

# CAROL'S KIDS NEWS

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## THE AUTISM RESOURCE FOUNDATION GOLF TOURNAMENT, WINE DINNER AND CASINO NIGHT!

The Autism Resource Foundation located in Huntsville Alabama is a non-profit organization formed to provide information, training, financial assistance and education for families in their battle to defeat autism. Country-wide is sponsoring a golf event at the Ledges on August 13, 2007 to support the Autism Resource Foundation. The golf event follows the wine pairing dinner the evening of August 12, 2007. Call Jeff 714-8464 or visit the golf event at [www.arf.golfreg.com](http://www.arf.golfreg.com) for more information.

The Foundation is also

hosting a Casino Night September 22nd at the roundhouse in Huntsville. The fun begins at 7pm at the Roundhouse and the evening ends at 11pm. There are plans for Poker, Texas Hold 'Em, Craps, Roulette and more! At the end of the evening (near eleven) for spa packages, gift packages and jewelry. Chips won during the night can be used to bid for prizes. A raffle for door prizes will also be held at the end of the evening. Hors d'oeuvres are provided and a cash bar is available. Dealers and music will be provided by Party Pros. Tickets are \$50 for singles and \$75

for couples so bring a friend and come join us for some fun and games to benefit our kids with special needs. For more information or reserve your tickets, please call Suzanne at (256) 797-7899 or send an email to [suzanneaba@gmail.com](mailto:suzanneaba@gmail.com).

Please join The Autism Resource Foundation as they help families in the community fight to improve the lives of their children through knowledge, family support and financial assistance. This is so important to the children, and our community to wait!

## FULL DAY SERVICES NOW AVAILABLE IN TWO LOCATIONS—AUGUST 2007

To provide a better service to all our families, Applied Behavioral Concepts, will now be utilizing both Premier School facilities. These facilities allow us to keep the low ratio to typical peers as recommended in the research.

"We have so many children enrolled in our program, it became necessary to divide between campuses this year much quicker than we anticipated!" said Carol Vancil, BCBA.

The expansion of services

provided by Applied Behavioral Concepts is supported by the Premier Schools. Premier Schools is a SACS accredited organization whose curriculum meets or exceeds the guidelines. In the Premier published literature, confidence in the individual child centered goals are assured to match those of our families!

### APPLIED BEHAVIORAL CONCEPTS, INC. OFFERS:

*INCLUSION*

*INCIDENTAL TEACHING*

*DISCRETE TRIALS*

*1:1 OR 2:1 STUDENT TEACHER RATIO*

*BEHAVIOR STRATEGIES*

*SCHOOL OBSERVATIONS*

*TRAINING FOR PARENTS AND TEACHERS*

*THOROUGH EVALUATIONS*

## UPCOMING AT APPLIED BEHAVIORAL CONCEPTS!

Applied Behavioral Concepts, Inc. has announced the school year camp for after school children learning social skills. This camp will provide inclusion along side a specified curriculum goal that will be practiced in a natural learning environment.

This camp specifically developed to target social skills for children diagnosed with an Autism Spectrum Disorder, Language or Developmental Delay. Children in the elementary years (grades K-5) will benefit from curriculum designed around weekly themes specifically targeting areas where social deficits are noted in children with delays or a spectrum disorder.

Themes and topics are introduced weekly and practice time in the classroom setting with our professional staff will aid in skill acquisition. Parents will be advised and included in their child's learning with ideas and instructions about the skill as well as ways to work

on generalization at home and teacher tips for the school setting when appropriate.

The social skills group will meet at the Premier School on Slaughter Road every Monday through Friday from 3:00 until 5:30pm beginning on August 13, 2007.

What we offer that is new and innovative is the fall, winter and spring camps for children enrolled in the school system that cannot afford to do without something during the breaks!

We are offering camps to accommodate the needs of children during the breaks from school and keep the time learning coming! Each camp will focus on the season and the events during that season. These mini sessions will be week long and will celebrate those things that make the season special!

"Each goal we set will be matched for the individual level of the camp participant." said

The summer camps were so successful Applied Behavioral Concepts along with Premier Schools agreed to open up the mini camps to families again during the school year.

Please visit our website which will be updated as soon as information is available!

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### Fundraiser for the Autism Resource Foundation

*Radonna Ridner-Thurman along with Jeff Walczak will appear on the noon newscasts on July 24, Channel 48, July 25 Channel 19 and 11:00 on July 26 Channel 31 to promote the Autism Resource Foundation Fundraisers.*

August 12 and 13, 2007

Wine pairing dinner

and golf event featured on the first page.

September 22, 2007

Casino night at the Roundhouse also featured on the front page.

### Making Connections Parents meetings

August 18th

September 22

For more information about Making Connections call Debbie

Bumbika at 256-885-5959. Childcare is available on a first come first served basis.

### North Alabama Chapter Autism Society

Meeting 27th at 7pm

Held at the Jane K Lowe, on Lowe Circle, near Pete's Body shop. Child care is available.. For more information call Carol Wright 880-1239 or visit [www.autism-society.org/chapter 101](http://www.autism-society.org/chapter101).

*The Autism Resource Foundation has been set up to help families in the Huntsville area and will include the North Alabama Information. The mission of ARF is to provide both a financial and family support network.*

## SPOTLIGHT ON DAN BENNETT

Mr. Dan Bennett is completing a Masters degree in Special Education from A&M University after finishing a B.S. in Communication Disorders from Auburn University. While at Auburn, he was able to participate in Project AIM and had extensive experience working in Auburn's Speech and Hearing Clinic. He has worked as a behavioral counselor at Three Springs, Inc, as well as two years experience in Alabama Public schools. A long-time Huntsville resident, Dan grew up in Europe and has traveled extensively. In December, Dan married his wife Brenna, an interior designer. Dan and Brenna met while

he was completing his graduate work at Auburn.

Dan's hobbies include reading, movies, sports and outdoor activities such as hiking and biking. Dan's favorite authors are Bodie Thoene, C.S. Lewis and Louis Lamour. His favorite movies are Gone with the Wind and Lord of the Rings. He also enjoys spending time traveling with his family and visiting museums in the towns that he visits.

Dan led our early summer social skills camp and our full day camps. He is very focused on developing social skills in chil-

dren with autism and uses academic curriculum to teach acquisition of social skills.

Dan has been active with children through various avenues. As a young man he worked with special needs children through UCP for fourteen years. In addition, he has coached basketball for Madison City and worked as counselor for Space Camp for two and a half years.