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Quarterly Newsletter of the Schwartz Center for Children

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Updates

Visit our website at
www.schwartzcenter.org to
register online for upcoming
workshops, trainings, and
seminars online!

Parents and guardians, please
note that you may now pay
your Schwartz Center for
Children invoice for services
online.

Care to have a muffin? Or a
delicious chocolate-chip
cookie? Or how 'bout you
forgo the desserts and instead
purchase yourself an excellent
handbag, some jeans, or even
some toothpaste, all in the
name of supporting a charity?

How? www.ibakesale.com!
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hundreds of merchants to
offer you up to 20% cash-back
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generate additional funds for
the groups you support
through its program.

Schwartz celebrates the big 60!

Center reaches 60 year milestone and celebrates in style

The 1940's were a decade of
transition. Old beliefs and
thoughts went out the window
and new ideas were challenged.

Along came a woman named
Agnes Raposa who had a son
born with Cerebral Palsy. Mak-
ing daily bus trips back and
forth to Boston began to wear
on the two. Being forward
thinking and ahead of her time,
Mrs. Raposa took matters into
her own hands and decided to
start a clinic of her very own.
And in 1947, that is exactly
what she did!

Turn the clocks ahead 60 years
and that clinic that Mrs. Raposa
started is still running, is still
vibrant and is still critical to
meeting community needs.
The only difference being is that

they no longer
find themselves
at their "old"
home on
Rockdale Av-
enue, but, in
their new state-
of-the-art home
in Dartmouth.

That is why af-
ter years of
great accom-
plishments, on
Saturday, Octo-
ber 27, the Center held its
60th Anniversary Celebra-
tion, themed, "As Time Goes
By," an evening of fine drinks,
dinner and dance at the
Country Club of New
Bedford. Guests dined with
distinction and were treated
to the sounds of Matty B. A



*Rita Mendes, Connie Mello and Elaine Gaspar,
raised money from its 60th Anniversary Gala
to support the mission of "Posa" to help each
child achieve thier greatest potential.*

live auction featured over
seven wonderful items.
This event was presented
in part by the Clarke Dis-
tribution Corporation,
Ketchum Supply Company,
Command Print Solutions,
Dr. & Mrs. Charles Gormley
and Citi Smith Barney.

Henry family establishes fund

Christina Henry Kasinger Memorial Fund for Schwartz PT Equipment

The Christina Henry
Kasinger Foundation
for Special Children
memorializes the life of
Christina Henry
Kasinger who suc-
cumbed to Leukemia in
2005. Mrs. Kasinger, a
physical therapist,
dedicated her career to
serving pediatric cli-



ents. Funds
raised through
this foundation
will provide
the physical
therapy de-
partment of
the Schwartz
Center for
Children with
equipment for
the special

children that Tina cared so
dearly for.

To make a donation to the
Christina Henry Kasinger
Foundation for Special
Children, you may contact
the Schwartz Center for
Children at 508.996.3391.

Center events support services

Walk and raffle raise over \$20,000

On Sunday, September 16th, the Schwartz Center for Children held its Annual Sports Weekend Walk-A-Thon with a start/finish at the walk's new location at Fort Taber in New Bedford.

McDonald's of New Bedford, Dartmouth, Fairhaven, and Wareham, MA and Warwick and Cranston, RI sponsored this event. The 3.3-



mile walk began with an 8 a.m. registration and a 9:30 a.m. kickoff.

At the conclusion of the Walk-A-Thon on Sunday, September 16th, the Center drew the winners of its Annual Sports Weekend Grand Raffle. The grand prize of the raffle drawing, an 8mm cultured pearl necklace valued at \$900 donated by Louis Karten of the Diamond Vault at Cobb's Corner, was drawn. The Center also raffled off thirty other prizes donated by area businesses.

Raising over \$20,000, support from such events, allows the Center to continue provide Early Intervention, Private Day School, Outpatient Rehabilitation and Regional Consultation Program services to the over 1,000 children each year who seek out the Center for them.

Did You Know?

Schwartz Center now accepting bequests.

As you are making out your will, remember us with a bequest.

Our full legal name and address are the Cerebral Palsy Council of Greater New Bedford, Inc. d/b/a Schwartz Center for Children located

at One Posa Place, Dartmouth, MA 02747.

If you have already provided for the Schwartz Center for Children in your estate plans, please let us know. If not please let us show you how you can.

For more information about bequest language, call or email: 508.996.3391 or rcabral@schwartzcenter.org.

Raise Money While Shopping

Schwartz Center participates in rewards program

The Schwartz Center for Children is participating in the Shaw's Receipt Rewards Program, a unique fundraiser that returns 1% of purchases back to the Center, to raise funding for its Day School Program.



To participate in this program, the Center asks that members of the community simply submit original Shaw's register receipts to the Center, which the Center will then redeem with Shaw's to receive cash back.

Original cash register receipts should be sent to the Schwartz Center for Children, One Posa Place, Dartmouth, MA 02740.

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Odds and Ends

The Schwartz Center for Children is now offering its state-of-the-art Community Conference and Training Room to the general public including other area businesses and nonprofits.



These are the rates for the Conference Room:

Nonprofits

Half Day \$100
Full Day \$200

Forprofit Agency

Half Day \$200
Full Day \$400



There is also a staff lounge area available for your use at an additional fee.

This Community Conference and Training Room includes tables and chairs, ceiling projector, sound system, and podium.

Full capacity is at 65 individuals.

Who's News?

Schwartz Center welcomes new staff to enhance service delivery

Schwartz Center for Children announces the appointment of Alisha Clark, Nathan Setera, Michelle Pacheco, Karen Markey, Suzanne Bernier, Jen Bergeron, Amy Dolan, Carissa Yount, Lisa Teixeira, Sue Sherman, Michele Marcello and Julie Martin.

Alisha Clark was appointed as a Teacher's Assistant within the Center's Day School Program. She is currently attending Bristol Community College.

Nathan Setera is a one-to-one for a student in the Day School Program assisting a child with autism with all his daily living skills. Mr. Setera worked previously within the New Bedford Public School System.

Michelle Pacheco was appointed as full-time Physical Therapy Assistant within the Center's Day School Program. She attended Fisher College and holds an Associates Degree in Physical Therapy.

Karen Markey was appointed as a Preschool Teacher within the Center's Day School Program. She graduated from Bridgewater State College with a degree in Severe Disabilities Special Education.

Suzanne Bernier was appointed as a Development Assistant assisting the Center's Director of Development with the Center's fundraising efforts. She holds her associates degree in Horticulture and Floral Design.

Jen Bergeron was appointed as a Teacher's Aide in the Center's Day School Program assisting with classroom activities. She is currently enrolled at Bristol Community College pursuing a degree in Occupational Therapy.

Amy Dolan was appointed as a Physical Therapist primarily for the Center's Early Intervention Program assisting children with meeting their gross motor skills. She graduated from Ithaca College with a B.S. in Clinical Science and a M.S. in Physical Therapy.

Carissa Yount was appointed as a Speech-Language Pathologist with the Center's Early Intervention Program providing assessment and treatment for children birth to ages three. She holds a B.S. from Brescia University and a M.A. from the University of Memphis.

Lisa Teixeira was appointed as a nurse within the Center's Early Intervention Program providing counseling and training to parents. She holds an Associates Degree of Nursing from Bristol Community College.

Sue Sherman was appointed a Physical Therapy consultant with the Center's Outpatient Rehabilitation Program. She is responsible for evaluation and treating the physical and gross motor needs of children ages 3 - 22. She holds a B.S. in PT from Northeastern University and has received certification in athletic training.

Michele Marcello was appointed as a Special Education Teacher within the Center's Day School Program. She was previously employed by the Meeting Street School in Providence, RI. She holds a BA in Social Work.

Julie Martin was appointed as a Speech Language Pathologist with the Center's Early Intervention Program. She holds a BS from the University of New Hampshire and a MS from Penn State in Communication Sciences. She was previously employed by the Meeting Street School in Providence, RI.

We Appreciate Your Support!

The Schwartz Center for Children appreciates the generosity of its benefactors interested in furthering the work of the agency. Your consideration of support is most appreciated! All donations are tax deductible. For your convenience, make your gift online securely by visiting www.schwartzcenter.org.

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of Greater New Bedford

Established in 1947 as the New Bedford Cerebral Palsy Council, the Schwartz Center for Children is Southeastern Massachusetts' only independent, community-based provider of therapy, education, developmental and social services for children.

"Helping each child achieve their greatest potential"— Agnes E. "Posa" Raposa

Wish List

- Assorted play dough toys
- Step 2 Red Wagon
- Laminating pouches
- Assorted special needs software
- Wooden puzzles (5-8 pieces)
- Pop-up bus tent
- Shape sorters and pop-up toys
- Assorted board games for children
- Assorted markers, thick chubby crayons and construction paper
- Booster and infant car seats
- Head pointer
- Switch interface
- Book store gift certificates
- Mobile audio center
- Voice amplification system
- Janx longsetter
- Digital camera
- Video camera
- Toys-R-Us gift cards
- Reading corner soft furniture

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All in the Family

Center supporters raise money together

For the last five years, David Francis and his company co-workers, have been raising money for children with special health care needs through holding the annual Johnson and Johnson employees softball tournament each Columbus Day.

Now his daughters, Allison (12), Alexa (10) and Arissa (7), are helping him with his cause of raising money for the children of the Schwartz Center. The girls, knowing that their Dad supported the Schwartz Center and after a tour of the facility, became inspired to raise money for this cause. They sent advertisements throughout their Rochester neighborhood, made posters and set-up a stand in front of their house. They were supported by many family and friends who helped sell and promote their cause. They sold lots and lots of lemonade which kept their mom, Ann-Marie, quite busy in the kitchen. The girls named their stand "Summer Spash" and their motto was "Lemonade Served With A Smile."



The Francis children, following in their dad's footsteps, recently raised money through holding a family-fun lemonade stand.

The Francis girls were extremely proud to present the Schwartz Center with a check for \$225, knowing that their hard work would make a positive difference for children in their own community. David Francis has set an example - by doing he is showing - and keeping it "all in the family!"