



## Homes for Autism

The Brightest Hope for People with Autism

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### Dear Friends,

I'm sure you're all noticing that the days are getting shorter, which means that our delightful Michigan Summer is at a close. Our wish is that you all enjoyed yourselves with family and friends over the lazy, hazy days. Homes for Autism began the season with a new event – **Jazz on the Lake** – held on Sunday, June 22<sup>nd</sup>. Our thanks go to board member, Bill Schramm, and his lovely wife, Judy, for hosting the event at their beautiful lakefront home. Highlights of the day appear on page 2.

Invitations will soon be in the mail for our annual black-tie gala – the **12<sup>th</sup> Annual Ring of Hope Dinner** – to be held on Saturday, November 1<sup>st</sup> at The Reserve on Eton Street in Birmingham. We are very proud to honor Roger Shoemaker as the recipient of our 2008 Golden Ring of Hope Award. Roger is Chairman and CEO of Kolene Corporation and is the current President of the Birmingham Athletic Club. Plans are now being finalized to ensure a wonderful evening, while providing support for our mission. We certainly look forward to seeing you there!

A couple of changes for 2009: **Irish Night** is scheduled earlier this year. On Sunday, March 29<sup>th</sup>, Pat McDunn and his Irish Gaels will strike up the band at our traditional venue, Four Green Fields in Royal Oak. I have news regarding another new event for us, **The Run for Autism**. The run/walk is scheduled for Sunday, May 17<sup>th</sup>. I am delighted to announce that we will be working with and sharing the proceeds with OUCARES. The event will be held on their Oakland University campus.

During these difficult times, thank you for your willingness to respond to the needs of others. I hope you and yours enjoy the upcoming annual blaze of glory – Michigan's autumn season!

*Harvey Hohausser, President*

### Upcoming 2009 Events

**Irish Night**  
Sunday, March 29

**The Run for Autism to Benefit  
Homes for Autism and OUCARES**  
Sunday, May 17

**Oakland University Campus**  
*Web site and registration details to be announced*

## FUND-RAISERS

On a picture perfect summer day, *Jazz on the Lake* was held on June 22, at the lakefront home of Judy and Bill Schramm. The Schramms created an outstanding event, serving cocktails and delicious food (catered by The White Horse Inn) and, arranged for their guests' listening pleasure, George Sinnott and his Jazz Ensemble performed. We owe special thanks to our hosts for their generosity in the concept of a very enjoyable afternoon. As always, we are especially grateful to our volunteers and donors for attending and supporting HFA events.

The majority of our funding is raised through our annual dinner event and we hope you will plan to participate. The *12<sup>th</sup> Annual Ring of Hope Dinner*, "Key to Independence," will be held on Saturday, November 1, 2008, at The Reserve on Eton Street in Birmingham. For information detailing the opportunities available for you or your company to participate – Sponsorship levels, inclusion in the Program Book and any Live/Silent Auction items you wish to donate – please call 248-588-2111.



*Jazz on the Lake*  
(Slideshow at [www.homesforautism.org](http://www.homesforautism.org))

## Wish List . . .

- ❖ Recently, Homes for Autism was the fortunate recipient of a unique donation from a treasured friend. Homes for Autism is now one of the charitable organizations participating in the Charity Motors Car Donation Program. Individuals can donate a car they no longer want/need, receive a tax deduction, and designate Homes for Autism to receive the proceeds from the sale of their car. If you are interested in participating in this program, please call Charity Motors (a 501(c)3 non-profit organization) at 313-255-1000 and designate Homes for Autism as your charity.
- ❖ Please visit [TonerforAutism.com](http://TonerforAutism.com) for all your office and home business supply needs. Select Homes for Autism and we will receive 5% of those purchases.
- ❖ Donate your used cell phones and ink cartridges.
- ❖ We are always looking for silent and live auction items for our fund-raising events.
- ❖ Our homes need donated business services, especially skilled trades, such as electricians, plumbers, contractors and landscapers.

For further information or to arrange for pickup of your items, please contact us at 248-588-2111.



## RESIDENCES

As our homes age, Homes for Autism's repair and maintenance costs continue to rise. In preparation for the new resident scheduled to move in on October 1<sup>st</sup>, new flooring, doors, painting and a substantial clean-up project are in the process of being completed at our *Livonia* home. Safety issues at our *Ypsilanti* residence require a new driveway, porch railing and security locks.

Also, with your financial assistance, we can possibly pay down the mortgages on one or all of our homes. With savings on the mortgage payments, we can grow at the rate of diagnosed autism.

**Special Note:** We are working to fill an opening for a third resident, with autism or a developmental disability, in our Howell home in Livingston County. If you have a referral, please contact us at 248-588-2111 for additional details.