

# CAROL'S KIDS NEWS

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## “TEAM ABC” SUPPORTS THE AUTISM WALK IN A BIG WAY!

Thanks to all of our staff and families who came out in purple t-shirts to support Applied Behavioral Concepts in their quest to receive this years trophy!

“Suzanne was in a dead sprint to receive the biggest team trophy,” said Lauren Burns who, along with her boyfriend Wade Weaver, came out to support the event.

“Team ABC” wore the purple t-shirts that Suzanne personally hand printed with silver, red, yellow and green fabric paint. The children wore shirts that said “I’m an ABC kid”. The brightly colored shirts could be seen as participants walked around the track and identified our new families to other Team ABC families.

Applied Behavioral Concepts was represented by Suzanne, Kim, Matt, Madison, Jeff, Lauren,

Monica, Julie, Emily, Jennie and Juliette (see Spotlight of this issue). Premier was represented by Rachel Kilbourn and Heather Allison.

Suzanne worked on the t-shirts and updating the presentation board, while Kim contacted families, collected



money and worked with the Autism Society coordinator to ensure a smooth entry into the event.

All of their efforts paid off and the community benefited by getting informa-

tion about our mission, our camp and our services for children diagnosed with any developmental delay.

“It really means a lot to me that we {ABC Staff}, the families we serve and the employees of Premier Schools came out with us for the walk. I am so proud their participation helped us win the trophy. It really tells me that we have support in the community for people to get up early with their families and come out on a chilly morning to walk for the cause in a purple t-shirt.” Ms. Roten said.

**THANKS FOR ALL YOUR HARD WORK KIM AND SUZANNE!**

## APPLIED BEHAVIORAL CONCEPTS ATTENDS THE HANDWRITING WITHOUT TEARS CONFERENCE IN BIRMINGHAM

Absent from the Autism Walk was Ms. Carol Vancil. Ms. Vancil was attending a conference in Birmingham for a day and a half training on the Handwriting without Tears curriculum.

“I hated to miss the walk but I felt the information I could learn at the conference would benefit so many of our children preparing to enter school I felt I needed to go.”

said Carol. “And I knew that with Matt, Suzanne, Kim and everyone else from Applied Behavioral at the walk, they wouldn’t need me there.”

Attendance at the conference on the first day was heavy, but the second day had fewer participants. Much of the readiness material will be included in our summer camp program for the younger Preschool children. The printing curriculum will be used for the older

school age children that will continue with services through the summer months.

“I think that the curriculum provides a method to teach handwriting skills, proper grip and picking up a pencil that will be easy for our children to learn, our staff to teach and result in a good basis for later maturation and fine motor development” said Carol.

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- TRAINING FOR PARENTS AND TEACHERS
- THOROUGH EVALUATIONS

## APPLIED BEHAVIORAL CONCEPTS CELEBRATES THE FIRST AUTISM KICK OFF DINNER

Ms. Kim Cantrell and Ms. Suzanne Roten attended the first annual kick off dinner for the Walk for Autism held at 801 Franklin on March 28.

Ms. Cantrell (Bradford Location) and Ms. Roten (Slaughter Location), our coordinators, enjoyed heavy appetizers and beverages while representing Applied Behavioral Concepts at the event.

The event was attended by other professionals some of the teachers and paraprofessionals from Huntsville City Schools and from Birmingham's Mitchell's Place, where Applied Behavioral also serves a client.

Families were also invited and many attended along with Grandparents.

One of the highlights of the event was the bidding on the silent auction items donated by local businesses. Both Ms. Cantrell and Ms. Roten won the bidding for items where they registered a bid.

Ms. Cantrell took home a gift basket of beauty items she plans to share with her daughter, Beth, the next time the two have the opportunity to stay home alone together on their regular "girls night in".

Ms. Roten won dance lessons which she plans to attend along with her hus-

band, Andy, to learn some Salsa and Tango dances

The majority of the proceeds also benefited the Alabama Autism Society and their continued efforts to provide information to families in our state.

"I enjoyed the evening and seeing others. Many of the other professionals I have known or worked with before," said Ms. Cantrell. "We received services from several sources while recovering Beth."

801 offered a selection of fruits, cheeses, sandwiches and some heavier hors d'oeuvres. A shrimp and spicy cheese grits were a hit with Suzanne.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**Parent Training: April 21 6pm at the Slaughter Premier location** will be led by Kim Cantrell. Please arrive early to get a chair! No reservations are needed. Any parents needing to bring their children, please let us know.

**Making Connections Parents meetings** For information about Making Connections call Debbie Bumbika at 256-885-5959 . Childcare is available on a first come first served basis.

**North Alabama Chapter of the Autism Society** Held at the Jane K Lowe Center, on Lowe

Circle. Child care is available. For more information call Carol Wright 256-880-1239 or visit [www.autism-society.org/chapter-101](http://www.autism-society.org/chapter-101). Applied Behavioral Concepts will be a resource at the upcoming 5th Annual Appreciation Dinner on **May 9** at the Mountain View Baptist Church.

### "Thank You!" to...

Applied Behavioral Concepts extends a big THANK YOU! to **Starbucks Manager, Andy Roten**. Mr. Roten came out early to bring hot coffee and donuts on a cool Saturday morning for the participants

of the Walk for Autism. "Our table was very popular while the donuts and coffee lasted," joked his wife, Suzanne. We really appreciate all the support our local Starbucks has done to benefit the families of children diagnosed with Autism.

Another big THANK YOU! to the **Hallman family and Avocent** for their generous donation to the Autism Society and sponsorship of Applied Behavioral Concepts. Their support was significant in helping TEAM ABC raise nearly \$2000.00 by the day of the walk.

*Our condolences to Mr. Matt Law on the passing of his grandmother. Matt was out of town much of last week attending her funeral in Indiana.*

*The Autism Resource Foundation offers help for families in the Huntsville area. The mission of ARF is to provide a financial and family support network. For information or to support the mission, please contact Jeff at 714-8464.*

## SPOTLIGHT ON JULIETTE MASTERS

Ms. Juliette Masters is a graduating senior at the University of Alabama in Huntsville. Ms. Masters is often seen at the Slaughter road campus, but helps cover our staff at the Bradford campus when needed.

Juliette is majoring in Psychology and plans to continue her education by getting a masters in ABA and wants to sit for her BCBA.

"I really had no idea what I was getting myself into, but after about a month this became a part of my life

and now I want it to be a part of my life forever, I had no idea what I would do with my degree until I found this job." says Juliette.

Juliette was born and raised here in Huntsville. She is a 2002 graduate of Grissom High School. Juliette was a competitive year round swimmer for 13 years. She swam for Grissom, Camelot Recreation and Huntsville Swimming Association and competed in the State of Alabama and a few out of state including a National Meet. Her times were registered in a

national bank and compared to swimmers all over the US.

When Juliette is not engaged in teaching children, she loves to be outside with her dog Joey or spending time with her sister Jennie, also her coworkers. Juliette also spends her time in the evenings and weekends teaching some of our clients how to swim. She meets them at the Natatorium on Drake Avenue.

Come see Juliette at the Slaughter Road location and say 'Hi'!