



News & Notes

illuminating Autism



Our first annual benefit dinner was an amazing success thanks to our friends and supporters. We had a wonderful night full of stories, laughter, and hope. The evening far exceeded our expectations and the money raised will be used to provide much-needed therapy services, increased camp opportunities, and enhanced research projects—leading to better outcomes for children and their families. We have set the date for our next benefit dinner!

See you on January 27, 2018. We hope you will join us next year to Illuminate Autism once again!

New Discoveries

In February, the journal *Nature* released findings from our Infant Brain Imaging Study that show it is possible to predict later onset of autism using early brain imaging markers. The study was conducted by researchers across the



country including our very own director, Annette Estes, and UW Autism Center colleagues, Stephen Dager & Tanya St. John. To learn more about it and listen to a KOMO News interview with Annette Estes, click [here](#).

Autism Awareness Month Events

We are very busy preparing for Autism Awareness month in April. Please join us in the community to celebrate our families and help spread the word about autism.

WAAalk for Autism—Sunday, April 2, 2017



An inclusive and family friendly celebration to provide resource information for families, raise funds for our community partner Washington Autism Alliance & Advocacy (WAAA), and celebrate World Autism Awareness Day.

For more information, click [here](#).

Run 2 Pieces—Saturday, April 8, 2017

A 5k run/walk to help raise money and awareness for the early diagnosis and treatment of Autism Spectrum Disorder. Funds raised go directly to the UW Autism Center's Family Scholarship Fund to help families get the assistance they need to get their child a definitive diagnosis. For more information, click [here](#).



UW Autism Center Open House—Thursday, April 27, 2017



The autism center will open its doors to the public to present our services, answer questions, and provide informative talks. We love having the opportunity to meet with families, community providers, and individuals with ASD. For more information, click [here](#).

APEX Summer Camp



We are currently accepting applications for campers and clinical interns for our 2017 APEX summer camp starting on July 3. The camp is great for kids with ASD that need to improve social & behavior skills in a fun, real-world setting. For more information and to apply, click [here](#).

Upcoming Trainings

In March and April we host our Transforming Challenging Behaviors course and ADOS-2 training. And save the date - the Seattle Teachers Autism Symposium will be July 26-27. We will be posting information about our summer trainings soon. For more information and to register for trainings, check out our website [here](#).



Thank You UW Police Department!



Officer Sharif of the UW Police Department came to visit with our social skills group to talk about when to call 911 & feeling safe when talking to police. This was a great experience for the kids and taught them some very valuable life skills. Thank you!