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SUMMER 2012

THE CARING CANVAS & NEW LIFE CRISIS VISIT ALTERNATIVES FOR CHILDREN SOUTHAMPTON BRINGING ART & MUSIC FOR AN ARTFULLY FUN FRIDAY

Laura Brunetti's The Caring Canvas, with its home in Asbury Park, New Jersey, is a free traveling art program that mentors, inspires, and gives hope through art expression. Laura, with her signature Caring Canvas Art Kit and her volunteers travel to locations throughout the tri-state area, and in June they came to visit us. Bringing with them an abundance of art supplies, they use art as therapy, sparking imaginations, inspiring self-confidence, and igniting hope. The Caring Canvas exists to change lives...one stroke at a time. We thank The Caring Canvas and New Life Crisis for bringing an Artfully Fun Friday to Alternatives For Children Southampton.



Thank You Caring Canvas!
We had so much fun & enjoyed
creating our mural to hang in the school!



East End band New Life Crisis
donated their time and talent
to rock out with the children



Wendy Jorgensen Alternatives For Children's
East End Coordinator and Susan Belfer from
The Caring Canvas

5TH SUFFOLK COUNTY LEGISLATOR KARA HAHN VISITS ALTERNATIVES FOR CHILDREN EAST SETAUKET

Kara Hahn, who represents the Suffolk County 5th Legislative District, which includes Setauket, East Setauket, South Setauket, Stony Brook, parts of Port Jefferson Station, Terryville, Coram, Centereach, and the villages of Belle Terre, Old Field, Port Jefferson, and Poquott, took time out of her busy schedule to visit with the children and staff of Alternatives For Children East Setauket.



Legislator Hahn spends time
in the Sensory Room with
Alex and Matthew



Dr. Marie Ficano, Mike Russell - AFC Trustee,
Legislator Kara Hahn, Legislative aide Alyssa Turano
tour the Brady William Russell Memory Garden

Ms. Hahn, who took office in January 2012, is Vice Chair of the Suffolk County Legislature's Human Services Committee. This committee has jurisdiction over the Office of Family and Children's Services, which oversees child day care programs across Suffolk County. The Office of Family and Children's Services, together with child day care providers like Alternatives For Children, provides programs for typically developing children and their families. The Human Services Committee also has jurisdiction over all day care initiatives in the county.

"I am truly impressed by the caring, nurturing and innovative services that Alternatives for Children provides for its students every day," said Legislator Kara Hahn. "This facility fosters an individualized approach to learning that allows each child to develop and meet his or her unique needs."

Mission Statement

To provide the highest quality special and regular education programs and services to children with disabilities and typically developing peers. Education, medical, pediatric rehabilitation, and support services are integrated to ensure the comprehensive needs of the child and family are met.

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I can hardly believe that in September Alternatives For Children will begin its 25th school year. I am proud to say, that because of the dedication through the years of the Board of Trustees, administrators, the educational and therapeutic staff, our wonderful parents and enthusiastic financial supporters, Alternatives for Children has become a leader in providing quality care to all children, but especially to those who need it most, at the most critical time in their development.

In 2005, the Board of Trustees of Alternatives For Children undertook a \$2.3 million Capital Campaign committed to raising significant philanthropic support to fulfill several short and long term goals. These goals included:

GOAL ONE - Acquiring the property outright. The land on which Alternatives For Children is built was leased. By raising additional funds, aside from general operating, Alternatives For Children would safeguard its long-term future by providing a permanent home through the purchase of the property.

Primary Goal: \$ 1.3 million

ACHIEVED!

GOAL TWO - To raise funds for a special redemption of up to a \$1 million, reducing our principal debt on the IDA Bond for the construction of the East Setauket facility. This reduction in debt service would go a long way in establishing a firm financial footing for Alternatives For Children.

Secondary Goal: \$ 1 million

ACTIVE

In 2010 through prudent financial planning and fiscal responsibility, GOAL ONE was achieved and final payment was made to purchase the land on which Alternatives For Children East Setauket is located. Ongoing efforts of the Capital Campaign Committee and its chairperson Michael Russell are dedicated to achieving GOAL Two. Additionally, as we begin our 25th year, the Board of Trustees and the Capital Campaign Committee are reexamining the goals laid out in 2005, instituting new goals, and moving forward with a long-range plan to assure the financial stability and viability of Alternatives For Children.

We hope that you will find merit in our Capital Campaign by making a multi-year pledge of support. Although dollars are important, please know that whatever you feel you can afford to give us is deeply appreciated. Equally important is your willingness to help us seek the support of others whom you feel would be receptive to making a pledge to our Capital Campaign.

For more information about our Capital Campaign, or if you have any questions about Alternatives For Children or would like to see how you can Make a Difference, please call 631-331-6400 x229.

I consider myself so privileged to have been a part of the family at Alternatives For Children; a wonderful school, but more important than that, a place and a people that has been there for so many families. The simple words "Thank you" do not even begin to express what I would like to say to all those many people who have shared the vision of what Alternatives For Children could be and has become. None the less, I send my thanks, along with the appreciation of the Board of Trustees, as Alternatives For Children

Celebrates 25 Years & Begins the Future

With tremendous gratitude,



Marie E. Ficano, Ed.D.
Executive Director

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ALTERNATIVES FOR CHILDREN EAST SETAUKET
WEEK OF THE YOUNG CHILD LET'S MOVE!

During the Week of the Young Child
the children at Alternatives For Children East Setauket
had the opportunity to *MOVE!*
incorporating Earth Day activities
with First Lady Michele Obama's *LET'S MOVE!* initiative

week of the
young child **woyc**



AFC Dancing With The Stars!
We sure had FUN!



AFC Mini Golf Course
Watch Out Phil & Tiger!



Our Therapeutic Teams are the BEST!
They make learning FUN!



Shortly after Tyler started at AFC he told us he loved his new school and teachers, and that his old school scared him. It makes us so happy to know how happy he is here. And, we are so glad he is in the supportive environment he needs. We have seen many improvements and know he will continue to grow with all your help and support.

The Gleason Family

Words cannot express how grateful we are for all your help. Kaitlyn is developing into the little girl that we knew she had the potential to become. Thank you for your patience, wisdom, and advice.

P.S. - Fran - Can I call you when she is a teenager? Please?

The Minton Family



Miss Angelique, Miss Kerri, and Miss Joleen are three off the kindest , most patient people I have encountered as a parent and as a professional in the special education field. Thank you for all of your hard work! I know it's not always easy, but your energy and spirit is greatly appreciated.

The Shea Family

ALTERNATIVES FOR CHILDREN'S
16TH ANNUAL CLASSIC AND SPORTS CAR RALLY
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 2012

This year's Rally should prove to be challenging and beautiful. The Rally is considered a timed "fun" rally – one in which the odometer, speedometer, and the ability to follow devious clues are paramount.

Start Line: Alternatives For Children
1116 Main Road, Aquebogue

Registration: 8:30 am Start: 9:15 am sharp

Finish Line: Belle Terre Community Center

Fee includes Driver & Navigator
Breakfast at Start Line
Luncheon Reception at Finish Line
\$135 per car by August 30th
\$150 in September
\$175 day of the event

Download a Road Rally Brochure at
www.alternativesforchildren.org

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SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

\$5,000 Monaco Sponsor (Event Sponsor) (\$4,600 tax deductible)

- Prominent recognition of your company's name as top sponsor at the Belle Terre Center
- Company's name and logo on the souvenir T-shirts & all print material
- Acknowledgment in all local and regional media
- Premier listing in event program
- Eight tickets to the reception at the Belle Terre Center

\$2,500 Indianapolis Sponsor (Reception Sponsor) (\$2,300 tax deductible)

- Your company's name prominently displayed as major sponsor at the Belle Terre Center
- Your company's name on the souvenir T-shirts
- Acknowledgment in event program
- Four tickets to the reception at the Belle Terre Center

\$1,500 Daytona Sponsor (Raffle Sponsor) (\$1,300 tax deductible)

- Your company's name on the souvenir T-shirts
- Acknowledgment in event program
- Four tickets to the reception at the Belle Terre Center

\$1,000 Lime Rock Sponsor (Dealer Showcase) (\$900 tax deductible)

- Your company's name on the souvenir T-shirts
- Acknowledgment in event program
- Display Car and/or promotional materials at Finish Line
- Two tickets to the reception at the Belle Terre Center

\$500 Watkins Glen Sponsor (Awards Sponsor) (\$400 tax deductible)

- Company banner or acknowledgment at awards table
- Acknowledgment in event program
- Two tickets to the reception at the Belle Terre Center

\$250 Bridgehampton Sponsor (Breakfast or Checkpoint Sponsor) (\$200 tax deductible)

- Signage at either starting line breakfast or checkpoint
- Acknowledgment in event program
- One ticket to the reception at the Belle Terre Center

\$100 Starting Line Sign (\$100 tax deductible)

Save The Date
Alternatives for Children



**16th Annual
Classic & Sports Car
RALLY
September 15th 2012**



Please return all sponsorships or registrations to Alternatives for Children by August 30, 2012
For information call Susan Ennis at 631-331-6400 x 229

Yes, I want to Drive in the 16th Annual Classic & Sports Car Rally

Enter a car: \$135 by August 30th _____
\$150 in September _____
\$175 day of event _____

Car Make: _____ Model: _____ Year: _____

Member of Car Club: If yes, which one: _____
*Entitles Member to a \$99 Registration Fee

I would like to attend the reception only at \$50 per person: _____

I can't attend, but would like to support Alternatives For Children with a tax deductible donation of \$ _____

Yes, I want to support Alternatives For Children by being a Classic & Sports Car Rally Sponsor

Sponsorship Level: _____ Amount Enclosed: _____

Yes, I want a chance to win \$10,000 CASH

Number of Raffle Tickets @ 1 for \$100 _____

Total Amount Enclosed: \$ _____

Name	Date
Company	
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Phone	Email Address
Method of Payment	<input type="checkbox"/> Check <input type="checkbox"/> Visa
	<input type="checkbox"/> MasterCard <input type="checkbox"/> American Express
Credit Card #	Exp. date
Name As It Appears on Card	
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Return Registration, Sponsorship Info or Raffle Ticket Request to:
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14 Research Way East Setauket, New York 11733
For additional information or to register by phone
call 631-331-6400 x 229 Fax 631-331-6865
or visit our website www.alternativesforchildren.org

CASH RAFFLE PRIZES



Grand Prize \$10,000
(66.67% of the Prize Fund)



Second Prize \$2,500
(16.67% of the Prize Fund)



Third Prize \$1,000
(6.67% of the Prize Fund)



Fourth Prize \$500
(3.3434% of the Prize Fund)

Five (5) Fifth Prizes \$200
(1.33% of the Prize Fund each)

\$100 a ticket

only 300 tickets will be sold

GET YOURS TODAY!

call 631-331-6400 x 229

for tickets or information or visit our website

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Drawing will be held at the Rally. Winner need not be present to win
Winner responsible for applicable taxes

If all 300 tickets are sold the prizes will be as listed above. If less than 300 tickets have been sold, the prize fund, equal to 50% of ticket receipts, will be divided in the proportions listed (in parenthesis) above to yield nine prizes.

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