

THE MISSION OF THE DANIEL JORDAN FIDDLE FOUNDATION IS TO PROVIDE GRANTS TO PROGRAMS THAT ENRICH THE LIVES OF ADOLESCENTS AND ADULTS WITH AUTISTIC SPECTRUM DISORDER (ASD).

The Daniel Jordan Fiddle Foundation was inspired by the life of Danny Fiddle and the realization that there is a vast deficiency of residential, recreational, vocational and family oriented programs that benefit adolescents and adults with ASD.

The goal of The Daniel Jordan Fiddle Foundation is to honor the individuality of each person with ASD throughout his or her lifespan by creating opportunities for adolescents and adults to participate in the community that are suitable, stimulating and sustainable.



The Daniel Jordan Fiddle Foundation was established in January, 2000 at the suggestion of two dear friends who had the foresight to realize that our efforts as parents and the experiences we had during Danny's lifetime could create a legacy of change and hope for many others who encounter the challenges and joys of providing care and opportunities for their loved one with Autistic Spectrum Disorder (ASD). Since its inception, the talented and devoted trustees of the foundation have met nearly every month, around our kitchen table, with their sole focus to find the most outstanding programs for adolescents and adults with ASD and to



An integral part of The Daniel Jordan Fiddle Foundation's mission is to provide community outreach and education regarding the lifespan issues associated with ASD and this is accomplished through the foundation's involvement in community-based events.



Our guiding principle is that the opportunity for individuals with ASD to reach their fullest potential is an attainable goal.



The Board of Trustees of The Daniel Jordan Fiddle Foundation is committed to finding, developing and supporting exemplary programs for adolescents and adults with ASD through grant giving.

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encourage reputable service providers to develop new, innovative programs that benefit these individuals. To date, The Daniel Jordan Fiddle Foundation has awarded grants throughout the United States, starting with our first three grants in 2002 totaling \$22,009 to our roster of 2006 grantees totaling \$118,176, not including support of related community-based events.

The impressive growth in our grant giving endeavors and the establishment of an endowment fund to assure the future of the foundation is attributable to the prudent efforts of The Daniel Jordan Fiddle Foundation Board of Trustees. Each of our eleven trustees is responsible for supervising and visiting grantees and prospective grantees. Each of our eleven trustees is an ambassador who attends community-based events sponsored by our foundation and others. Each of our eleven trustees possess a heartfelt commitment to the cause with their sole compensation being the accomplishment of making the lives of adolescents and adults with ASD as wonderful as possible. Each of our eleven trustees will tell you that this is the greatest reward they could ever desire. To each of our eleven trustees, I extend my eternal gratitude for your untiring efforts and continuous devotion to our mission.

Linda

OUR MISSION

A LETTER FROM LINDA WALDER FIDDLE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

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ABOUT THE DANIEL JORDAN FIDDLE FOUNDATION 2006

THE HEARTSONG, INC. GRANT

The Daniel Jordan Fiddle Foundation awarded a \$15,000 grant for 15 adolescents with ASD to participate in art and music therapy programming for a year. The goal of the program is to enhance communication and socialization for the teens while encouraging appropriate behavior in a warm, creative environment. Currently in its 14th year, Heartsong serves more than 500 students in Westchester, New York.

THE UMDNJ AUTISM CENTER GRANT

A grant award of \$13,600 was made to The Autism Center at New Jersey Medical School for an innovative musical and educational outreach program to benefit adolescents and adults with autism. "Bridging the Gap" is the second phase of the program developed in 2004 by The Daniel Jordan Fiddle Foundation and Dr. Charles Cartwright, interim director of The Autism Center. The year-long program serves families in the greater Newark, NJ area.

THE AGAPE THERAPEUTIC RIDING CENTER GRANT

This program located in Cicero, Indiana exemplifies the power that equine therapy has to improve comprehension, listening skills and following directions for individuals with ASD. Agape will provide a week long summer adventure program for adolescents and young adults with ASD involving horseback riding, crafts, trail riding on a sensory integration track and barn activities with this grant of \$2058.

THE ZABOTA FOUNDATION GRANTS

Two separate grants were awarded to the Fair Lawn, New Jersey based Zabota Foundation. The first grant in the amount of \$8968. will create a new program entitled "Broadway-Step 1" that will focus on the needs of adults with ASD who require extensive supervision and support. The second grant in the amount of \$1560 will be used to teach community integration and socialization skills to adults with ASD who will go out into the community under the guidance of the program staff.

THE PRINCETON CHILD DEVELOPMENT INSTITUTE GRANT

A grant of \$22,000 was awarded to PCDI's Adult Life-Skills Program to provide specialized services to adults with autism so they can acquire the skills that are necessary to expand their employment options. Enhancing quality of life by increasing adults' participation in community recreation and leisure activities is also an important goal of the program. The program is located in Princeton, New Jersey.

THE NASSAU SUFFOLK SERVICES FOR AUTISM GRANT

Located in Levittown, NY, NSSA offers the most advanced treatment and training programs that meet the unique needs of individuals and families affected by ASD. The \$5000 grant will support a vocational training designed to prepare adolescents and adults with autism for successful integration into the community and workforce.



LIGHTS THAT SHINE: ALL-STATE LEGAL

Since 2002, All-State Legal led by Rob Busch, has been an extraordinary supporter of The Daniel Jordan Fiddle Foundation. In 2005, Rob and his talented team headed by Linda Mott, generously donated reproduction of our letterhead, mailing labels, envelopes and production of our newly designed brochure. The incredible generosity exemplified by Rob and All-State Legal is truly inspiring and we are eternally grateful.

DANNY'S SHINING STARS

The Daniel Jordan Fiddle Foundation is committed to creating volunteer opportunities for children and teens because we believe they are the guiding lights of our future. Recent *Danny's Shining Stars* include: Gregory Resnick, Spencer Sapienza, Brittany Rosenthal, Jill Lieberman, Robbie Helfman, Ava Fiddle, Ashley Fine, Zachary Ball and Nadia Nimberger. Please contact our office at 201-444-4141 so we can help you design a volunteer experience that will be enriching for you or your child.

GRANT RECIPIENTS

THE RUTGERS DOUGLASS DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES CENTER GRANTS

Two grants have been awarded to the Adult and Transitional Services division of The Douglass Developmental Disabilities Center located in New Brunswick, New Jersey. The first grant in the amount of \$4000 will provide funding for the continuation of a pilot program focused on increasing recreational skills for adolescents and adults with autism. The second grant is for \$1000 to fund the start-up costs for a cleaning service business that will employ adults from the center.

THE MELMARK, INC. GRANT

The Melmark School is the recipient of a \$10,000 grant to support a new Vocational Training Program for young adults with ASD. The goal of the program is to train and place the participants in paying jobs at the agency's 70-acre campus or nearby towns such as Newton Square or Paoli, The Melmark program is located in Berwyn, Pennsylvania.

THE WESTCHESTER JEWISH COMMUNITY SERVICES GRANT

This \$5000 grant will be awarded in 2006 to create "The Breakfast Club," a program that will serve adults 21+ with ASD who live or work in Westchester County, New York. "The Breakfast Club" will address the isolation issues that many adults with ASD experience and will allow for social learning and camaraderie among the participants.

THE CHILDREN'S ANNEX GRANT

A grant of \$5600 will be awarded in 2006 to help finance the production of an instructional DVD entitled, *Differently Abled*. The professionally produced DVD is aimed at building self-esteem, awareness and advocacy skills for adolescents and young adults with Asperger's Syndrome and High Functioning ASD.

THE NEW ENGLAND CENTER FOR CHILDREN GRANT

For students at the internationally recognized NECC, physical education is critical in fostering coordination, cooperation, independence and emotional balance. The Daniel Jordan Fiddle Foundation grant of \$7850 will support NECC's Adapted Physical Education and Learn to Swim Programs for adolescents who will participate in integrated settings in the local community. The program is located in Southborough, MA.

THE CREATIVE PERSPECTIVES, INC. AUTISM CENTER OF COLORADO GRANT

This innovative program entitled, Therapalooza, is a comprehensive, recreational after-school intervention curriculum developed for adolescents with ASD, ages 12 to 18. The program takes a holistic approach incorporating art, music, yoga, and therapeutic horseback riding and teaches skills and behaviors that can be implemented at home, in school and in the community. The \$8500 grant will provide access to the program for adolescents with ASD who have no other means of funding.

THE VSAARTS OF NEW JERSEY GRANT

VSAarts is the recipient of a \$6000 grant that will support inclusive, after-school art and music programming for adolescents with ASD and their peers from Edison High School's Peer Mediation Group. The program provides the opportunity for interaction between the mainstream high school students and the students with ASD emphasizing strengths and similarities and developing friendships based on mutual respect. The Daniel Jordan Fiddle Foundation and Vanessa Young, Executive Director of VSAarts developed the program in 2004.

COMMUNITY GRANTS

The Daniel Jordan Fiddle Foundation will award \$2000 to support community-based programs for adolescents and adults with Autistic Spectrum Disorder.



I (we) would like to support The Daniel Jordan Fiddle Foundation in the following category:

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EVENT PHOTOS



Left to Right: Diana L. Ross and Linda Walder Fiddle at "The Great American Kiss-Off" at Town & Country Apothecary.



Left to Right: Johanna Habib, Debbie Wisniewski, Assemblyman John Wisniewski, Donna Scancarella at the Wine & Cheese tasting event.



Left to Right: Linda Walder Fiddle and Jill Heller Fiddle at the Second Annual Best of Fall Event at On the ONE in Westchester, NY.



Left to Right: Gina and Tony Damiano, owners of Mango Jam and Linda Walder Fiddle at the Fourth Annual Holiday Shopping Event.

HOLD THESE DATES

WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 18TH, 2006

Third Annual On the ONE
Best of Fall Shopping Event
On the ONE, Mt. Kisco, New York

SUNDAY NOVEMBER 12TH, 2006

Fifth Annual Mango Jam
Holiday Shopping and Gift Giving Event
Mango Jam, Ridgewood, New Jersey



Left to Right: Trustees Jeff Walder, Steve Walder, Howard Fiddle, Steve Ball and Fred Fiddle discuss preparations for the Second Annual Daniel Jordan Fiddle Youth Kickoff Lacrosse Tournament.

CREATE AWARENESS

CREATE AWARENESS AND SUPPORT DJF PROGRAMS FOR ADOLESCENTS AND ADULTS.

Logo Awareness Bracelet (designed by Ava Fiddle)	\$2.00 each	Qty _____
Original Blessing Candle (white)	\$20.00 each	Qty _____
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Items may also be purchased on our website, www.djfiddlefoundation.org, on the Offerings page.



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