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Dear Friends,

We have had an exciting and productive spring quarter at Homes for Autism.

Partnering with Oakland University's Center for Autism Research, Education and Support (OUCARES), our "Run for Autism" was a great success and we are most grateful to a number of people. We would like to acknowledge the Event Committee: OU's Angie Schmucker, Val Yaros and Avni Dalal, and HFA's Michael Jennings, Justin Larocca, Shane Larocca and Anne Gerard – all of whom did a wonderful job in planning. Very special thanks to our many participants, donors and volunteers, whose continued support is vital to the success of our events and our mission to raise awareness and support of Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD).

Mother Nature was kind to us and provided perfect weather for our "Run" on May 17th – our runners and walkers enjoyed cool breezes and clear skies. Despite thunder and lightening on the nights preceding our "Concert in the Barn" event on June 20th, we were again grateful for a beautiful Saturday evening of clear skies and warm temperatures. Sincere thanks to our hosts, Ann and Dave Strubler, whose converted barn on their lovely property is the charming setting for their fair weather concerts. *Brazil and Beyond* played an energetic blend of Brazilian jazz and American pop in the classic style of Brazil, while our guests sampled a variety of hors d'oeuvres and desserts. Selections of wines were donated by Fieldstone Winery in Rochester and HFA friend and volunteer, Marie Jakubiak. Local artists displayed their talent for an Art Auction that was a pleasure to view.

We are pleased to announce that the *Detroit Institute of Arts* will be the venue for our 13th Annual Ring of Hope Dinner on Saturday, November 7, 2009. We hope you will "save the date" for our most significant annual event.

Have a wonderful summer and, as always, we greatly appreciate your continued generosity and support,

Bill Schramm, President

P.S. Please share this newsletter with your friends, to keep them up to date on the needs and activities of Homes for Autism.

The Run for Autism



May 17, 2009

YOU CARES
& Homes
for Autism

To see more photos of this year's run
and concert in the barn, please visit our
Web site at: www.homesforautism.org



As Friends of Homes for Autism, Did You Know?

Upcoming Events

13th Annual
Ring of Hope Dinner

November 7, 2009
6:30 p.m.

The Detroit Institute of Arts

Gallery Viewings
Silent and Live Auctions

- Every 26 minutes a child is diagnosed with an Autism Spectrum Disorder.
- One out of every 150 individuals will be diagnosed with an Autism Spectrum Disorder in the United States.
- Autism Spectrum Disorders are the fastest growing developmental disability; it is more common than Down Syndrome, Diabetes, Muscular Dystrophy, Cystic Fibroses and many forms of childhood cancer.
- One out of every 63 children in Michigan in Special Education is diagnosed with an Autism Spectrum Disorder.
- In 10 years, the cost for autism related services will be 200–400 billion dollars nationally.
- Autism occurs in all racial, ethnic and social groups.
- Autism is four times more likely to strike boys than girls.
- Autism exists everywhere in the world.
- There is no known cause.
- There is no known prevention.
- There is, as yet, no cure.

What happens to children with an Autism Spectrum Disorder when they grow up? *Homes for Autism's* name conveys a commitment and mission to provide housing for adults with ASD.

Your support is particularly critical during this time of economic hardship. *Homes for Autism* receives no state or federal funding. Our only hope to continue in our efforts to grow at the rate of diagnosed autism depends on your contribution.

