

## 2007 9th Annual Family Sensory Picnic

WOW!!!! We did it again! Another SUCCESSFUL Picnic! The weather was a little IFFY but it held out! This was the biggest Picnic yet! It was great to see all the **SMILES** on everybody's faces. This year we had some new Sensory Rides. We had our special dogs come again. The kids just love to pet them and watch them do their tricks. . Our Sensory Centers were very busy and of course, one my favorites, the Balloons Launch , all the colors of the Autism Ribbon floating up into the sky!! I would again like to personally thank **Rachel Diehl, my niece**, for all her "**Girl Friday**" duties she preformed. **BIG THANKS** to Max Zurat and his "**BUDDIES**". They were **AWESOME** and a huge help to our families.

Here are the statistics for this year:

Total # of family members	<b>440</b>	# families who attended	<b>106</b>	# ASD kids	<b>118</b>
	# New families	<b>52</b>	# volunteers	<b>95</b>	<b>GRAND TOTAL 535</b>

**"Special Friends"** They are dedicated people who care and who help to make this picnic possible.  
**Without them**, there would be "**NO PICNIC**"

They **DONATE** their "**Time & Talents**" so our families can enjoy their time with their loved ones who have Autism.

<b>Mechanicsburg Club</b> – Picnic Grounds	<b>Janet Young &amp; family</b> – Pony Rides
<b>Terry O'Mally family/United Rentals</b> – generators for the Jumping Rides	<b>Don Miller/Grand Slam Inflatables</b> – large discount
<b>Jo Jo's Pizza</b> – big discount on 20 pizzas	<b>Kunzler &amp; Company, Inc</b> - hot dogs & hot sausages
<b>Darlene Johnson &amp; friends</b> – Friendly Therapy Dogs	<b>Esther Mullen</b> – Clown
<b>David Zurat</b> – Magician	<b>Max Zurat</b> – Recruited all the <b>BUDDIES</b>
<b>LuAnn Diehl</b> – Kitchen Supervisor	<b>Ann Shields Young</b> – Door Prize solicitation
<b>Christi Catalano</b> – Nurse	<b>Glenn Miller</b> – OT Supervisor
<b>Ann Tyndall</b> – Game/ Play Area Supervisor	<b>Casie Young</b> – Sensory Center Supervisor
<b>Rachel Diehl</b> – Volunteer Supervisor	<b>Esther Crawford</b> – Kitchen - Serving utensils

Thanks to all the **volunteers** from:

Health South	Mech. Presbyterian Church	CAIU
Holy Spirit Hospital	Keystone Family Services	Northwestern Human Services
CV High School	Mechanicsburg High School	Cedar Cliff High School

*The following businesses donated the door prizes:*

PSCU	Carbon Family	Clear Channel	WHTM-ABC	Fox 43 WPM-TV	KYW-TV	Greater Media	
The Hershey Company	Hershey Entertainment	Hershey Park	Vanity Fair Outlets	Kunzler & Company			
WAEB-FM	Cumulus Media-Hbg	WARM/WSBA/WSOX	WDAC-FM	WIOV-FM			
WAEB-FM/WZZO-FM	WMGK-FM	WMGK-FM	RED 102.3	WBEN-FM	WLAN-FM	WCOJ-AM	WDAC-FM
WOGL-FM	WGTY-FM	WHMX/WQXA/WCAT	WDSN-FM	KYW	WIEZ Radio		
WARM/WSBA/WSOX	WAYZ/WPPT?WFYN	WLEV/Cat Country	WGTY-FM				

*The following gave **monetary donations for the Walk/Run & Picnic:***

**Schiano Family Griffiths Family Plummers Family Hopkins Family**  
**Sweigart Family McCauslin Family Gallia Family**

I also want to **thank all my family** who participate every year. This picnic is a great opportunity for newly diagnosed families to come & meet other families that have the same issues they are dealing with everyday. It is a pleasure to organize and provide this picnic for our families. We are already coming up with some new ideas for next year.

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS** for next year for our "**10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**"!! **Sunday May 18, 2008**

**See you next year! Suzy Brenner**