

May 2007

## Sonnenberg Consultants Newsletter

(Quote of the month)

Daniel winking and saying, "Hey Baby!"

### Classifieds

Tutors needed in the Kankakee area in Illinois for a 2 and 4 year old boys.

### MVP of this month is...

Johnny H's entire team! This awesome team had dedicated the entire month of April to potty training! The team consists of Theresa, Mark, Grandma Ha Ha, Ericka, Cheryl, Matt, Brynn, Rachel, and Ashley! All of you are so dedicated and special for your extra time given to Johnny. Johnny had round the clock training the entire month, 7 days a week! Johnny would not be doing as well as he is if it wasn't for each one of you!!!!!! The dedication can't be expressed enough with words and 10,000 Thank You's could not even articulate the gratitude! Thank You Again and Again!

### Media Updates

Chicago Walk Now for Autism  
Soldier's Field - Chicago, IL

Walk Now For Autism  
May 20th, 2007  
Chicago's Soldier Field  
ON THE FIELD

8:30 AM Check-in 10:00 AM Walk Start

Please join us for Chicagoland's largest  
walk to raise funds for global research and  
create awareness locally for Autism!

For more information or to register visit

<http://www.walknow.org/>

**Cure Autism Now Walk: Chicago, Illinois May 20<sup>th</sup> at Soldier Field.** From the Floore Family and why it is important to walk!

#### Why WALK NOW?

Every 20 minutes another child is diagnosed with autism. A cure must be found NOW. Autism is a neuro-developmental disorder that is commonly diagnosed by the age of three, and in some cases, as early as one year. Affecting one in every 150 children born today, autism is characterized by varying degrees of impairment in communication skills, social interactions, and restricted, repetitive and stereotypical patterns of behavior. The money raised at WALK NOW supports Cure Autism Now's mission to find the causes, effective treatments and a cure for autism through funding essential biomedical and scientific research.

There is no cure or no understanding of what causes the disorder.

Why do we walk? Our son, Spencer, was diagnosed with autism in 1997 and it changed our lives forever. Spencer needs special therapy to learn to speak and do basic life skills



#### **About Cure Autism Now**

Founded in 1995, Cure Autism Now

([www.cureautismnow.org](http://www.cureautismnow.org)) is a non-profit organization dedicated to promoting and funding autism research and accelerating the pace of scientific progress toward effective treatments and a cure for autism. The organization is one of the leading organizations funding biomedical research in autism, providing nearly \$39 million for research grants, education, and outreach.

#### **About Autism**

Autism is a complex neurobiological disorder of development that lasts throughout a person's lifetime. Because persons with autism exhibit different symptoms or behaviors, ranging from mild to serious, autism is a "spectrum" disorder, or a group of disorders with a range of similar features. Children with autism have difficulty communicating and interacting with others. Many individuals with autism seem to retreat

into isolation, or fixate on a word, an object, or an activity.

Sometimes symptoms are seen in infancy, while other children develop normally for a year or more before they begin to slip into their own private world. At best, a high functioning person with autism may simply seem eccentric, a loner. At worst, a person with more profound autism may never learn to speak or care for themselves.

You are never prepared for a child with autism. You will gradually come to believe it, but never fully accept it, get used to it, or get over it. You put away the hopes and dreams you had for that child - the high school graduation, the June wedding. Small victories are cause for celebration - a word mastered, a dry bed, a hug given freely.

### **To Support the Cure Autism Now walk and Spencer:**

There are several ways to support:

1. Join the team and walk by asking the support of family and friends. To join our team and to help Cure Autism Now use this link:  
<https://www.kintera.org/faf/search/searchTeamPart.asp?ievent=214825&lis=1&kntae214825=074844233EDB497282FBD05EBEF7785A&supId=0&team=1929169&cj=Y>
2. To make a tax deductible donation use this link and click on the name of a person walking:  
<https://www.kintera.org/faf/search/searchTeamPart.asp?ievent=214825&lis=1&kntae214825=074844233EDB497282FBD05EBEF7785A&supId=0&team=1929169&cj=Y>
3. To make a donation via mail: Fill in the attached donation form. Separate the receipt at the bottom for tax records and send with a check to:

Cure Autism Now  
5455 Wilshire Blvd, #2250  
Los Angeles, CA 90036

Thank you for your support and God Bless,

Tom, MeLinda, Spencer and Savannah Floore

## **Company Policies**

-Parent input is also welcome in nominating the MVP of each month. Just let your senior or Farrah know.

-Our website is

[SonnenbergConsultants.com](http://SonnenbergConsultants.com).

-Kenosha and Racine therapists/tutors for intensive therapy are required to have a parent/care-worker present at all times. This is a state requirement.

It is also a state requirement that a person over the age of 18 be present for community trips. The person over 18 is responsible for driving the child to and from the community trips as well. The tutor/therapist can drive separate or ride along with the parent/care-giver and child. Thanks for your cooperation! If there are any questions please call Farrah at 414-416-4427.

-If any support is needed in school please let your senior know. It is IEP time and we want to make sure that your child has all the support you need!

## **Joke of the Month- Pondering Thoughts:**

-Why do they put Braille dots on the keypad of the drive-up ATM?

-Why does your nose run and your feet smell?

## **Happy Birthdays to...**

Meghan Morsch-4 years old!

Jason Podgorski-Happy Birthday!

Mitchell C-Happy 4<sup>th</sup> b-day!

## **Projects to help with...**

-Help us make a name for our company! We are going to add a phrase that will follow Sonnenberg Consultants and if you win then you will receive a prize. Be creative and have fun! Ask your senior for details.

-Looking for tutors to help with making stimuli for the kids programs. Please tell your senior if you are interested.

Thanks!

