



Into the Light

CREATING MEMBERSHIP IN THE SCHOOL AND CLASSROOM COMMUNITY

Join the Autism Society Central VA (ASCV) from 7-9pm on Monday, November 13, 2017 at River Road United Methodist Church (8800 River Road, Henrico, VA) for a FREE workshop on Creating Membership in the School and Classroom Community.

The Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) requires that students with disabilities receive their education, to the maximum extent appropriate, with non-disabled peers. While the law does not define inclusion specifically, it is clear that the intent of the law is to make sure that kids who receive special education services are included in the general education classroom as often as possible. However, inclusion is a philosophy that goes beyond placement in a general education class. It also aims to have a child be a part of the school community.

What does it mean to be a member of the school community? Come and hear nationally known speaker Cyndi Pitonyak talk about strategies to help facilitate turning your child's Least Restrictive Environment (LRE) into a meaningful and enriching setting. Cyndi will discuss ways of establishing the basics of membership for a school and classroom community and how to creatively address those basics for all students.

About the Presenter: Cyndi Pitonyak

Cyndi has over 30 years of experience as a special educator. She has teaching experience at both elementary and secondary levels in inclusive, self-contained and residential settings, as well as special education administration experience at the school and district level. Cyndi has been invited to testify before the United States Senate HELP Committee and interviewed by ProPublica and National Public Radio regarding her work in inclusive education. She has provided technical assistance and training to school divisions nationally and internationally and has taught at the college level in undergraduate and graduate level special education teacher preparation programs. Cyndi currently works for the VCU Autism Center for Excellence.

Registration is requested: <https://creatingmembership.eventbrite.com>

This workshop is presented in collaboration with the Region 1 Autism Consortium.

INCLUSION





Mission

To improve the lives of all affected by autism by maximizing the self-sufficiency, independence, and quality of life for all living with autism.

Vision

We are the local voice and resource of the autism community in education, advocacy, services, and support, and are committed to meaningful participation and self-determination in all aspects of life for individuals on the autism spectrum and their families.

Any age. Any stage.

Donate

Your gift will help support autism education, awareness, advocacy and most importantly, enable us to assist families and individuals living with autism in our community. You can help by making a donation today!



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This edition was edited by ASCV staff.



From Becky

NOVEMBER – A TIME FOR THANKSGIVING

The Fall is my favorite time of the year ... I love college football (Go Hokies!), the cooler temperatures, the way every day brings new colors on the trees out our window, and all of the seasonal smells! I also enjoy the season of Thanksgiving, as it offers me a chance to reflect back on all for which I am thankful every year. And this year is no different.

By the time this newsletter reaches you, I will no longer be working as the Executive Director for the Autism Society Central VA (ASCV). For almost four years, it has been my honor and privilege to work for this nonprofit organization that I believe truly makes a difference in the lives of individuals and families in our community. I have been blessed to work with an amazing and dedicated group of people who work tirelessly to insure that the ASCV provides the five Core Services of education, information & referral, advocacy, services, and community, at any age and any stage of the journey, for individuals with autism and those who support them. I am thankful for all of the people that I have met and for the many friendships that have been made along the way. So, this Thanksgiving season, I want to say Thank You to the Staff and Board of the ASCV, and to All of You, for being invested in this organization and for helping the ASCV improve lives in our community.

The ASCV Board of Directors is actively recruiting for the next Executive Director and is expecting to fill the position soon. In the meantime, Tammy Burns, ASCV Director of Programs & Outreach, will fill in as Interim Executive Director.

Wishing you All a Wonderful Thanksgiving Season and All the Best Always,

Becky



IT'S NEVER TOO EARLY TO START THINKING ABOUT TRANSITION!

The Autism Society Central VA (ASCV) is excited to host two learning opportunities in November focused on Transition. The goal of these workshops is to empower parents to better advocate for their transition age child and to equip students with the tools to better advocate for themselves. Come learn how engaging transition services early and continuously can provide a foundation for success when entering the adult world (life after high school) and can be an investment in an individuals' total well-being.

First, join us at River Road United Methodist Church on **Friday, November 3, 2017 at 7:00 pm** for a FREE I'm Determined Family Night!

Students in grades 5-12 and their families will not want to miss this fun and educational opportunity! The I'm Determined project is a state directed project funded by the Virginia Department of Education (VDOE). *I'm Determined* focuses on core components of self-determination, which include self-advocating, choice making, decision-making, and problem solving. By providing opportunities through direct instruction and modeling, the project strives to facilitate youth to undertake a measure of control in their lives, helping to set and steer their course rather than remaining a silent passenger.

On the evening of Friday, November 3rd, come hear the journeys of some of the youth leaders from the *I'm Determined* project as they share their stories, challenges, and discoveries of empowerment. Learn about the tools developed to help youth share who they are, what they strive to do, and who might help them as they travel their road to self-determination. Jackie Neidle, MS, NBCT, a Program Specialist at the VDOE Training and Technical Assistance Center (T/TAC) at VCU and member of the *I'm Determined* project, will facilitate the evening. Each family will take home a Toolbox for Self-Determination so that the discussion can be continued at home.

More information and registration for this workshop can be found here:

<https://imdeterminedfamnite.eventbrite.com>

Then come back on **Saturday, November 4th at 9:00 am** for a FREE workshop on **IEP Transition Services in Special Education**.

Transition is the process students and their families use to prepare for life after high school, to identify outcomes, and to plan community and school experiences to ensure that the student acquires the knowledge and skills to achieve their goals. Transition planning is a process mandated by the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) for all students who have an Individualized Education Program (IEP). In Virginia, the IEP must include transition planning and services by age 14. Therefore, it is important for parents of middle school, high school, and even elementary school students to understand transition services.

This workshop, *What's Transition Got to do with It? EVERYTHING!* will review the transition requirements that are in IDEA. The presenter, Marianne Moore, Secondary Transition Specialist at the VA Department of Education, will also share specific information on what parents/guardians really need to understand about transition services to ensure thoughtful planning and implementation of individualized programs.

More information and registration for this workshop can be found here:

<https://transitioniseverything.eventbrite.com>

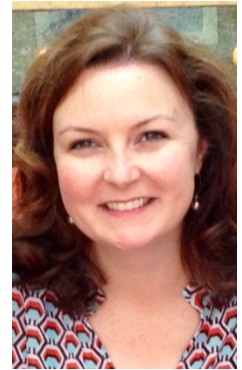
Don't miss these two great opportunities!!

i'm determined



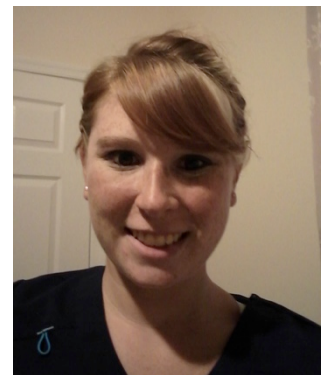
A WARM ASCV WELCOME TO --

Megan Colson joined the Autism Society Central VA as the Information and Resource Assistant in August 2017, but has a long relationship with the ASCV 5K. As leaders of The Blue Team, Megan and her family have supported the ASCV since 2007 when her son was first diagnosed with Asperger's Syndrome. Megan has a bachelor's degree in Public Relations from Florida State University and worked in healthcare public relations before becoming a stay at home mom and dedicated volunteer. She's spent the last several years volunteering in her children's schools, planning special events and providing booster group support. Most recently, Megan volunteered with a local nonprofit healthcare organization, assisting with their development and events. She enjoys traveling and spending time with her husband, daughter and son.



Tammy Carlson's passion for serving families and students with autism led her to joining the ASCV as the Recreation Facilitator for Childcare and Bowling in September. Over 20 years ago, Tammy's oldest child, born with Down syndrome, opened the door to special education for her. After traumatic education experiences with her daughter, Tammy was driven to support other children and families. She began her special education teaching career in Vermont in 2008, which put her on the path to becoming an autism teacher. After relocating to Virginia in 2014 with her three children, Tammy strengthened her skills as an autism teacher for students in secondary education. Nonspeaking individuals are of particular interest to Tammy. She is currently attaining endorsement to support the communication, education, and inclusion of nonverbal, minimal, and unreliably speaking individuals via spelling to communicate for individuals with motor impairments affecting speech. Tammy's daughter and her students are her greatest teachers.

Erin Boatwright joined the Autism Society Central VA as the Recreational Facilitator of Lego and Game Club in September 2017. She has an associate's degree from Jamestown Community College in Occupational Therapy Assistant and works as an OTA at the Amelia Skilled Nursing Facility. Erin has been working with children with autism since 2011. Previously, Erin worked as a teacher aide in a preschool classroom for children with special needs. She has participated in many community organizations and is currently volunteering at Wings of Hope Ranch to help disabled horses and children. Erin has recently moved from New York State and is looking forward to making Virginia her new home.



This November, the Autism Society Central VA will sponsor or participate in the following events. For information: 257-0192 or info@ascv.org.

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| 11/03 | 7pm | Monthly Program Meeting: <i>I'm Determined Family Night</i> ; presented by Jackie Neidle, MS, NBCT & Student Determinators; details & registration: https://imdeterminedfamnite.eventbrite.com |
| 11/04 | 9am | What's Transition Got to Do With It? EVERYTHING! workshop, presented by Marianne Moore, Secondary Transition Specialist from VDOE; details & registration https://transitioniseverything.eventbrite.com |
| 11/04 | 10am | Inclusive Lego & Game Club – Chester , details and registration: https://novlegochester.eventbrite.com |
| Every Monday | | Sedona Taphouse Steak Out to benefit the ASCV; see flyer on page 13 for details |
| 11/13 | 7pm | Creating Membership in the School and Classroom Community workshop, presented by Cyndi Pitonyak; details & registration: https://creatingmembership.eventbrite.com |
| 11/14 | | ASCV Board Meeting |
| 11/15 | | Autism and Colonial Heights First Responders Open House ; see flyer on page 14 for details |
| 11/18 | 10am | Inclusive Lego & Game Club – Downtown , details and registration: https://novlegodowntown.eventbrite.com |
| 11/19 | | Bowling outing for children/youth/adults with autism; free for ASCV members; check your e-mail for Eventbrite invitation |
| 11/25 | 2pm | Sensory Friendly Movie <i>Free Birds</i> , at the Byrd Theatre, Carytown |
| 11/27 | 7pm | Adults with Aspergers/HFA Interest Group (open only to adults with Aspergers/HFA) |
| 11/27 | 7pm | Parents of Adults with Aspergers/HFA |

AUTISM SOCIETY CENTRAL VIRGINIA

NOVEMBER CALENDAR



NEWS FROM THE AUTISM SOCIETY CENTRAL VIRGINIA BOARD

In October, the Autism Society Central Virginia worked to fulfill our mission to "improve the lives of all affected by autism" in the following ways:

Education

- Sponsored *Understanding & Supporting the Mental Health Needs of Individuals with Autism Spectrum Disorder* Workshop
- Sponsored *Community Engagement & Community Coaching* Workshop
- Shared *What is Autism* presentation with all 7th grade students at Short Pump Middle School

Services and Support

- Sponsored a Sensory Friendly Movie in collaboration with the Byrd Theatre
- Sponsored Inclusive Lego and Game Clubs
- Sponsored Adults with Asperger's Interest Group
- Sponsored bowling outing for children, youth, and adults with ASD
- Sponsored Pumpkin Patch visit for ASCV members

Advocacy

- Participated in Region IV REACH Advisory Council

Awareness

- Hosted and exhibited at Hanover First Responders Community Connection Fair
- Exhibited at the Martial Arts World Super Show
- Shared information at the Dominion Golf Classic Birdies for Charity Event
- Exhibited at the Amelia Street School Resource Fair
- Exhibited at the Henrico Mental Health Fair

THANKSGIVING TIPS FOR KIDS ON THE SPECTRUM

Thanksgiving can be a fun time filled with food and family. However, all of that may be a little overwhelming for kids on the spectrum. Here are some ideas that you may find helpful this Thanksgiving season.

- Prepare your child a few weeks ahead.
- Try to keep the day as close to your child's typical schedule as possible.
- Make sure to have bring a few favorite toys/games with you if you are visiting others.
- Give your child a safe, quiet space to "take a break" in case of sensory overload.
- Consider seating your child at the end of the table.
- Praise good, appropriate behavior.
- Ask for help if you need it. Keep your expectations realistic and reasonable.
- Plan an exit strategy with your spouse/partner.

**HELPFUL
TIPS**

NOVEMBER COMMUNITY OPPORTUNITIES

(Dates provided as published by sponsoring organizations; contact organizations for confirmation)

- 11/01 **Chesterfield County Special Education Advisory Committee** meets at 5pm at the Career and Technical Center, 13900 Hull Street Road, room A256; open to the public; topic: *Literacy Based Initiatives for Students with Disabilities*; contact 804-639-8918 for information on making public comment
- 11/03 **Special Night for Special Needs** at Children's Museum Central 5:30pm; for more information <http://www.c-mor.org/events/special-nights>
- 11/05 **Chuck E. Cheese's Sensory Sensitive Sunday** 9am-11am; 10430 Midlothian Turnpike, 23235; for more information contact 804-330-9865
- 11/06 **Hanover County Special Education Advisory Committee** meets at 7pm at Hanover County School Board Office, 200 Berkley Street, Ashland; topic: *Transition*; open to the public
- 11/06 **Sky Zone Special Needs Sensory Friendly Night** 5pm-6pm; for more information call 804-379-2500 or visit <http://www.skyzone.com/richmond>;
- 11/07 **Jumpology Special Needs Night** 5pm-7pm; <http://www.jumpology.us/Pricing-Hours> for more information
- 11/09 **Independent Living Tours** hosted by The Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services (DBHDS) and The Faison Residence; 1pm-3pm; details & registration: <https://tinyurl.com/yczytrg8>
- 11/09 **Minds of All Kinds**, Science Museum of VA, Sensory Friendly Experience; 5:30pm-8pm; advance registration required; for more details: <http://www.smv.org/upcoming-events/minds-of-all-kinds-november-9>
- 11/11 **ComedySportz Sensory Friendly Improv Show** at 8906-H W. Broad Street, Richmond; 3pm; more details: <https://www.cszrichmond.com/sensory-friendly>
- 11/14 **Richmond City Special Education Advisory Committee** 6pm-7:30pm; open to the public; for more information: <https://www.rvaschools.net/Page/1277>
- 11/14 **Independent Living Tours** hosted by The Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services (DBHDS) and The Faison Residence; 10am-12pm; details & registration: <https://tinyurl.com/y7mhh3ev>
- 11/14 **Henrico County Special Education Advisory Committee** meets at 6:30pm at Brookland Middle School, 9200 Lydell Dr., Richmond; Topic: *Medicaid Waivers*; open to the public
- 11/16 **Regal My Way Matinee** sensory friendly movie, *Trolls* at 10:30am; Regal Short Pump Stadium 14; tickets \$6.50 each
- 11/16 **Prince George County Special Education Advisory Committee** meets at 5pm at the School Board Building, 6410 Courts Drive, Prince George
- 11/21 **Monkey Joe's Special Needs Night** from 5pm-7pm; kids ages 2-12 with special needs free; closed to public; siblings welcome \$5; more information 804-897-5867



NOVEMBER COMMUNITY OPPORTUNITIES CONTINUED

(Dates provided as published by sponsoring organizations; contact organizations for confirmation)

- 11/25 **Richmond Symphony** sensory friendly concert, *The Snowman*; 11am at the Carpenter Center Theatre, 600 East Grace Street, Richmond
- 11/25 **Autism Family Swim** at the Manchester YMCA from 2:30pm-4:30pm; life-guarded open swim time for individuals with autism and their families; free for YMCA members; more details and registration: <https://www.ymcarichmond.org/program/autism-family-swim-2/>
- 11/27 **Colonial Heights Special Education Advisory Committee** meets at 6pm; AV room at Colonial Heights Technical Center, 315 Conduit Road; open to the public
- 11/28 **Caminos Group** support group for Latino families with autism; meets at the Sacred Heart Center, 1400 Perry Street, Richmond, 23224 from 10am-12pm; RSVP at 804-646-0145

GREETINGS FROM THE ASCV BOARD...

The ASCV Staff and Board participated in a productive Strategic Planning Retreat at the end of September and are excited about the short and long term goals outlined for the ASCV! We are currently busy preparing our budget for 2018 and are discussing how we can bring new programs and events to our community next year! We are always thankful for the generous financial and in-kind support we receive on an ongoing basis. As we continue to grow our services, programs, and staff, community support will be even more important. Please explore below all the many ways to give to the ASCV and feel free to share the opportunities with your families and friends!



- **Unrestricted Giving** - Give a cash donation that allows us to fund ongoing and new programs.
- **Employee/Matching Gift** - Maximize the impact of your gift through employer-matched funds. Many companies match their employees' charitable contributions. Companies may also match gifts from employee spouses, retirees, and Board members.
- **Honorary** - Celebrate a birthday, anniversary, or other special occasion with a gift honoring a spouse, friend, family member, or other loved one.
- **Memorial** - Memorial gifts may be made to the ASCV to celebrate and honor the life of a loved one.
- **Planned Giving** - Receive tax and other financial benefits while giving to the ASCV. Plan a gift for the future by working with a financial advisor to set up an IRA Charitable Rollover, trust or bequest, or beneficiary designation on a life insurance policy.
- **United Way Giving and Other Campaigns** - Consider designating the Autism Society Central VA in your United Way Giving and in other Employer Sponsored Programs. (Central VA Area Combined Federal Campaign #64417, Local Government and Schools – simply designate "Autism Society Central Virginia").
- **Support the ASCV through Amazon Smile and/or Goodshop.**
- **Find Sponsors for the Annual 5K Run/Walk for Autism.**
- **Host a Team for the Annual 5K Run/Walk for Autism and Encourage Friends and Family to Participate.**

SAVE THE DATE

ASCV Members' Annual Holiday Party

Sunday, December 3rd

2:00pm-5:00pm

Science Museum of Virginia

Members will be able to enjoy the Science Museum, light refreshments, holiday music, and Santa will even pay us a visit!



WORKSHOPS AND CONFERENCES

- 11/03 **VA Council for Exceptional Children Annual Conference;** 7am-5pm at the DoubleTree by Hilton, 1021 Koger Center Blvd., Richmond; details & registration: <https://tinyurl.com/y9upeukf>
- 11/14 **ASD & Regulation: The Brain, Meltdowns, and Evidence-Based Practices Part 2** by Brenda Smith Myles; free webcast from VCU ACE; details & registration: <https://vcuautismcenter.org/te/webcasts/>
- 11/15 **Producing Meaningful Improvements in Problem Behavior of Persons with Autism** free webinar; 2pm-4pm; details & registration: <https://tinyurl.com/y7h4l62m>
- 11/18 **2017 Tidewater Autism Summit;** 11am-3pm; free event held in Virginia Beach; more details and registration: <https://tinyurl.com/ycxp7gqp>
- 12/06 **Managing and De-Escalating Crisis: A Developmental and Person-Centered Approach** free webinar; 3:30pm-5pm; details & registration: <https://tinyurl.com/y823v3r5>



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We would love to add your name to this list. We are always looking for individuals, 18 and older, who would like to get involved. Contact Tammy at outreach@ascv.org to find out how you can volunteer for the ASCV too!

SAVE THE DATES! UPCOMING ASCV WORKSHOPS



Friday, January 5, 2018

Functional Behavior Assessments and Behavior Intervention Plans
Presenter: C.J. Butler

Friday & Saturday, March 16-March 17, 2018

I.E.P. Boot Camp
Presenters: Bradford Hulcher and Tammy Burns

Thank You For the Following Donations

All donations stay in the Central Virginia area to support individuals and families affected by autism.

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*The following donation was made
in honor of Bradford Hulcher:
Jesselle Christenson*

*The following donation was made
in honor of Logan Terrell:
Charlotte Williams*

Thank You

IFSP APPLICATION DEADLINE IS NOVEMBER 17, 2017

Are you on the DD Waiver Wait List?

If yes, then you are eligible for the Individual and Family Support Program (IFSP). The IFSP provides funds for supports, services, and items for people on the DD Waiver Waitlist. Each individual can apply for a up to \$1000 in funding.

The last day to apply for this funding cycle is November 17, 2017.

You can access the 2017 application here - <https://ifsonline.dbhds.virginia.gov/>

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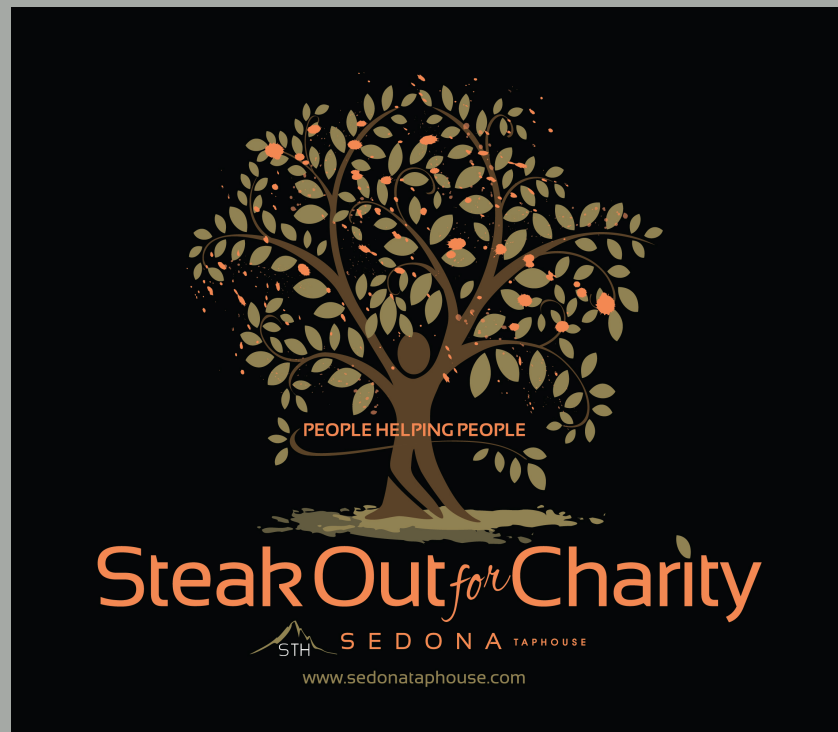
Central Virginia

November is **Autism Society Central VA** Steak-Out Monday Month at Sedona Taphouse!

Support the ASCV and enjoy a great meal every Monday in November by visiting Sedona Taphouse for lunch or dinner and ordering their delicious 8 oz Angus Steak for \$6, and a beverage of your choice.

\$1 of every \$6 steak lunch/dinner sold will be donated to the ASCV!

This offer is good for dine in customers only. Limit one steak per person. Beverage purchase required.



Sedona Taphouse, Westchester Commons (Rt. 288 and Midlothian Turnpike), Midlothian

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Autism and Colonial Heights First Responders Open House

Individuals with autism and their families/caregivers are invited to this FREE event. Come out and meet and build relationships with Colonial Heights' First Responders! Don't miss this fun and valuable event!

Date: Wednesday, November 15, 2017

Time: 6pm – 8pm

Location: Fire Station #2
215 Dunlop Farms Blvd.
Colonial Heights, VA 23834

For More Information:
outreach@ascv.org
804-257-0192

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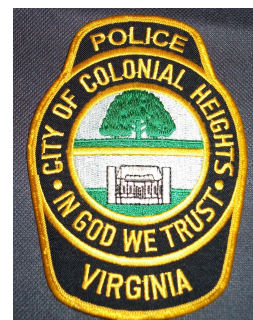
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YOU'RE INVITED TO NORTHSTAR ACADEMY'S OPEN HOUSE THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 16 8:00 A.M., 10:00 A.M. OR 12:00 P.M.

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RICHMOND, VA 23294**

At our open house, you can:

- Ask current parents the tough questions during a Parent-to-Parent Q&A
- Learn how our students overcome reading challenges with the Lindamood-Bell reading program
- Tour the school and try our new adaptive playground
- Meet our student ambassadors and new head of school

**NORTHSTAR CAREER ACADEMY
8155A STAPLES MILL RD
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- Ask current families the tough questions during a comprehensive Q&A
- Meet student ambassadors and tour our facility
- Experience a hands-on lesson emphasizing applied vocational skills

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- A Northstar Parent

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Join with hundreds of individuals with autism, their families and other caring individuals; become a part of a larger community - the Autism Society Central Virginia. We can't be heard alone, but with more voices joining daily, that small voice can become a roar. We invite you to become a part of a community of hope.

Membership in the Autism Society Central Virginia provides the following benefits:

- ASCV's monthly newsletter, the local resource for information regarding local and state autism-related issues, workshops, and community events
- ASCV's weekly e-mail updates
- Discounted workshops and conferences
- Free ASCV sponsored social/recreational activities

Membership Levels:

___ \$5 ~ Self-Advocate (Adult w/ ASD) ___ \$25 ~ Household ___ \$1500 ~ Lifetime

Name(s): _____

Address: _____ Phone # _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

E-mail address: _____

(By providing your e-mail, you will receive our weekly e-mail; your e-mail will be kept confidential)

Additional Donation:

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