

## It's Easy as 1...2...3... to Start a Team

1. Designate a team leader and select a team name.
2. The Autism Project will provide posters and brochures.
3. Create your own team webpage by visiting.

[www.firstgiving.com/autismproject](http://www.firstgiving.com/autismproject)

Get the word out! Encourage the involvement of your team by utilizing newsletters, email, incentives, PTO involvement and group activities.



## Earn Free Training

The Autism Project invites your school or district or organization to participate in our **School/District/Organization Challenge** in conjunction with our **8th Annual Imagine Walk and Family Fun Day** on April 25, 2010 at Goddard Memorial State Park in Warwick, RI.

Your school/district/organization can raise the much needed funds for your educators to receive specialized training on Autism Spectrum Disorders.

Raising funds will not only benefit your school/district/organization but your local community as well.

Forming an *Imagine Team* is a great way to reinforce the goals of every individual walker.

An Imagine Walk School/District/Organization Team brings students, family members, faculty, and clinicians together to show support for those students living with autism.

For more information, call Mary or Julie at 401.785.2666 x1023

Or visit our website at

[www.theautismproject.org](http://www.theautismproject.org)



Take the  
*School/District/Organization  
Challenge*

**Sunday, April 25, 2010**

**Goddard State Park  
Warwick, RI**

**9:00am-1:00pm**

## Organization/District Sponsorship Levels

*Imagine Walk and Family Fun Day*

### **Champion**

*\$10,000.00*

Raise a minimum of \$10,000 and 30 Professionals will receive **A Starting Point** training. **A Starting Point** is a comprehensive nine week training series designed to educate parents and professionals working with a child with an autism spectrum disorder. Participants completing the series can earn 18 CEU hours from DOE. We are also able to offer MSW credits for this training. Each district/organization must pre-register and certain rules apply.

*Imagine Walk and Family Fun Day*

### **Star**

*\$8,000.00*

Raise a minimum of \$8,000 and 30 Professionals will receive **ASpire** Training. ASpire is a five week workshop designed for parents and professionals to address the unique learning styles of children with Asperger Syndrome. This training will include **Introduction to Social Thinking**, a two –hour training, which gives participants an understanding of the concept of Social Thinking and how a deficit in Social thinking can affect academic performance, daily living and overall happiness and success. Participants completing the series can earn 10 CEU hours. We are also able to offer MSW credits for this training.

## School Partnership Levels

*Imagine Walk and Family Fun Day School*

### **Sponsor**

*\$1,500.00*

Raise a minimum of \$1,500.00 and receive one free professional training slot for **ASpire** or **A Starting Point**. **ASpire** will include our two-hour training, **Introduction to Social Thinking**. Earn one free training for each increment of \$1,500.00 raised. For example if your school raises \$3,000.00, you will earn 2 free training spots.

*\*If you raise \$8,000 or above, you will qualify for the District/Organization levels only.*

### **More ways to raise...**

Organize activities for the month of April, which is Autism Awareness Month.

- ~Host bake sales
- ~Hold a dress down day
- ~Ask families to take sponsor forms
- ~Matching gift programs can double, even triple your donation.

We want you to be successful!

Please contact  
**Mary@theautismproject.org**  
to help you with your team building

## Contest Rules

- To participate you, your school or district/organization **must** pre-register as a team.
- Each team must designate a team leader.
- To pre-register please email [mary@theautismproject.org](mailto:mary@theautismproject.org)
- If your school or district/organization is located outside of the Rhode Island area, certain restrictions may apply.
- Teams may consist of families, children and professionals.
- Your families may apply their Imagine Walk sponsor pledges to their district/organization or individual school.
- All families and professionals who want to apply their pledges to their school must complete the School/School district/organization portion of the pledge form to ensure proper credit.
- Forms without complete information may not receive proper credit.
- All sponsorship forms will be available for distribution the first week of February. Please contact the Autism Project to order Sponsor sheets in February.
- To participate all pledges **must** be turned into our office by April 17, 2010.
- All participants in the Community Challenge must provide their own team t-shirts.
- Summer training sessions may be available based on need.
- Trainings will be scheduled by the end of the following school year. All trainings must be scheduled by June 2011.
- Cannot carry over training spots earned from previous years.  
**Winners will be notified in writing.**