

Keeping PASE

Thank You!
8th Annual Fall Dance and Auction
Was a huge success!

*Featuring Miles Donahue,
Robin McElhatten, and BOSS!*

The 2003 Dance and Auction was the best one yet! The Dance featured Miles Donahue, Robin McElhatten and BOSS! who performed their classic jazz and dance favorites.



We had a phenomenal turnout of educators, business owners, and other local individuals out to have a good time. Miles, Robin and Boss! kept the mood upbeat and enjoyable. The result was an incredibly festive ambiance as attendees challenged the putting contest and, enjoyed the chair massages as well as the multimedia slideshow showing the children who benefit from everyone's generosity.

We thank all who attended and contributed to the success of the 8th Annual 2003 PASE Auction and Dance. It is only with your participation that we are able to help New Hampshire's special-needs children.

Fifteen percent of NH's children benefits from Special Education. PASE, Parents Assisting Special Educators is at work in communities across Southern New Hampshire providing materials, equipment and training aimed at improving the quality of learning and maintaining the highest possible quality of life for special-needs children.

Your contributions allow our dedicated volunteers to work closely with educators and paraprofessionals in making a real difference in the lives of New Hampshire's young people.

Thank you again. We hope to see you again at next year's Dance!

Neil and Lori

PASE Student Leadership Walks for a Cure

On October 5th at Veterans Memorial Park in Manchester NH, The PASE (Parents Assisting Special Educators) Student Leadership committee organized a team to walk for



NAAR (National Alliance for Autism Research). Co-Chairs Mandy Rogers and Kristen McWhirter put together 9 other students to participate in the walk. Jen Gureckis, Siobhan Connolly, Megan DuVarney, Krista Moulton, Kelsey Hogan, Nikki Anderson, Alli Chapman, Lindsey Demeter and Terez Kimball donated their time and collected donations totaling over \$1,000. "It was a very positive experience for all of us, we raised money for Autism Research and had a good time doing it" Mandy said.

About Walk Far For NAAR

Walk F.A.R. For NAAR is the signature fundraising event of the National Alliance for Autism Research and is the nation's largest Walk program dedicated to autism research. Since its inception in May 2000 approximately 109,000 people have participated in *Walk F.A.R. For NAAR* and collectively 39 events have raised over \$11.4 million for autism research.

"It is heartwarming to see young kids get together take time out of their busy schedules to do something that truly gives back " PASE Co Founder Neil Rogers commented. "Mandy and Kristen took it upon themselves to organize the effort and all of the girls should be commended."

**Message from the President & Co-Founder,
Neil Rogers:**

I am very pleased to say that PASE is really starting to roll. We are taking the support of the community and working with the school administration to add value to the educational experience to many of the children with special needs.

The cooperation that we have received in Nashua is due in no small part to Jen Doloff's (Director of Special Education) team and John Nelson (Asst Superintendent of Schools) work with the principals of the various schools.

Thanks need to go out to all of you that support our Dance or Golf Tournament. Without these funds we could not have:

- Paid for Para Training
- Supported Area Agency of Greater Nashua
- Supported a new playground at Sunset Heights
- Sent 6 teachers to a 3 day conference AIDEing young children with Autism Spectrum Disorder
- Sponsored an Intern to work with children to make play kits.
- Much more

Although these items are tangible and are very important, it is the intangible things that I believe makes PASE so special.

- Teachers realize that we are there to support them
- Administrators know that we are not adversarial but cooperative
- Parents getting together to do something so very positive when their days could be mired in the negative
- Young ladies and gentleman of our student leadership are doing mailings and other volunteer activities and they are having a blast.

I am proud to be associated with all of you.

Neil

Our Mission

PASE is a proactive parent organization dedicated to enhancing the education of children with special needs. We do this by cooperatively working with special educators to fulfill their needs, in order to achieve a productive and positive educational experience for all.

The Fall Dance and Auction featured even more items than ever before. We thank all of the local businesses and individuals who donated, including:

- John Bradshaw and A.L. David
- Rick and Kim Dunn
- Ed and Liora Gates
- Conway Management
- Fansrule.com
- Ron Carpino
- Boston Red Sox
- Boston Celtics
- Nashua Pride
- Crowne Plaza
- Talbot's
- H&R Block
- Nashua Athletic Club
- Maynard and Lesieur
- Curves-Hollis and Hudson
- Fredrick's Bakery
- Mahfuz Rugs
- Northern Ballet Theatre
- Nashua Symphony
- Manchester Monarchs
- Hockey Academy
- Harvard Pilgrim
- Hudson Cycle Center
- Rug Depot
- Ski Loft
- MouseHelp
- Anctil's Karate
- Meineke Muffler
- Dive Shop

PASE IN THE NEWS

From Thursday, October 30, 2003, Nashua Telegraph

A helping hand: Group aids Nashua special education

By JONATHAN VAN FLEET

Last year, Sunset Heights Elementary School bought 10 portable word processors for students who were having trouble turning their thoughts into text.

The small, bluish-green machines, called AlphaSmarts, were a hit. For many of the students who used them, it made writing faster, more productive and fun.

But there was a problem. There weren't enough machines to meet the needs of all the children who could benefit from them. So the school asked for help from a local organization that is dedicated to improving special education.

Parents Assisting Special Educators stepped up. In one swoop, the Nashua-based nonprofit organization doubled the number of AlphaSmarts at the school.

"It was a tremendous donation," said Linnea Hallee, the special education team leader at Sunset Heights. "This is tremendous support for us."

For those who don't know, that's what PASE does. It is a group of parents who collect money through fund-raisers and then pump it back into the schools. The group is basically a parent-teacher organization aimed at benefiting special education.

Last year, the group handed out almost \$20,000 in supplies to schools in Nashua, Amherst, Hudson and Merrimack. This year, PASE plans on giving even more.

Here are some examples of what PASE has done. It has purchased a computer and printer for schools in Amherst and Merrimack. It bought camcorders and digital cameras for schools in Nashua and Hudson.

PASE has paid for interns to work with special needs children, and for paraprofessionals to attend training seminars at their home schools. PASE paid for teachers and paraprofessionals to attend a three-day autism conference, and brought in a renowned speech therapist to talk to local teachers.



photo by Don Himself, Nashua Telegraph

PASE has bought computer software, floor mats, Velcro, phonics sets, puzzles, games, books and more. The list goes on and on.

The Peter Marcoux Memorial Golf Tournament to benefit PASE

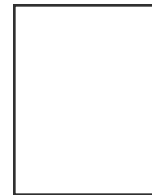


**June, 2004
Green Meadow Golf Club**

Peter was a big supporter of PASE along with many other philanthropic ventures. He was a wonderful family man, a dedicated coach and a great guy. He was taken last year tragically at the age of 43. He will be missed. A portion of the proceeds from this event will go to The Peter Marcoux Scholarship Fund. This scholarship winner will be given to a deserving student.

Register today at www.pasenh.org

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