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RE: MAKING A DIFFERENCE-STUDENT VOLUNTEERISM & THE BRAVEGOALS4AUTISM AWARENESS FUNDRAISERS

Dear Friends and Family:

I hope all is well. I am proud to report that I have been appointed Student Associate Director of the Ascent Youth Alliance to Battle Autism and our *BraveGoals4Autism* and *BraveSaves4Autism* volunteerism program. Inspired by the over \$30,000 recently raised by the teams involved in our *Goals4Autism* and *Saves4Autism* program, towns across Long Island and the metro area are starting to join us in our "subtle yet relentless" pursuit to *make a difference* in allowing children with autism to hopefully reach their full potential.

Simply but respectfully asked, can you please make a difference by somehow participating in our "BraveGoal" mission by (a) promoting awareness, tolerance and acceptance for children impacted by autism, (b) making a donation to the **ASCENT FUNDING ORGANIZATION** (a 501C3 non-profit) and/or (c) helping us secure student volunteers to join our program. 100% of the net proceeds from donations are used for the educational and social skill enhancement of kids with autism and will be distributed in the form of grants to such local charitable programs as the **Nassau-Suffolk Autism Society of America (NSASA)**, the **Kids in Special Services (KISS) Program** of the Mid Island Y, the after school autism and respite programs of the **Sid Jacobson Y**, the **JCCA Compass Project** (which will be earmarked to help teens and young adults with autism identify career and educational direction) and of course, the **Ascent School for Autism**.

Throughout this school year, examples of events and programs the student volunteers participate in include (1) a car wash and garage sale on October 23, (2) the Battle of the Counties High School Lacrosse Autism Awareness Tournament at Syosset High School on November 12, (3) weekly Facebook volunteer recruitment and awareness postings, (4) a BraveGoals4Autism vs. BulldogGoals4Autism fundraiser game in Hewlett under the lights in the Spring, (5) the 2012 Mansion Ride bike-a-thon and (6) lacrosse "challenger" programs for children with autism and other disabilities. The **EASY & REWARDING COMMUNITY SERVICE** includes great perks for our volunteers, including a T-Shirt* and a letter of "recommendation, gratitude and participation" for college, a job, confirmation, bar/bat mitzvah and/or school. For those who consider themselves a leader and are willing to put in additional "sweat equity", executive titles are also available.

For more information on how you can *make a difference*, please email us at either kshlax34@aol.com or larryhaber@colgateresa.com, send me a message on Facebook, visit www.BraveGoals4Autism.com (where a **DONATION LINK** appears) or www.facebook.com/BraveGoals4Autism or call Larry Haber @ 917-362-9413. Donations to the **ASCENT FUNDING ORGANIZATION** can also be mailed to the address below.

AYABA has been honored by the L.I. Chapter of the Association of Fundraising Professionals, Nassau BOCES, the NY International Independent Film Festival (for our film *MAKING A DIFFERENCE-2010 Best Educational Documentary*: www.youtube.com/user/AYABANY) and featured on WABC-TV and in Newsday. Thank you for allowing us to continue to build a foundation for a better today and tomorrow, and for being part of a great group ... special people helping those with special needs. It is greatly appreciated!

Best Regards,

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MAKING A DIFFERENCE

If Not You, Then Who? If Not Now, Then When?

"Goals4Autism" programs in other towns get their own logo, t-shirt, website link & Facebook page

Volunteers do not need to be lacrosse players, and 95% of the volunteerism is done on Facebook!

****1 in every 110 kids (and 1 in every 70 boys) are diagnosed with autism annually****