



# BCC-ASA News

*Baltimore-Chesapeake Chapter  
of the Autism Society of America*

**March 2006**

*Our mission is to share all types of information regarding Autism, Asperger's Syndrome and related disorders. We do not necessarily endorse the information printed in this newsletter.*

## April is Autism Awareness Month!

### Greenspan To Discuss "Floor Time" at April Support Group

As part of the chapter's Autism Awareness Month activities in April, our featured speaker for the April meeting will be Jake Greenspan. Jake Greenspan is the co-director of DIR Support Services ([www.dirss.com](http://www.dirss.com)) in Bethesda, MD. Jake, a graduate of Kenyon College, has worked over the past few years with Dr. Stanley Greenspan and colleagues, specifically in the areas of visual spatial, motor, and social skills, as well as Interactive Metronome training. For the past two years he has been teaching 6th, 7th, and 8th grade at a school specializing in learning differences. During this time he has also worked with children with a range of developmental and learning challenges using the DIR/floortime model.

Mark your calendars for this special meeting on April 6!

### Pay Your Chapter Dues in May

The \$10.00 fee for membership in BCC-ASA is due from all members in May. This universal due date has been set to reduce confusion for our members on when their membership has expired and to make the collection process easier for our treasurer.

Please fill out the local membership form on page 7 and mail along with \$10.00 to the chapter P.O. Box, or you can bring the completed form to the Annual Meeting on May 4.

If you have paid your local dues since January of this year, your membership is considered up-to-date.

A membership form for the national office of ASA is also included on this page for those who do not yet belong to National. Send the form, along with your national dues, to the Washington address printed at the bottom.

### Calendar

- Mar. 22 *Getting Needed Services from Managed Care* Teleconference
- Mar. 25 MSDE Family Focus Conference, Columbia, MD
- Mar. 27 College Workshop, Howard High School, 6:30 p.m.
- Mar. 28 Balto. Co. Bd. of Educ. meeting, Greenwood Campus, ESS Bldg., 7:30 p.m.
- Mar. 29 *Autism 101*, BCPS parent training session, Cockeysville Middle, 7:00-9:00 p.m.
- April 5 *Effective Advocacy*, Glen Burnie, 7:00 p.m.
- April 6 BCC-ASA Support Group, Mt. Washington Pediatric Hospital, 7:00 p.m.  
Program: "Floor Time" by Jake Greenspan
- April 8 *Spring Forward Fall Back Fashion Extravaganza*, Towson, 4:00 p.m.
- April 11 Adult Autism Resource Group, 7:00 p.m.
- April 19 BCPS parent training session, Loch Raven High School, 7:00-9:00 p.m.
- April 21 BCC-ASA Essay Contest deadline (*see flyer on page 6*)
- April 19 BCPS parent training session, Loch Raven High School, 7:00-9:00 p.m.
- April 30 *Ride On for Autism Research (ROAR) Bike Ride and Festival*, Fells Point
- May 3 *When Things Go Wrong*, Glen Burnie, 7:00 p.m.
- May 4 BCC-ASA Annual Meeting, 7:00 p.m. (Elections and Support Group)
- May 10 BCPS parent training session, Perry Hall Middle School, 7:00-9:00 p.m.
- June 1 BCC-ASA Support Group, 7:00 p.m.
- June 25 BCC-ASA Annual Family Picnic, Cascade Lake, 12:00 – 4:00 p.m.

### How Has Autism Affected your Life?

We want to hear from BCC-ASA members, family members and friends, as well as students and education professionals. See the flyer on Page 6 for rules for the essay contest co-sponsored by BCC-ASA and BCPS. Deadline for entries is April 21.

### Autism 101: Fundamentals of Autism

See the flyer on Page 5 for details on "Autism 101," the first in a series of parent training sessions co-sponsored by BCC-ASA and the Baltimore County Public Schools. For future session topics, check the chapter website at [www.bcc-asa.org](http://www.bcc-asa.org).

### BCC-ASA Members in Baltimore County Needed For Presentation To BCPS Board of Education

On the evening of March 13, members of the Baltimore-Chesapeake chapter of ASA and representatives from the BCPS Autism program made a co-presentation to the Special Education Citizens Advisory Committee promoting lower student-teacher ratio, assistive technology, a full-day extended school year, and other services for students with autism. BCC-ASA members will also make a brief presentation at the end of the March 28 Baltimore County Board of Education regular meeting to present information on the increasing number of students with autism and their specialized needs. Call Ellen Feifarek at 410-583-7633 if you are interested in attending or participating in the presentation to the Board of Education. The more people we can get to this meeting, the bigger the impression we will make.

## Proposed Board for BCC-ASA 2005-2006

Listed below are the nominees for the 2005-2006 Board of Directors. If you are unable to attend and vote in person at our Annual Meeting on May 4, please be sure to complete and return the attached proxy. Every vote is important, as we are a member-driven group.

### Executive Board for 2005-2006 (elected for 1 year terms)

**Co-President: *Eva Williams***

Eva has been nominated as Co-President for a second, one-year term. Eva, a former school teacher, is the mother of four. Jake, her youngest, is 5 with ASD. She has served on the board for the past 3 years.

**Co-President: *Heather Thoms-Chesley***

Heather has been a board member for the past 5 years, serving as Treasurer. She is a homemaker and the mother of four. Victoria, her oldest, is 8½ years old and has Rett Syndrome.

**Vice-President: *Tony Lorenzo***

Tony has been nominated as Vice-President. He has served on the board for the past 2 years. His adult son has Asperger's Syndrome, and his grandson has Autism. He is in the printing business and is active in many community organizations.

**Past-President: *Andrea Schanbacher***

Andrea, after two terms as Co-President, will now fulfill the role of Past-President. Andrea is currently a BCPS Autism Outreach teacher and is embarking on her Masters of Education.

**Treasurer: *Carol Brown***

Carol joined the board midway through last year and has been a member of BCC-ASA for many years. In addition to serving on the board, she organizes hospitality at our support group. Carol has agreed to take on the role of Treasurer. She works for Baltimore County, and her son Curtis is 11.

**Secretary: *Jane Rosshelm***

Jane has agreed to accept the nomination of secretary for a second term in a row. Jane is the mother of two; her 5-year-old son has Autism.

### At-Large Board Members (elected for 2-year terms : 3 new two-year terms start each May)

**New Member: *Helen Zinreich-Shafer***

Helen is a small-business proprietor dealing in medical supplies. She is the mother of two; her 3½ year-old son Hayden has ASD.

**New Member: *Joan DiPietro***

Joan is an R.N. working in the field of clinical informatics. She is the mother of two; her oldest son Philip, 7 years old, has ASD.

**New Member: *Shelley Kennedy***

Shelley is currently an Autism Outreach Teacher in the Baltimore County Schools, and also a Special In-Home Educator with the Northeast (Baltimore County) Infants and Toddlers program.

**New Member (finishing the second year of a 2 year term): *Deanne Brookshire***

Deanne is the mother of a 5-year-old with Autism and has 10 years experience with event planning, hotel management and sales.

**New Board Member (finishing the second year of a 2 year term): *Lori Plaza***

Lori is the mother of two; her 5-year-old daughter has ASD. She currently is the Parent Coordinator for the Infants and Toddlers program.

**Returning Member: *Hilary Hellerbach***

Hilary returns to complete the second year of her term as Board member. Hilary is a mother of three, and the Social Worker at Battle Monument School.

### BCC-ASA Members Serving on Non-Board Positions:

**Newsletter Editor: *Mary Ellen Curtis*** will continue to be the editor of our bi-monthly newsletters.

**Newsletter Typesetter: *Annette Piatek*** will continue to typeset our newsletter for publication.

**Web Master: *Will Cassano*** will continue as webmaster, keeping our website up to date and replying to requests for information.

**Librarian: *Elaine Williams*** will again be our librarian screening the many books on the market.

**Adult Autism Resource Group: *Ellen Feifarek* and *Linda Pearl*** will continue to head this working task force addressing the needs of those individuals 21 and older that have exited the school system.

**Baltimore County Public Schools/BCC-ASA partnership: *Elisa Hartman*** will continue to serve as the facilitator of this newly-formed partnership.

Thank you for all your work.

BCC-ASA would like to thank all those individuals who worked so hard on the Board during the past year. Thanks go to retiring board members Kim Curtis, Gene DiGennaro, and Rita Barrett. Our chapter is driven by the vision of our membership, and volunteers such as these continue to help our organization move forward. Additional thanks to those members who have performed numerous tasks in the past year in addition to serving on the Board: Mary Ellen Curtis, Ellen Feifarek, and Elisa Hartman. They have provided much-needed support in our goal of serving those individuals on the Autism Spectrum and their families.

## In Memoriam

The Baltimore-Chesapeake chapter appreciates the donations from the following individuals and organizations made in memory of Melvin Martin Ruark:

Deborah and Donald Babikow  
Pascal and Barbara Bailone  
Baltimore County Sheriff's Lodge #25  
Charles and Estelle Harrison  
Charles and Karen Harrison  
Charles and Ana Marye

## Autism Database From Kennedy Krieger

Autism Speaks has announced that it will fund a program for the development of a national autism database. Kennedy Krieger Institute, one of the nation's leading treatment centers for autism, will develop the open, interactive database. The online database will serve as a shared resource to centralize registration of families and individuals with autism spectrum disorders and connect them with researchers, parents and other individuals with autism both domestically and internationally. For info, go to [www.autismwalk.org/site/R?i=qVKLkj\\_6Je95p9N4eXbz3Q](http://www.autismwalk.org/site/R?i=qVKLkj_6Je95p9N4eXbz3Q)

## Research Study Seeks Participants

Dr. Craig Newschaffer of the Center for Autism and Developmental Disabilities Epidemiology and Dr. Rebecca Landa of the Center for Autism and Related disorders are conducting an important research study that will follow women who have a child with autism through a subsequent pregnancy. The goal is learn more about early signs of autism and its potential causes. Please call the Center at 1-877-868-8014 or e-mail [cadde@jhsph.edu](mailto:cadde@jhsph.edu) if you are interested in learning more.

## Generous Donation Received from The So Sweet Sweepers

The So Sweet Sweepers of Seta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc, located in Laurel, has donated \$250 to our chapter as part of its support of charitable organizations. We thank them for their generosity.

## Prescription Assistance

The Partnership for Prescription Assistance is a free information clearinghouse for more than 475 patient assistance programs. To find out more, call 888-4PPA-NOW (1-888-477-2669), or go to [www.pparx.org](http://www.pparx.org).

## In Search of . . . Vases!

Do you have any extra vases cluttering up your house? How about the ones left from all those beautiful flower arrangements your secret admirer keeps sending you? Well, we'd like to take them off your hands. Just bring them to the April support group meeting. We'll give them a good home and you a big "Thank you!"

And speaking of support group, how about bringing in a photo of your child for our photo display board? It's wonderful to see their beautiful faces and to be reminded of who we are working so hard to help.

## Asperger's Support Group for College Students

A new support group is being formed that will help college students with Asperger's Syndrome meet other people like themselves who can understand and relate to their situations. Students from Goucher College, Towson University, Loyola College and Johns Hopkins University are invited to become part of a group that will support them in their college life. Please contact Schoen Oakes at [soakes@towson.edu](mailto:soakes@towson.edu) for more information.

## BALTIMORE-CHESAPEAKE CHAPTER, AUTISM SOCIETY OF AMERICA PROXY VOTE

Complete and return this proxy ballot if you anticipate not attending the Annual Meeting on May 4, 2006. The form must be returned to BCC-ASA, P.O. Box 10822, Baltimore, MD 21234 no later than May 1, 2006.

I assign my proxy vote to the following current member of the Baltimore-Chesapeake Chapter, Autism Society of America:

SELECT ONE:

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Name of member to act as proxy

- FOR the slate recommended by the nominating committee  
 AGAINST the slate recommended by the nominating committee  
 My proxy may vote as he/she determines appropriate.

*NOTE: Family memberships – You must present one proxy for each voting partner. Family memberships qualify for two votes (husband, wife) unless otherwise specified on the membership application. Each must sign their own proxy.*

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## **Sundberg Tunes Up Verbal Behavior Programs**

### **A Seminar Summary by Wilfried Gehne**

***Verbal Behavior: New Findings from the Field***  
**Mark Sundberg, February 4-5, 2006, Herndon VA**

Parents and professionals using Applied Behavior Analysis/Verbal Behavior programs to teach children with autism rely on two basic tools: the 1998 book *Teaching Language to Children With Autism or Other Developmental Disabilities* and the *Assessment of Basic Language and Learning Skills* (ABLLS). The two together provide a practical program to apply the functional approach to language first described by B.F. Skinner in his book *Verbal Behavior* in 1957. Both tools are the work of Mark Sundberg and James Partington. So, when one of these men who “wrote the books” recently came to Northern Virginia it was an event for the ABA/VB community.

The conference was an advanced session for experienced practitioners. Dr. Sundberg presented complex and challenging cases studies and used them to provide new strategies and new tools for implementing ABA/VB in home or school settings. He also provided many tips and cautions along the way. He gave specific focus to strengthening early learners’ visual performance, to avoiding rote responding, and to carefully developing the most challenging skill, the inter-verbal (conversational skills). Throughout, Dr. Sundberg emphasized two general principles.

The first, and foremost, is the emphasis on the learner over the methodology. Sundberg stresses the important distinction between behavior modification and behavior analysis. Behavior modification is the set of techniques and procedures to shape a learner’s behavior. Behavior analysis is the study of an individual learner — what motivates them, what brings responses from them, what their particular needs are. It is behavior analysis that must always be at the center, keeping constant attention on the daily changes of the child. Techniques of behavior modification are chosen and applied in response to that analysis. For parents and professionals who invest so much time and effort in learning the techniques, this served as a valuable reminder.

Dr. Sundberg’s second key principle is developmental appropriateness. After years running a private school for children with autism, he has recently begun working in public education and has found the experience enlightening. Teachers who work exclusively with developmentally delayed students can lose sight of what typically developing students can achieve at the same age. Targeting skills that are not developmentally appropriate can be the underlying cause of learner frustration and behavior problems. A common refrain through the conference was “What can typical kids do?” In the future, Dr. Sundberg envisions a revised ABLLS that will be tracked to developmental age like the Bayley Scales and other instruments. This will be an exciting advance for ABA/VB programs.

Dr. Sundberg pushed parents and professionals to apply these principles daily to ensure continuous improvement and refinement of their programs. He modeled continuous improvement by distributing the current drafts of revised chapters of the *Teaching Language* book in the course materials, previewing a future edition. No part of this approach should be static. By applying continuous analysis and refinement, we can serve our children more effectively using ABA/VB programs.

## **Three New Book Reviews by Joan DiPietro**

These books are all available from the BCC-ASA lending library. Check them out!

### ***Amazingly . . . Alphie: Understanding and Accepting Different Ways of Being* by Roz Espin (Copyright: 2003)**

This is a touching, beautiful children’s story. It is a valuable read for all children about accepting those who are “programmed” differently, but its message is primarily for those children who are special. The simply written words and illustrations tell of a computer who is not wired like the others and therefore cannot do some of the simple programs the other computers can do. The computer’s name is Alphie and he shares his story of frustration trying to do what the other computers do and how his different programming causes him to sometimes “shut down.”

One day, a young man comes to work on the “malfunctioning” computers and this young man is also a bit different and doesn’t seem to be like all the other workers. He takes the time to understand Alphie – to understand the way he works. He does not expect Alphie to be just like the others. He knows Alphie is meant to do something else and works with him to develop his ability to handle complex programs that the other computers can’t handle.

The author, Roz Espin, is able to appeal to an audience of “different” children ever so gently, easing them into the story by presenting the challenges the computer experiences, then extending those challenges out toward the human subject, the young man who helps Alphie recognize his gifts. This story will inspire a burdened young heart and turn being different into a blessing.

### ***Revealing the Hidden Social Code: Stories for People with Autism Spectrum Disorders* by Maria Howley and Eileen Arnold (Copyright: 2005)**

This book is an authoritative guide to writing and using successful and targeted Social Stories. Appropriate for any professional, parent or caregiver wanting to employ Social Stories, this book is broken up into 7 chapters starting with the rationale behind this successful technique through to sentence structure differences, presentation/implementation/monitoring, advanced Social Stories and finally problem solving and what to do when the Social Stories do not work.

### ***Unfolding the Tent: Advocating for Your One of a Kind Child* by Anne Addison (Copyright: 2005)**

This book, written by a parent of a special-needs son, presents the concept of Life Mapping: a framework for helping a child achieve his/her potential. This “roadmap” is designed to draw on the child’s strengths and minimize the child’s challenges across the lifespan. The Life Mapping technique was created from the strategic planning process used in business: define a vision, set goals, develop strategies, then act. It is a process-oriented approach to life that focuses on developing skills and competencies. This book will introduce the technique, take the reader through the steps to develop a Life Map for a special child and provide encouragement along the way from examples the author shares from her own personal experiences with her son.

*Baltimore County Public Schools*  
*and*  
*The Baltimore-Chesapeake Chapter of the Autism Society of America*  
*present*

# **Autism 101:**

## **A comprehensive foundation in Autism Spectrum Disorders**

**Wednesday, March 29, 2006**  
**7:00 to 9:00 p.m.**

**Cockeysville Middle School**  
**10401 Greenside Drive**  
**Cockeysville, MD 21030**

**Speaker: Kay Holman, Ph.D., SLP**  
**Kennedy Krieger Institute, Center for Autism and Related Disorders**

This training will offer participants a firm understanding of Autism Spectrum Disorders, will give insight into strategies to help children with ASD to reach their maximum potential, and provide a brief overview of current research trends.

There is no fee to attend and all are welcome. Parents, family members, friends, college students, and teachers and staff from Baltimore City, Baltimore County and neighboring counties are encouraged to come and hear the latest on Autism Spectrum Disorders. Reservations are not required.

A limited amount of funds are available for transportation. To access transportation assistance, contact Heather Thoms-Chesley at 410-882-2146.

***Mark your calendars and make plans to attend  
this first in a three-part series of autism presentations!***

*Future sessions are scheduled for Wednesday, April 19 at Loch Raven High School and Wednesday, May 10 at Perry Hall Middle School. Check BCC-ASA's website at [www.bcc-asa.org](http://www.bcc-asa.org) within the next few weeks for speakers and the topics to be covered.*

In observance of April as Autism Awareness Month  
The Baltimore Chesapeake Chapter  
of the Autism Society of America

*is pleased to announce an*

## **Essay Contest**

# ***“How has autism affected your life?”***

- Do you have autism?
- Do you teach a child who has autism?
- Do you have a friend who has autism?
- Do you have a child, sibling or other relatives with autism?

*We want to hear from you!*

The Baltimore Chesapeake Chapter of the Autism Society of America in conjunction with Baltimore County Public Schools will accept essays, poems and drawings for our Autism Awareness Contest 2006. Cash prizes!

Contest Rules: All essays are limited to 500 words. There are five judging categories:

- Elementary School Students
- Middle School Students
- High School Students
- Teachers, school employees, and therapists
- Family & Friends

- Write your essay on only one side of each page.
- Staple or paper clip a sheet of paper to your essay, poem or illustration, that includes your name, grade, school, home phone number and essay/poem/illustration title.
- You may only enter once.
- Your essay, poem, artwork is due no later than April 21, 2006.
- The BCC-ASA reserves the right to use material for publication. Submissions will not be returned.
- Please mail all entries to: BCC-ASA Essay Contest  
P.O. Box 10822  
Baltimore, MD 21234

## CONFERENCE NEWS

**Wednesday, March 22, 10:00 – 11:00 a.m.**

***Getting Needed Services from Your Managed Care Plan***

Free teleconference sponsored by Parents' Place of Maryland. For information or to register, contact Becky Kuhn Sykes at 800-394-5694 or e-mail [beckylee61@aol.com](mailto:beckylee61@aol.com). Further information on how to access the teleconference provided with registration.

**Saturday, March 25**

***The Family Focus Conference, The Dance of Partnership***

Sponsored by Md. State Dept. of Education Division of Special Education/Early Intervention Services. Free conference for families of children with disabilities from birth through age 5 and the professionals who support them. A full day of workshops, exhibits and networking opportunities. Location: Columbia Hilton, Columbia, MD. For more information: 1-800-535-0182 or e-mail [bmontane@msde.state.md.us](mailto:bmontane@msde.state.md.us).

**Monday, March 27, 6:30 – 9:00 p.m.**

***College Workshop***

Co-Sponsors: FAPE Program and Parents' Place. Speakers: Micah Fialka-Feldman, a student with disabilities currently attending college, and his mother, Janice Fialka. Information on inclusion of college students with disabilities. Location: Howard High School Media Center. For more information: contact Jennifer Blasko at [Jenniferblasko@comcast.net](mailto:Jenniferblasko@comcast.net).

**Wednesday, March 29, 7:00p.m. - 9:00 p.m.**

***Autism 101 (Parent Training from BCPS)***

See flyer on page 5 for details. Other sessions scheduled for Wednesday, April 19 at Loch Raven High and Wednesday, May 10 at Perry Hall Middle. Check BCC-ASA's website at [www.bcc-asa.org](http://www.bcc-asa.org) soon for topics of those sessions.

**Wednesday, April 5, 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.**

***Effective Advocacy***

Sponsored by Parents' Place, presented by Rochelle Howell, Parent Educator. No charge. Location: Parents' Place of Maryland, Glen Burnie. To register contact Rochelle at 410-768-9100x109 or e-mail [rhowelladvocate@aol.com](mailto:rhowelladvocate@aol.com).

**Saturday, April 8, 4:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.**

***Spring Forward Fall Back Fashion Extravaganza***

Presented by Miracles-N-More in conjunction with Infinite Event Planning. A night of fashion and fun in support of Autism Awareness Month. Donation: \$25. Location: Holiday Inn, Cromwell Bridge Road, Towson. Contact Deanne at 443-992-1917 for ticket information. Discounts for ASA members.

**Wednesday, April 26, 6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.**

***ARC Parent Support Series: Childcare & Daycare Issues***

Sponsored by the ARC of Baltimore Family & Children's Services. Location: ARC of Baltimore Community Resource Center, Towson. No charge. Light dinner & childcare available. To register: 410-296-2272 x5349, [www.baltimorearc.org](http://www.baltimorearc.org).

**Sunday, April 30**

***Ride On for Autism Research (ROAR) Bike Ride & Festival***

Bike ride and festival in Fells Point supporting autism research at Kennedy Krieger. Riders can choose from a 10- or 20-mile or low-mileage youth ride. Pre-registration: \$25 for adults, \$5 children. On-site fee: \$30 for adults, \$5 for children. For more info: [www.roar.kennedykrieger.org](http://www.roar.kennedykrieger.org) or 443-923-7300.

**Wednesday, May 3, 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.**

***When Things Go Wrong***

Presenter: Rochelle Howell, Parent Educator. No charge. Location: Parents' Place, Glen Burnie. Contact Rochelle at 410-768-9100x109 or e-mail [rhowelladvocate@aol.com](mailto:rhowelladvocate@aol.com).

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### MEMBERSHIP FORM BALTIMORE-CHESAPEAKE CHAPTER ASA

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Child's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Child's Birthday: \_\_\_\_\_

Child's School or Program (Optional): \_\_\_\_\_

Would you prefer to receive the chapter newsletter:

By U.S. mail?  By e-mail?  Both?

Additional donation to BCC-ASA: \_\_\_\_\_

*Make checks payable to BCC-ASA and mail to:*  
**BCC-ASA, P.O. Box 10822, Baltimore, MD 21234**

**MEMBERSHIP FEE: \$10.00**

CIRCLE ONE:

Individual with Autism

Family

Professional

Student

***Please note:***

*BCC-ASA does not share information on our members with any other organization.*

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### MEMBERSHIP FORM AUTISM SOCIETY OF AMERICA

FROM: Baltimore/Chesapeake Chapter

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

CIRCLE ONE:

Family: \$40.00

Individual: \$30.00

Student: \$15.00

Professional: \$100.00

Mail to: Autism Society of America, P. O. Box 96223, Washington, DC 20090-6223  
*Remit payment with this form*

<b>Officers and Board Members</b>			<b>Support Group Meeting</b>
Co-Presidents:	Andrea Schanbacher Eva Williams	443-629-9137 410-529-8722	<p>The next support group meeting will be <b>Thursday, April 6</b> at 7:00 p.m. at Mount Washington Pediatric Hospital. The support group meets on the <b>first Thursday</b> of every month.</p> <p><b>Directions to Mt. Washington Pediatric Hospital:</b></p> <p><u>From North of Baltimore:</u></p> <p>Take the Beltway (I-695) to the Jones Falls Expressway (I-83) south. From I-83, take the Northern Parkway exit, 10B West. Make a right turn off the exit ramp and make an immediate right turn onto West Rogers Ave. (the first street off the exit ramp). Go north on West Rogers Ave.; the hospital is on the right.</p> <p><u>From Baltimore and South:</u></p> <p>Take the Jones Falls Expressway (I-83) north to the second Northern Parkway exit, 10B West. Turn right onto West Rogers Ave. (the first street off the exit ramp). Go north on West Rogers Ave.; the hospital is on the right.</p>
Vice President:	Tony Lorenzo	410-679-4067	
Past President:	Ellen Feifarek	410-583-7633	
Secretary:	Jane Rosshiem	410-356-0880	
Treasurer:	Heather Thoms-Chesley	410-882-2146	
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	Kim Curtis	410-869-7357	
	Mary Ellen Curtis	410-337-5017	
	Gene DiGennaro		
	Elisa Hartman	410-828-5471	
	Hilary Hellerbach		
Newsletter:	Mary Ellen Curtis	410-337-5017	
Website:	Will Cassano	410-833-7096	
<p><b>Chapter Phone:</b> 410-655-7933</p> <p><b>Website:</b> <a href="http://www.bcc-asa.org">www.bcc-asa.org</a></p> <p><b>E-mail:</b> <a href="mailto:questions@bcc-asa.org">questions@bcc-asa.org</a></p>			

**Mark your calendars now for**  
**Sunday, June 25, 2006 from noon to 4:00 p.m.**  
**and make plans to join the Baltimore-Chesapeake Chapter for our**  
***Annual Picnic at Cascade Lake***  
**Bring the whole family and enjoy a day of fun and friendship!**

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**PAID**  
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