Guest Speakers related to Autism – Group Facilitators, other Community Representatives and like.

This year, we decided to buck the norm and have (for our **AGM on Wednesday, June 3**) invited **Magician Elliott Smith** to captivate our audience! While we know he cannot “fix” our parents’ challenges with a wave of a wand, we thought an evening that includes non-Autism related entertainment would be a welcome change for our parents. Please note that we have had some inquiries about bringing children – the evening has been set up for adults only. We really hope that many of you can see this as a parent outing and join us without the kids!!

Please, please, please – we also ask that all our members help us with our Annual Raffle Tickets by either buying a book or two or taking some books to sell – if all 5,000 tickets were sold, this would raise over **\$8,000** for Children at Risk, as all prizes are donated! The prizes are stellar and the proceeds enable our charity to continue supports like requesting/managing ticket donations for concerts and events, organizing children for the Dreams Take Flight trip, sending out info packages to parents of newly-diagnosed children and more –things we love to do and have a commitment to continue for our families. However, it does require a time commitment by staff and volunteers, as well as expenses in mailing costs, etc.

We hope to see many of our families at our **Annual Family Picnic on Sunday, June 14**, as well.

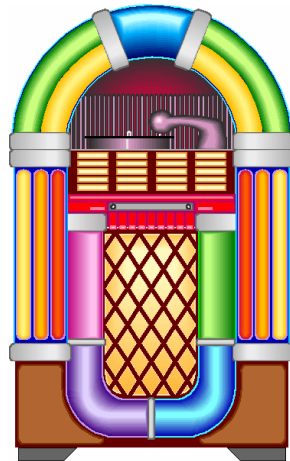
Safe & Happy Holidays!

FUNDRAISING UPDATE

Submitted by Brenda Reisch, Fundraising Chairperson

UPCOMING EVENTS/ACTIVITIES SINCE DECEMBER 2008 ...

What Happened:



8th ANNUAL “ROCKIN’ FOR RISK” DANCE

This year’s Rockin’ for Risk proved that 8 is NOT enough!!! Based on this year’s fabulous party, we have already started planning for the 9th Annual Children at Risk “Rockin’ for Risk” for 2010!!

Over 400 patrons attended an outstanding evening of live 50s/60s/70s music by our band Intersection, rocked to Elvis – Shawn Barry, Ottawa’s premier Elvis Tribute Artist, snagged some great bargain’s at the Silent Auction, scored some prizes with the Raffle, Spot Dances, Costume Prizes and Door Prizes and munched down at the free Sandwich Buffet.

Please also join me in thanking our dozens of Volunteers who worked tirelessly during the day setting up the event and manning the various stations throughout the evening to help make our event a tremendous success – we could not have done it without you!!



Kesha and Chris of TLC Dance

FUNDRAISING UPDATE (Cont'd)

8th ANNUAL "ROCKIN' FOR RISK" DANCE (Cont'd)

Many Thanks, as well, to our wonderful sponsors – please see enclosed thank-you ad from The Ottawa Citizen. I would like to make special mention of a few – **Brother Bob from Rogers Radio & OLDIES 1310** (prizes and priceless promotion), **TL & Chris Rader of TLC Dance** for the eye-popping dance demos by Chris & students Kesha & Gladys (with entertaining commentary by TL) and a surprise announcement by **Moe Atallah of the World Famous Newport Restaurant** of a donation for \$1,500 from The Elvis Sighting Society.



Moe Atallah of the Elvis Sighting Society presenting \$1,500 donation, along with Brenda Reisch, Shawn Barry (Elvis) & Brother Bob of OLDIES 1310

The best news is that all of those who attended, volunteered and sponsored our event helped to raise close to **\$8,000** – plus the \$1,500 donation!!!!!!

These funds will help finance over 2 of our Social Skill Groups for the coming year – critically-important supports that are often not available through any other sources! Hats Off to everyone who participated in the 2009 Rockin' for Risk!

FUNDRAISING UPDATE (Cont'd)

OIBA "CHARITY OF CHOICE" POKER NIGHT

In January I received a call from Maurice Dagenais of **Cunningham Lindsay Canada Limited**, inviting Children at Risk to be the charity they represented at the **Ottawa Insurance Brokers Association first Texas Hold'em Tournament for 2009**. Maurice let me know that there would be other charities represented by other firms and that only the top 3 winners would be given donations for their charity of choice. There was also an invite for a guest to join their table – of which parent Trevor Amsden answered the call. Trevor's performance was notable – making it to the top 10% of the over 100 participants. However, we had the good fortune (and skill!) of James Jack from Cunningham Lindsey finishing in 2nd place – earning a donation of **\$2,000** for Children at Risk!! Many thanks to Maurice, James, Trevor, parent Peter Holder and **Greg Luesby (Canopy Insurance) & Greg Janes (Smith Petrie Carr & Scott)** for turning a fun event into a fundraising opportunity for charities!

What is On Now/Coming:

CHILDREN AT RISK 14TH ANNUAL RAFFLE

Tickets* are NOW available for our 14th Annual Fundraising Raffle! After many weeks of gathering quality prizes, we can proudly offer them for sale. The prizes are fabulous! As we almost sold out 4,500 tickets last year, we printed 5,000 tickets this year! I hope everyone can join me in trying to make this year a sell-out!! Unsold tickets represent lost Fundraising \$'s for Children at Risk.

Funds raised will support our Community-Based Special Projects. These include Sibling, Friendship and Family Support Groups, Educational Training Workshops and Information Seminars as well as updating resource materials. These valuable activities receive no government funding and are supported solely through Fundraising efforts and Donations.

*Note: Tickets can only be sold to persons 18 years and older!

FUNDRAISING UPDATE (Cont'd)

CHILDREN AT RISK 14TH ANNUAL RAFFLE (Cont'd)

**OTTAWA AUTISM COMMUNITY
ANNUAL FAMILY PICNIC**
Sunday, June 14, 2009
Brewer Park, 12 Noon to 3 PM



Volunteers please contact Janet Kooiman
janet.k@sympatico.ca
Check out the flyer at the end of the newsletter!

The Raffle will be drawn at 2 PM our Autism Community Annual Family Picnic – Sunday, June 14, 2009.

Our Raffle offers:

- Tickets \$2 each, 3 for \$5 or a book of 12 for \$20!
- Prizes worth a total of \$9,362!
- 34 draws, with an average Prize Value of over \$275 (1st 11 prizes \$400 and up value each!)
- Maximum 5,000 tickets sold - That's just over a 1 in 147 chance of winning!
- Minimum Prize Value of \$25!

For tickets to buy or sell, contact our offices at 613-741-8255, or by email, info@childrenatrisk.ca, and we can cheerfully send them out to you! We would only need for each family to sell 2 books, would sell out!

*See attached Ticket Sample for full listing of all the fabulous prizes!

DONOR'S CORNER

Smith Petrie Carr & Scott	\$200.00
IBM Employees' Charitable Fund	\$825.50
Elvis Sighting Society	\$1,500.00
United Way/Centraide Ottawa	\$1,530.80

FUNDRAISING UPDATE (Cont'd)

BLAST OFF TO KIDS WELLNESS DAY – SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 2009

The 3rd Annual Blast Off to Kids Wellness Day is a community, charity 1K, 10 K Run/Walk & Family Fun Day to celebrate Kids, Wellness, Fitness Activities Around Town and the Environment!

This year, Children at Risk has been invited to be the recipient charity for funds raised!! Saturday, July 18 begins a 10 week countdown for those doing the 10K – children are encouraged to achieve a goal of 9K prior to the event day on September 19 (1K each week can be walking, running or ½ hour of fitness such as basketball, soccer, baseball or any other sport). Go to www.blastoffkids.ca for more info and to download your log. On event day, participants will complete their final 1K walk/run around the Ben Franklin SuperDome (191 Knoxdale Road at Hunt Club & Greenbank Roads). The Event Day runs 9 AM to 1 PM and includes indoor shows, fitness stations, wellness experts, exhibitors and more! The Event is presented by the **Optihealth Wellness Centre** and includes sponsorships by **Greco Fitness Centres, Rogers TV, Kiss FM and the Running Room**. We encourage parents to get their kids involved and also will welcome volunteers for the Event Day!

BELL EMPLOYEE GIVING PROGRAM DONATION

On Thursday, May 21, Children at Risk was invited to the Bell Canada Employee Giving Ceremonies as a recipient charity. Bell Canada employees and retirees presented donations totaling more than \$194,000 to 42 local and national charitable organizations. Bell's 2008 Employee Giving Campaign resulted in a total pledged commitment of \$1.8 million in employee and retiree donations to charitable organizations across the country. For several years, Children at Risk has had the honour of being invited to receive a donation – this year's being for **\$450!** Appreciation goes not only to the Employees who donated, but to Bell for encouraging and supporting this wonderful community initiative!!

FUNDRAISING UPDATE (Cont'd)

KEY TO THE CITY FUNDRAISER



Children at Risk is proud to be one of the first charities to offer this consumer's discount card! Now available for an introductory price of only \$30 – regular price of \$60 (of which Children at Risk will receive \$10!), this easy to use. Up to 3 persons can use the Key to the City, with a card and two key fobs that can be attached to your key chain. On line at www.keytothecity.ca is a full listing of the hundreds of vendors who accept the Key to the City and/or email info@keytothecity.ca or call 613-565-0606 to have a paper listing sent to you. Key to the City is also very open to approaching vendors to come on-board – let them know a service or business you would like to see and they will try to make it happen!

Children at Risk will sell the Key to the City discount cards up to the beginning of September. Cards expire on March 31, 2010. We will continue to sell the Entertainment Coupon Books, but see the Key to the City as complimentary, as it can be used over and over again!

Call us at 613-741-8255 or email us at info@childrenatrisk.ca to order your Key to the City now!! (see enclosed flyer)

*Thank
you*



Annual General Meeting And Family Forum

Tuesday June 2, 2009
Councillor Jan Harder's Ward Office
Walter Baker Sports Centre
100 Malvern Drive

6:45 pm
AGM (Open to all SNAC Members)

7:00-8:00 pm
Family Forum (Open to all members of the public)

Guest Speaker, Suzanne Jacobson, "Quickstart"
A CHEO program to reduce the time between referral
and assistance from health professionals

Please join us in an open discussion with SNAC Board Members and families living with Autism. The aim of the meeting is to discover program needs and to determine programs that will be offered by SNAC in Fall 2009. Your thoughts and ideas are important, and will be given great consideration.

We want to hear from you!

Please RSVP to:
info@nepeanautism.ca or
call 613-823-4049

PARENT FEEDBACK FROM SOCIAL SKILL GROUP SPONSORED BY SNAC

This Winter, the South Nepean Autism Centre generously offered to help sponsor one of Children at Risk's Social Skill Groups in Barrhaven. Here are some comments and feedback from the parents of the participating children:

Q: Has your child enjoyed participating in the Social Skills Group? Has he/she commented on any favourite activities?

- *"The food! Seriously, from games to chit chat, Matthew loved it all!"*
- *"Yes. Enjoyed everything."*
- *"Romano really enjoyed the baking activities. He always looked forward to coming to the group. He was disappointed when it was not on and now ended."*

Q: Do you feel that your child has benefited from participating in the group?

- *"Yes, I certainly appreciate the help for Matthew interrupting and more....."*
- *"Yes, Gabriel always enjoyed coming here."*
- *"Yes. He loves having a friendship group to belong to."*
- *"Yes, it was interesting to watch Romano interact. Romano has made friends. He asked to invite the boys in the group to his birthday. He benefited from the group."*

Q: Are there any comments about the leadership of the group that you would like to make?

- *"All good. Sheri and Elaine - fantastic job! Love forward to the next session."*
- *"They are excellent! Great! Thank you!"*
- *"The session was very good. The facilitators were excellent. They seemed to have a lot of fun and were very enthusiastic!!"*



UPCOMING EVENTS



Barrhaven Childcare Centre
56 Kennevale Dr. Ottawa
613-825-9385 ext.14

Are you a parent of a preschool child who has been diagnosed with Autism Spectrum Disorders?
Is your child under the age of six years old?
Would you like to meet other parents waiting for services?
Then we, at SNAC would like to meet you.

Elaine Bissonnette, a Behavior Consultant will be available on site to provide parents with information on general behavior management strategies for their child to implement in their home. Specialists will be invited monthly to provide more in-depth information on language/communication, fine/gross motor needs, self help and play skills strategies.

These services are free of charge.

Our hours are Tuesday and Thursday afternoon from 1-3 p.m.
We are opened until June 4 2009.
Closed for the summer until September 8th 2009.

For more information contact:
Dale O'Reilly
Manager of S.N.A.C. Resource Centre
Barrhaven Childcare Centre
56 Kennevale Dr. Ottawa
613-825-9385 ext.14
barfrc@on.aibn.com

Children at Risk's Sibling Support Group

Facilitated by Liz Schissler, Lisa Gregory & Serena Bebee

A one-day sibling workshop was held on Saturday May 23rd. Fourteen children aged 7 to 12 years joined three facilitators for a day of discussion, games, crafts, food preparation, informative DVDs and lots of FUN!! The workshop provided siblings with the opportunity to meet in a relaxed, recreational setting. All of the siblings appreciated sharing stories, feelings and experiences with others who could relate to the challenges and rewards of having a brother or sister with autism.

The following comments from the siblings themselves speak to the success of the day:

- Sibling group is an awesome adventure.
- I really enjoyed it- there were tons of activities and I got to relate to other children about autism.
- It helps to understand your sibling more and opens you up to what they're all about.
- It's good to know that you're not the only one with a sib with autism and it's good to share your ideas.
- It was the "awesomest" camp I ever went to. It helped me to know what to do when my brother is angry.
- It helped me learn more about autism.
- I liked the cool activities we did.
- I learned how to handle my sib better.
- It is really nice to meet other people who are experiencing the same things as you and to learn how to deal with more scenarios.

All of the participants said that they would enjoy attending another sibling support workshop in the future.

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Where are they now?

Through a series of articles, the CISS team takes a look at some of the children that they have supported through the years to discover “where are they now”?

Who:

Hello. This is my 17-year-old son, Dominick Poirier, who at age two and a half was diagnosed at CHEO (Children's Hospital of Eastern Ontario) with Pervasive Developmental Disorder (PDD nos). With the support of family and friends I was able to find the best available services to help Dominick and today it is remarkable to see how much he has benefitted. I sincerely thank all the people who have assisted Dominick for their exceptional work and dedication.

The Early Years:

During our first visit to a new pediatrician, the doctor found that Dominick showed signs of autism. He was non-verbal, made no eye contact, and seemed to “inhabit his own little world”. The doctor referred us to the Child



Development Services at CHEO and Children at Risk program. I had just given birth to Dominick's little brother Erik two months earlier, and was experiencing a great deal of emotion, stress and anxiety. Despite this, I found the courage, strength and determination required to ensure Dominick obtained the services he needed.

The Children at Risk services started in the fall of 1993. Dominick then entered preschool at Thursday's Child Nursery School in January of 1994. We received home services from an excellent Children at Risk counsellor throughout that year. The following year, while enrolled in preschool at *Le Carrefour d'Ottawa*, Dominick was assisted by a superb Integration Advisor from Children's Integration Support Services, through Andrew Fleck Child Care Services until June 1996. In the summer of 1995, he attended the *Centre préscolaire La Coccinelle* before enrolling in the *Centre éducatif Beausoleil*. Dominick also received speech therapy at CHEO and through the Special Services at Home (SSAH) program.

Thanks to the assistance and services our family received, Dominick made considerable progress during his preschool years. Dominick was an affectionate child, well liked by everyone, and the future was full of hope and possibility. When it came time to prepare for school in September 1996, we were ready!

The School Years:

In September 1996, Dominick entered kindergarten at *École élémentaire catholique St-Gabriel* with the support of teachers in the PDD class (similar to the Autism program in the English school boards). He also received occupational therapy services. He completed his second year at the school just as it was closing its doors, and so, completed grades 3 to 6 at *École élémentaire catholique Arc-en-ciel*, in his own neighbourhood of Orleans, from September 1999 to June 2003.

At *École secondaire publique Gisèle-Lalonde*, Dominick began Grade 7 in a segregated class. It was an extraordinary year for him, and his teacher and instructors were first-rate. In Grade 8, Dominick was awarded a certificate in the "Effort and Perseverance" category -- a special moment for all of us. The recognition helped boost his confidence and self-esteem, which need constant reinforcement when coping with the difficulties, ordeals and challenges of everyday life.

From Grade 8 to today, Dominick has attended regular classes, with assistance when needed, and with an Individual Education Plan in place. He attends an excellent

school with a dedicated teaching staff, where he has many good friends.

Dominick has very good grades. He wants to do well academically, and does so. At parent-teacher interviews, the feedback is always positive. His difficulties have more to do with short-term auditory memory, as well as abstract and social concepts. Dominick is an anxious and sensitive adolescent who tries hard to please his teachers and peers. He understands the challenge of maintaining friendships, since it has not always been easy for him.

Dominick started Grade 12 at the end of August, and will graduate high school in June 2009!

Recreational and Life Experience:

Dominick has a likeable personality, and is cheerful, polite and very appreciative. He likes stability, which he finds reassuring and comforting. His memory is very good, I would even say exceptional in areas of interest to him. Dominick has many interests and extra-curricular activities. From age 9 to 12, Dominick was part of the Scouting movement. He also likes to play softball, which he has done since the age of 13. He recently joined a bowling league. His favourite leisure activities are computer games, reading books such as "Manga" comics, television, music and cycling. He worked at Subway in the summer of 2007, and has been employed with Real Canadian Superstore since November 2007. He is often a perfectionist in his work, and is respectful toward his employers.

Future Dreams:

Dominick wants to succeed in life. He would like to attend college and discover what he wants to do in the future. He wishes to work in an occupation that interests him and makes him happy. He would also like to travel.



What I want most is for Dominick to be happy. I especially want him to be proud of his efforts, achievements and successes, and -- above all -- of himself! The last 17 years have been full of challenges for me, and especially for Dominick. Thanks to our efforts, to the many people who have offered their help and support, and to the love that Dominick has received, the results have been extraordinary! I'm proud of you, Dominick, and I love you very much!

Written by Lucie Villeneuve, Dominick's mother



Students learn about autism from first hand speakers **BY: Margaret Sambol**

Reprint from May 16, 2009 – Your Nepean.com

Our Lady of Peace holds autism awareness day

BY [MARGARET SAMBOL](#)



Jazmine Starkey speaks about her experience on the autism spectrum.

Jazmine Starkey has more than the average teenage challenges as a Grade 9 student attending Sir Guy Carleton Secondary School in Nepean.

The 15-year-old spoke about her experiences with autism trying to make friends and fit in during elementary school to students at Our Lady of Peace Elementary School on May 5.

“Things have not come easy to me,” Jazmine says. “I had difficulty with math, organizing my bag or making friends, but I’m getting better.”

Jazmine says she learns best visually and can be overwhelmed by lots of noise and distractions.

“I played by myself because I didn’t know how to ask to play or join in,” she says.

With the help of an educational assistant and by discovering a love of drawing, things began to improve at school.

“I’m learning to believe in myself,” Jazmine says.

Her speech was part of Autism Day at the school.

Nancy Gibson, from Autism Ontario’s Ottawa chapter, talked to the students about their experiences interacting with children with autism.

“They are very good learners, but they have to learn in a different way,” Gibson says.

Gibson stressed that autism is not contagious so there’s no reason to avoid a friendship with an autistic child.

Jordan Edwards, has Asperger’s syndrome, a milder version of autism.

Edwards only learned of his diagnosis in his 20s, about 10 years ago. Growing up, Edwards had a hard time making friends, so he encouraged students to reach out to students like him.

“The best way to be a good friend is to try to introduce yourself to someone who is not communicating,” Edwards says.

Edwards explained that if he was having a busy day he wouldn’t want to talk to people, but it didn’t mean he was being unfriendly.

The students learned that 100,000 children in Canada have autism and autism is more common than cystic fibrosis, multiple sclerosis and childhood cancer.

OTTAWA AUTISM COMMUNITY ANNUAL FAMILY PICNIC

Sunday, June 14, 2009, 12 Noon-3 PM
Brewer Park

Brewer Park (Seneca St. off Sunnyside) is a sprinkler water park, so bring your suits and get wet! The Annual Family Picnic is a great time to celebrate the start of summer, see old friends, meet new friends and frolic in the park. Below is a list of planned activities. Some items and activities, like the food, are at a low cost or you can bring your own picnic lunch! Hope to see you there!!

Activities & Features

B.B.Q. HAMBURGERS, HOT DOGS, DRINKS, CHIPS
COOKIE DECORATING, WATERMELON, FISH POND, BALLOONS
PARACHUTE TOSS, BUBBLE PLAY
"MOON BOUNCE" & "LARGE SLIDE" INFLATABLE PARTIALLY SPONSORED BY
SMITH PETRIE CARR & SCOTT

- 2:00 PM -14th ANNUAL RAFFLE DRAW
- 2:15 PM - WATER BALLOON TOSS (**PRIZES**)
- "Pick 'n Pay" table of children's toys, Disney Items
(gently used or small defects)

** IN ADDITION, WE WILL BE ENTERTAINED BY TUNIS SHRINE KLOWNS!



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