

Thank You for making the 2008 San Diego Race for Autism a Success!



We at NFAR would like thank each of you for your participation and support of the 2008 San Diego Race for Autism. Whether you joined us as a sponsor, fundraiser, volunteer or participant, there was no way we could have done without you!

The 4th Annual 5K Race, 1-mile Family Fun Walk and Resource Fair was our best Race ever with a record 2,700 attendees. A total of \$150,000 was raised at this event!

Proceeds of the Race are used exclusively in San Diego for the development and expansion of pilot programs and services that benefit children with autism in our community. Through our grant programs, NFAR is helping children with autism by:

- Creating and/ or expanding existing programs;
- Funding studies to improve treatment and assure the efficacy of treatment programs;

- Providing outreach to underserved populations; and
- Providing for the immediate needs at the classroom level.

We sincerely thank you for helping us to make a difference for children and families living with autism in our community!

Teacher's Grants Open August 15

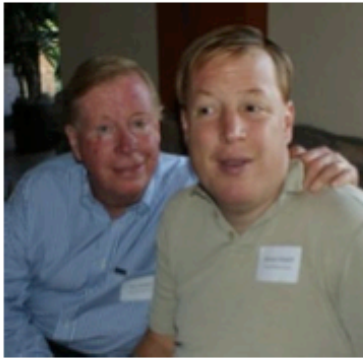


Through the San Diego Autism Teachers Fund, NFAR assists educators by providing for the specialized needs of their students with autism. Grants of up to \$1000 may be awarded for specialized educational programs, materials and equipment. The application period opens on August 15 and grants will be awarded in October for the 2008/2009 school year.

For more information and to download the application, visit www.NFAR.org



Poway Man with Autism Named Top Fundraiser



Poway resident Michael Alhadeff was honored at NFAR's Celebration Dinner for raising a record \$19,000. While raising funds of this magnitude would be a challenge for anyone, it is even more remarkable considering that Michael is an adult with autism.

Michael was inspired to get involved with the Race for Autism both due to the physical challenge of the 5K Race and because he hoped to "help

people with autism like me."

Michael began by making a few phone calls, which was a huge step for him and actually caused his mother to cry. He also wrote a letter asking for donations that was mailed to family and friends. And in only 25 days, Michael raised more than any other individual fundraiser has done for the Race!

Michael has been such an inspiration to us. NFAR is honored to have met Michael and his family and thank them for their drive and remarkable spirit.

[>> Click here to learn more about Michael](#)

NFAR Awards Grant to COMPASS Family Center



NFAR recently awarded project funding to the COMPASS Family Center for the research and development of an Adult Transition Program to help support young adults and their families as they

leave the public school system and transition to adult services.

Currently, the transition to adulthood is a complex and complicated process, and families often approach the secondary transition process with little information.

The objective of the COMPASS Family Center's Adult Transition Program is to help prepare families to successfully navigate the adult transition process. The NFAR grant will enable the COMPASS Family Center to host a series of instructional seminars covering IDEA guidelines and the roles of school districts, the Regional Center, and other adult provider agencies.

[>> Click here to learn more about NFAR Funded Project](#)

Interview Participants Requested



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Dr. Bonnie Kraemer, a professor in the Department of Special Education at San Diego State University, is currently looking for families with a child with Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) between the ages of 16 and 25 to participate in an interview as part of an Adult Transition Study.

The interview will take place in the family's home – or another location preferred by the family – and will last about 1.5 hours.

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The San Diego
Race for Autism
returns to Balboa Park

March 28, 2009



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