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Autism Awareness Day



Saturday, April 18, 2009 — 1:05 PM
Bowling Green Ballpark- Gates open at 12:00PM



VS.



Class A - Tampa Bay Rays

Class A - Chicago White Sox

Join us at Bowling Green Ballpark for a day of family fun, baseball, and to help raise public awareness of autism. The first 1,000 fans receive a team poster courtesy of Gerald Printing.
(Please note that all promotions are limited and subject to change at the discretion of the Bowling Green Hot Rods)

Tickets: \$10.00

For each ticket sold using this form, \$3.00 will be donated to the Kelly Autism Program

This form MUST be submitted with ticket order prior to game

For more information please contact Leslie Sanderfur at 270.901.2121 or lsanderfur@bghotrods.com.

Name _____
Address _____
City _____ State _____ Zip _____
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Payment: Check or Visa/MC/AMEX/Discover
CC# _____ Exp _____

Number of Tickets _____ x \$10.00 = _____
Will-Call or Mail (\$3.00) _____
Total Amount Due \$ _____

Mail to:
Bowling Green Hot Rods
Attn: Autism Awareness Day
P.O Box 929
Bowling Green, KY 42102

Fax to: 270.901.2165



Director's Corner
Written By: Dr. Boman
KAP Director

As 2009 begins, many new activities are occurring at the Kelly Autism Program. The first is the formal development of the participants' business, KAPS Kreations. This has been made possible thanks to the \$7,500 grant that the participants received from The Daniel Jordan Fiddle Foundation! When the Students in Free Enterprise (SIFE)—Nea Hayes, Danny Scott and Kaylee Egerer heard about this opportunity to assist the participants, they organized the group complete with a CEO, CFO, CMO, and COO. Besides learning management skills, everyone is working on being a team player and improving their listening skills. What an opportunity for our participants as they are so engaged and learning many new management skills!

Another development is KAP-O (Owensboro), lead by former KAP staff member Ashley Reel Benthall. The program will be housed at the Wendell Foster Center, where services will begin shortly. KAP wants to extend a huge thank you to Mr. Terry Bronson, CEO at WFC and the Medical Group of Owensboro for their support. At the present time interviews are occurring of the participants and staff. We will keep you posted as to the growth in numbers.

Also, excitement is in the air as spring will be here soon and the start of the baseball season. The Hot Rods, the new team in Bowling Green, are sponsoring the first day game on Saturday April 18 as Autism Awareness Day. The proceeds of three dollars of each ticket purchased using the KAP form, will be donated to KAP. There will be a number of activities that day for all families so please join us!

Participant Charlie Vogel and staff member Danon Camic work on decorating cookies during the Elementary social.

Upcoming Events

March 9th—March 13th KAP closed for WKU Spring Break

March 27th 5:45-7:00 Elementary/Middle/High School Swim Social at Preston Center

April 18th 1:00 Hot Rods Baseball Game to support Autism Awareness

Elementary Social
By: Stacey Edwards Clinard

Friday, February 20th was the date of the first Elementary Social of the semester. The theme for the evening was “Kindness”, and the participants made Valentine’s Day themed crafts that were given to a local nursing home. The two crafts of the evening were heart shaped sun catchers and flowers made of pipe cleaners and tissue paper. Participants also decorated sugar cookies that they enjoyed as a snack and shared with their families. The night was a definite success and our elementary participants had a great evening filled with laughter and kindness!



Elementary Program By: Julia Freeman

For the month of February, the elementary participants have been working on making choices. Each group read a different David Shannon book every session and learned about the good and bad choices that the main character makes throughout the story. The activity of the month has been to make a book of good and bad choices that they experience in their daily lives. Each participant has made at least one good choice page to contribute to the book, as well as a not so good choice. Also, all elementary participants are making choices for snack and game times during group. The groups have been successful as participants are enjoying learning about the choices they have made!



Elementary participants go to read to the Big Red School.

Middle School/High School students enjoy their game night social.

**Take me out to the ballgame,
Don't forget to order your
tickets today!**

Middle/High School By: Kristina Rasmussen

The participants in our Middle and High School group have been working hard on the foundations of starting a business. Students from WKU's SIFE (Students In Free Enterprise) have been visiting KAP and have been helping the participants learn how to run a business.

SIFE did a presentation on how a business is run; they addressed the different positions to be held in a business including a CEO, CFO, CMO, and COO. The participants nominated one another for the positions and voted. The newly elected positions are Alexander Duvall and Taylor Haney as CEOs, Allison Small, Adam Glass, and Alex Embry as CFOs, Matthew Handy and Dillon Grimes as CMOs, and Taylor Hardcastle and Austin Byrnes as COOs. They seem excited about holding leadership positions.

Next SIFE worked with the participants to develop a name for the company. The middle and high school group brain stormed many ideas and came up with KAP Kreations. They learned that creativity is very important when running a business.

The participants prepared a list of merchandise they want to construct this semester. Please watch for the new creations being made by the middle and high school participants very soon. These will be posted on KAP's website for a link to KAP Kreations.



College Group

By: Kristina Rasmussen

Attending retreats, eating lunch with friends, getting involved with campus groups, and enjoying the dorm life are a few of the activities keeping our college participants busy. Some have been going on retreats with various campus ministries on the weekends, giving them great opportunities to meet many new faces. Anyone who walks through Fresh Food, WKU's campus cafeteria, around lunch time on the week days will find a number of our college age participants sitting with a group of friends making conversation. Different campus groups that they have been getting involved in include: Anime Club, Gamers Guild, College Republicans, Folklore Club, RLH (Resident Life and Housing), and more. Most weekends the participants talk about hanging out with others in their dorm room's playing video games or playing music. This first month of the spring semester has been full of activities; and we have welcomed two new participants. They are really enjoying the college life!



College participant, Peter Aquardo shakes hands with Catherine Nash of The Center for Courageous Kids.

The Center for Courageous Kids will be holding their Family Retreat for the Autism weekend on April 3rd, 4th, & 5th. For more information call : (270) 618-8900.

Focus on New Staff

By: Julia Freeman

Hello! My name is Julia Freeman and I am currently completing my sophomore year of college. I plan to major and graduate with a degree in biology. My experience with the Kelly Autism program began last semester as I started as a math tutor to help with the upper level math courses such as Calculus I, and have been officially on the staff since the beginning of this semester. My duties so far at KAP have included assisting with study tables, helping with socials, and the elementary group work. I am very glad to be with such a great program and look forward to helping more in the future!



The Center for Courageous Kids staff with college participant Perer Aquardo

Scholarships and Charitable Giving

As always, we ask that everyone remember KAP and the benefits that are being brought to the community. KAP has an endowment fund or consider us in estate planning and other forms of giving. KAP can also grow through your effort of time, talent, and treasure.