

NEWS UPDATE



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Welcome

to the Summer Edition of our Fundraising Update...

It has been a busy six months for Chloe and I as we successfully navigated Christmas events and April's Autism Acceptance Month. In between those events, we held a Free Wills Month in February and an event at Egerton House in Birkenhead's docklands, which celebrated all things Autism Together. For the event, we invited 120 guests to join us and learn more about the wonderful services we provide for autistic people.

We also highlighted how fundraising allows us to provide those little extras which really make a difference to those we support.

Of course, we couldn't do this without your help. So, thank you for your ongoing support, from all at Autism Together.

Lisa Motes.



COMMUNITY

Schools success in April

Autism Acceptance Month takes place in April each year, and part of our celebrations is to really try and engage the local school community and help teach children more about autism acceptance.

We provide free school downloads for anyone to access, focused on primary and secondary education. These include lesson plans, activities and video links, along with fun colouring booklets.

In addition to this, we also offered free teacher

training to Wirral schools, with many taking us up on the offer. We gave a 1-hour workshop to teachers and school staff, including

dinner supervisors and maintenance teams, all about autism acceptance.

By doing this we are helping

provide additional skills to teaching staff

about being accepting of people's differences, which can then be passed along to the children they teach, while implementing new strategies for autistic students.



News about our Amazon Wish List

Our Amazon Wish List is a great way to donate to our charity, suiting a range of budgets, and allowing you to choose exactly what you want your money to go towards.

The Wish List is filled with items chosen by the people we support and their support staff. They are items we do not receive funding for, but which make a real difference

to people's daily lives.

The items we are most in need of are: slow cookers to help with independent living skills, tools to use in our workshops during activity sessions, craft items for our art projects, and fun things like jigsaws, board games and sensory aids too.

Our fantastic supporters The Merseyside Ghostbusters

recently held a charity raffle during Autism Acceptance Month and raised over £400. Instead of donating the money, they chose to purchase items from our wishlist. This was hugely appreciated and generated lots of smiles and excitement. You could purchase an item from our wishlist, online here: shorturl.at/ahoDP



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COMMUNITY

Garden Centre's Saturday opening!

Our Garden Centre, based in Bromborough Pool Village, is now open on Saturdays!

After re-opening to the public last year, we are now slowly catching up with the planting seasons and getting back to having full stocks available for all the avid gardeners out there.

The people we support take a lead on the running of the garden centre and café, learning important

life skills and gaining greater independence too.

We also stock a wide range of handmade ceramics, wooden furniture and planters - all made by the people we support.

Open Hours: 10am-3.30pm, Monday to Saturday.

Address: 3-4 The Green, Bromborough Pool Village, Bebington, United Kingdom.

Call: 0151 643 1359.



CORPORATE

Our corporate supporters and volunteer days

Another element of fundraising is working with businesses to build great relationships and offering them the chance of volunteer days with our charity. This helps team building amongst their staff while giving the chance for these local businesses to give back to a good cause, and work together on projects that benefit the people we support and develop our services.

Following a recent donation, we have worked closely with M&S Bank to improve a sensory garden on our main Raby Gardens site. Over four days, over 20 individuals spent time working with us. Huge thanks to all our volunteers.



Our new wristbands and gift cards now on eBay



Our online charity eBay store is stocking our brand new orange Autism Together wristbands...

These have proved incredibly popular, so do grab yours while stocks last! The new wristbands are adjustable to suit all wrist sizes and display a printed message 'Supporting Autistic People' alongside our charity

name and logo.

Also, check out our other items for sale, including greetings cards with artwork created by the people we support, blank inside for your messages.

Check out our eBay shop online, by visiting: shorturl.at/tyEK7





EVENTS



Wirral Coastal Walk and Inflatable 5k...

If you're looking for some great challenges this summer then we have two that are sure to suit everyone and include the whole family!

Wirral Coastal Walk takes place on Sunday, 11th June. This 12.5 mile walk along the stunning Wirral coast offers interim points at 4 and 8 miles if you want a shorter challenge.

Children are welcome to take part, as are dogs if kept on a leash. This is a hugely popular event that attracts hundreds of people every year.

The registration fee of £5 per adult and £1 per child is collected by the organisers (Wirral Rotary Club); there is no minimum sponsorship to raise, as every penny will help to make a difference. Once signed up, please let us know so that we can send you out one of our Fundraising Packs and your Autism Together t-shirt to wear with pride!

Our 5k Inflatable Challenge is taking place on Saturday, 5th August at Ashley Hall in Altrincham.

This fun run challenge involves 32 inflatable obstacles (think of them as giant bouncy castles to traverse) and is a great challenge for a group of friends, family or even a team building exercise for colleagues!

There is a registration fee of £15 per adult and £10 per child. You will also be required to fundraising a minimum of £100 per person.

Get in touch with us if you would like to register, and we'll send out your application pack including that 'must have' Autism Together t-shirt to wear on the day with all our runners.

We love to hear from you, so please do keep in touch and share your news and fundraising ideas with us. Chloe and myself can be contacted by emailing: fundraising@autismtogether.co.uk. Once again, thank you for your continued support. We hope you all keep safe and well, and we look forward to catching up again soon in our next Fundraising Update.