



Welcome/Bienvenidos

Letter from the Director/Carta Enviada por el Director



Dear SPIN supporters:

You've heard the saying "Time flies when you're having fun." Well, I say "Time flies when you are serving the community." SPIN is coming up on its tenth anniversary in 2010! We have come a long way and have a long way to go, and I look forward to the journey. On this "road less traveled," I have met some people who are doing great things for families, the environment, and our community. I would like to tell you about one such person, Lisa Renelle. I met Lisa in 2007 when she was hired as SPIN's fund developer. Lisa is a strong believer in giving back to the community. She spent fifteen years as a public school teacher and administrator, retiring from the profession in 2001. Currently she is a member of the Felton business association and the San Lorenzo Valley Women's Club. She was recently appointed by County Supervisor Mark Stone to serve on the Senior Commission for District Five, and, most importantly, she is a SPIN parent and SPIN's grant writer!

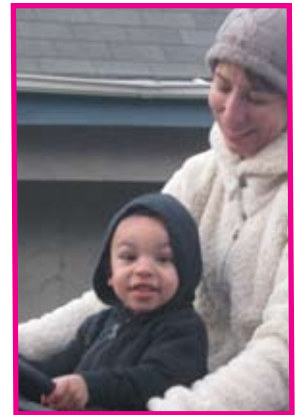
Lisa grew up in the mountains of Felton, in Santa Cruz County. She is the mother of three children, one of whom, Zack, was diagnosed with autism. You would not recognize Zack if you had met him five years ago. He has overcome many obstacles and has thrived in a "natural" freeing environment; now, at thirteen, he is doing amazingly well. Lisa wanted all her children to have the same experience of living close to the earth on a real farm as she did growing up, so in 2001 she began cultivating the beginnings of her dream. She started with a variety of animals, including horses, chickens, and Nigerian Dwarf goats. In 2008 her late father, Rudy Renelle, bought her a Kabota tractor so she could develop an organic farm. She has built both a grey- and rainwater collection system for flowers, landscaping, and lavender; and she has an area to compost manure. This year she began selling vegetables and fresh cage-free chicken eggs. In a short time she has developed a beautiful, peaceful, and educational environment.

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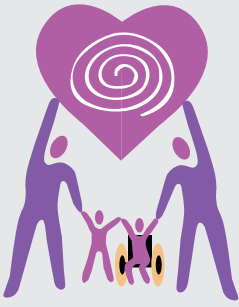
Usted ha oído el dicho "El Tiempo vuela cuando uno se divierte". Bien, pues yo digo "El Tiempo vuela cuando uno sirve a la comunidad". ¡SPIN se acerca a su décimo aniversario en el 2010! Hemos progresado y tenemos un largo camino que recorrer, y yo anticipo el viaje. En este "viaje sin carretera," he encontrado a algunas personas que hacen grandes cosas para las familias, para el ambiente, y para nuestra comunidad. Quiero contarles acerca de una de estas personas, Lisa Renelle. Conocí a Lisa en el 2007 cuando ella fue empleada como desarrolladora de fondos de SPIN. Lisa es creyente de que uno debe dar a la comunidad. Ella pasó quince años como una maestra de escuelas públicas y administradora, jubilándose de la profesión en el 2001. Actualmente ella es un miembro de la asociación de negocios de Felton y el Club de Mujeres del Valle de San Lorenzo. ¡Ella fue designada recientemente por el Supervisor del Condado Mark Stone para servir en la Comisión de Ancianos para el Distrito Cinco, y, más importante, ella es un padre de SPIN y escritora de las becas de SPIN!

Lisa creció en las montañas de Felton, en el Condado de Santa Cruz. Ella es la madre de tres niños, uno de quien, Zack, fue diagnosticado con autismo. Usted no reconocería a Zack si usted lo hubiera conocido hace cinco años. El ha vencido muchos obstáculos y ha prosperado en un ambiente libre "natural"; ahora, a los trece años, él esta asombrosamente bien. Lisa deseó que todo sus niños tuvieran la misma experiencia de vivir cerca a la tierra en una granja verdadera como ella hizo creciendo, así que en el 2001 ella empezó cultivando los principios de su sueño. Ella comenzó con una variedad de animales, incluyendo caballos, pollos, y cabras Enanas nigerianas. En 2008 su difunto padre, Rudy Renelle, le compró un tractor de Kabota para que ella pudiera desarrollar una granja orgánica. Ella ha construido un gris- y sistema de colección de agua de lluvia para las flores, para ajardinar, y para la lavanda; y ella tiene un

*...Nurturing
Special Kids'
Potential*



*...Nutriendo
el Potencial de
Niños Especiales*



Special Parents Information Network

SPIN is a nonprofit organization dedicated to providing support, information and training to the families and guardians of children with special needs.

Red de Información para Padres Especiales SPIN es una organización sin fin de lucro dedicada a proveer apoyo, información y entrenamiento para las familias y tutores de niños con necesidades especiales.

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Coming soon, in spring 2010, she will begin classes and day camps for kids and teens with all abilities and disabilities. Lisa's farm is called Rancho Rincon. The farm stand is open seasonally from April through October, on Fridays from 2 to 6 p.m., and on Saturdays and Sundays from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. It features seasonal organic vegetables, fruit, eggs, jam, English lavender, and flowers. The farm stand is located at 292 San Lorenzo Avenue in Felton. Rancho Rincon is a very special place, and I make excuses to go up there whenever I can; my grandson loves it! His favorites include tractor rides, sitting on the horses, catching and holding the chickens, and petting the goats. Children of all ages shouldn't miss this great experience.

For more information Para mas información

Contact Lisa

T: (831) 335-3403

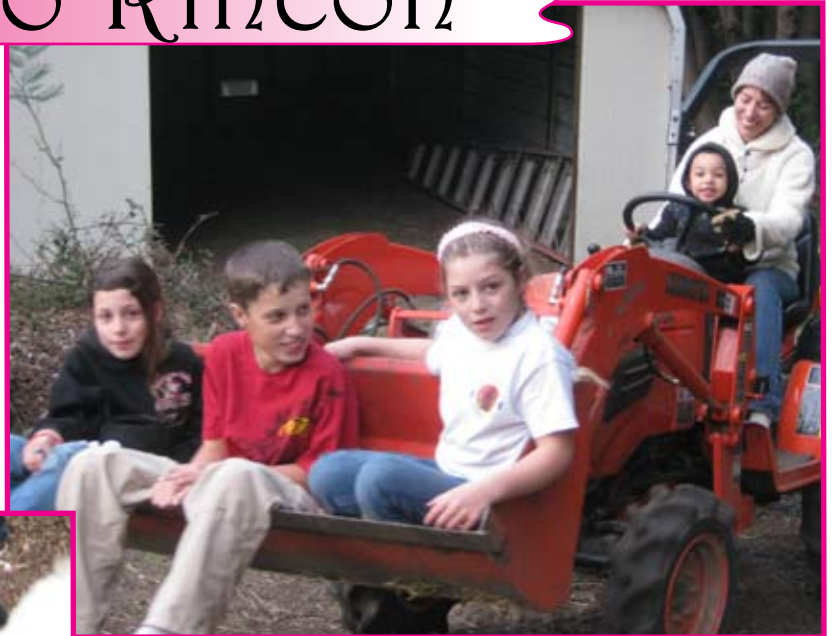
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área para mezclar abono y abonar la tierra. Este año ella empezó a vender verduras y huevos frescos de pollo (libres de jaula). En un tiempo corto ella ha desarrollado un hermoso, ambiente pacífico y educativo.

Muy pronto, en la primavera del 2010, ella empezará clases y campamentos de día para niños y jóvenes de todas las capacidades e incapacidades. La Granja de Lisa se llama Rancho Rincon. La granja está abierta la temporada de abril a octubre, los viernes de 2 a 6 de la tarde, y los sábados y domingos de 9 de la mañana a 6 de la tarde. En la granja pueden encontrar verduras orgánicas estacionales, frutas, huevos, mermelada, lavanda inglesa, y flores. La granja esta situada en 292 San Lorenzo Avenue en Felton. ¡Rancho Rincon es un lugar muy especial, y yo invento excusas para ir allí siempre que pueda; mi nieto lo adora! Sus actividades favoritas incluyen los paseos en tractor, sentándose en los caballos, agarrando y teniendo los pollos, y acariciar las cabras. Los niños de todas edades no deben perderse esta gran experiencia.

Rancho Rincon



New Board Member/Miembro Nuevo de la Mesa Directiva

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Hi, my name is **Melissa Scarpace**. I am really happy to be joining SPIN. I have been teaching special education for over 14 years and am a mother of two beautiful girls. My first experience with SPIN was about 8 years ago when my nephew was first entering high school. He has Tourette's syndrome and was struggling and depressed. My sister was desperate for answers on how she could help him. She lives in Livermore, California and couldn't find any active support groups or workshops. As we searched for information, we came across a support group through SPIN for parents with children who have Tourette's syndrome. At the time I was living in San Jose. My sister and I drove over the hill to attend the meetings. The support group was monumental for my sister and also my nephew. Today he is a happy, well adjusted young adult. That is why when the opportunity to be a part of SPIN arose, I jumped at the chance.

Hola, mi nombre es **Melissa Scarpace**. Estoy realmente feliz de unirme a SPIN. He estado enseñando educación especial por más de 14 años y soy madre de dos hermosas niñas. Mi primera experiencia con SPIN fue hace 8 años cuando mi sobrino entro a la preparatoria. El tiene el síndrome de Tourette y se encontraba luchando y deprimido. Mi hermana estaba desesperada por obtener respuestas en cómo ella lo podría ayudar. Ella vive en Livermore, California y no podía encontrar grupos de apoyo activos ni talleres. Mientras buscábamos información, nosotros encontramos un grupo de apoyo a través de SPIN para padres con niños que tienen el síndrome de Tourette. En aquel entonces yo vivía en San Jose. Mi hermana y yo manejamos hasta Santa Cruz para asistir a las reuniones. El grupo de apoyo fue monumental para mi hermana y también para mi sobrino. Hoy él es un joven adulto bien ajustado y feliz. Por eso cuando la oportunidad de ser parte de SPIN surgió, aproveché la oportunidad.



Save Money and Trees/Ahorrar dinero y árboles

Dear Friends,

We are trying to save money and trees, if you have e-mail please consider having your SPIN newsletter sent electronically through e-mail. Please e-mail Elizabeth, echavez@spinc.org to have your newsletter e-mailed instead of snail mailed. Thanks!

Queridos Amigos, Nosotros estamos tratando de ahorrar dinero y árboles, si usted tiene correo electrónico considere por favor recibir su boletín de SPIN electrónicamente por email. Por favor mande un correo electrónico a Elizabeth, echavez@spinc.org para que le enviemos su boletín por correo electrónico en vez de el correo postal. ¡Gracias!

We Want You— A CALL FOR BOARD MEMBERS

Would you like to give back to the community? Would you like to help families of kids with special needs & help SPIN become a stronger organization? If you want to serve on a dynamic & dedicated Board of Directors, then SPIN would like to talk to you. **SPIN's Board Retreat is January 30th, 2010** from 9am–2pm in Corralitos. **Please call Cece Pinheiro at 722-2800** for more details.

announcements/ anuncios

*Alone we can
do so little.
Together we can
do so much.*

HELEN KELLER



*Solos podemos
hacer poco.
Juntos podemos
hacer mucho.*

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SPIN Volunteers Wanted!

Human Race Committee.

We participate in this every year. We need committee members to help with this event every year. Next year's event. Sat. May 8, 2010. 9am-1pm. you can staff the SPIN booth and/or get pledges and walk yourself for SPIN. Contact Cece (831) 722-2800. One month commitment from middle of April to middle of May yearly.

Annual Awards Ceremony Committee.

Volunteers to help us with our Annual Awards ceremony every August; we need help with set up, break down, selling tickets, collecting tickets at the door, getting food and beverage donations and more.approx. 2 month commitment mid June to mid Aug. Contact Cece (831) 722-2800

QUIZ NIGHT Committee.

3-4 month commitment Dec./Jan.-March each year. Help create SPIN's biggest and finest fund raiser of the year. Help with getting prize donations, soliciting sponsors, creating program, making invitations, and much more. Contact Amanda (831) 459-0979

Letter Writing Committee.

2 one month commitments. Aug. & Jan. Help draft letters for donors and potential new board members, print, fold, stuff envelopes, stamp, etc. contact Cece (831) 722-2800

Newsletter Committee.

4x per year commitments, spring, summer, fall, winter. Help with graphic design, layout, article translation, soliciting paid ads, and much more, contact Cece (831) 722-2800

Bienaventuranzas—*Song/Canción de Chile*

Gracias a la Familia McCroskey por compartir esta canción tan emotiva con nosotros. La letra de la canción viene del poema "Bienaventuranzas de los ancianos" escrito por Eliezer Sálesman. Esta canción fue originalmente presentada para las familias de UNPADE (La Unión de padres de niños discapacitados en Pichilemu, Chile). Esperamos la disfruten. Pueden escuchar la canción y obtener más canciones e información sobre la familia McCroskey y su música en la página de Internet www.mccroskeymusic.com. Esta canción es el número 22 en el CD "PARA CHILE, CON AMOR."

CANTANTES—JOY McCROSKEY, MAGDALENA MARTÍNEZ Y JESSICA ANDERSON

Bienaventurados los que comprenden mi extraño paso al caminar y mis manos torpes
Bienaventurados todos los que saben que mis oídos tienen que esforzarse para comprender
lo que oyen

Bienaventurados los que comprenden que aunque mis ojos brillan mi mente es lenta
Bienaventurados los que con una sonrisa en los labios me estimulan a tratar una vez más
(una y otra vez más)

Bienaventurados los que nunca me recuerdan que hice hoy dos veces la misma pregunta
Bienaventurados los que comprenden que me es difícil convertir en palabras mis pensamientos

Bienaventurados los que me escuchan, pues yo también tengo algo que decir
Bienaventurados los que saben lo que siente mi corazón aunque no pueda expresarlo

Bienaventurados los que me respetan y me aman como soy, tan solo como soy y no como ellos
quisieran que fuera

Bienaventurados los que me ayudan en mi peregrinar hacia la casa del Padre Celestial



Monterey Bay Day of Discovery

On Wednesday August 26th some SPIN families had the opportunity to take part in The Day of Discovery at The Monterey Bay Aquarium. This event enables children with special needs to experience surface scuba diving. It was a beautiful day on the bay and the participants had a blast exploring the tide pools with their buddies.

Thank you to Marv Tuttle, The VMC Foundation and all the wonderful volunteers that made this event possible.

Emiércoles 26 de agosto algunas familias de SPIN tuvieron la oportunidad de tomar parte en El Día de Descubrimiento en El Acuario de la Bahía de Monterey. Este acontecimiento permite a niños con necesidades especiales a experimentar el submarinismo de superficie. Fue un día hermoso en la bahía y los participantes se divertieron explorando la marea con sus cuates.

Gracias a Marv Tuttle, La Fundación VMC y todos los voluntarios maravillosos que hicieron este acontecimiento posible.

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Three ways to register or volunteer:

Call SPIN at 423-7713 (Sonia or Nancy)

Mail completed form to SPIN at P.O. Box 2367, Santa Cruz, CA, 95063-2367

Visit us online at: www.spin.org or email us questions or forms at: splogeman@spin.org or nwinans@spin.org

Saturday, April 24th from 1:00 - 4:00 pm
New Brighton Middle School Performing Arts Center
 250 Washburn Avenue, Capitola, CA 95010

Come celebrate our children's unique talents, interests, and activities in a Hollywood Gala style family event featuring—

Open House/Art Show/Sharing/Talent show with

RECEPTION/SHARING: Enjoy music and refreshments while children showcase whatever they want to share about themselves including:

- ◆ Collections – cars, dinosaurs, stuffed animals, pokemon cards, etc.
- ◆ Art of any type – hand crafts, paintings, photos, sewing, etc.
- ◆ Science projects, or various projects – stories, poems, maps, posters, models, legos, etc.
- ◆ Photos, albums, scrapbooks or displays – “what I love to do” or “my favorite things, places”
- ◆ Demos – “how to” finger knit, plant seeds, draw a bird, do x tables, tie a shoe, etc.

SHOW TIME: Cheer on our children (with a support ‘buddy’ if they like) as they:

- ◆ Perform (sing, dance, play music, recite a poem, do a skit, whistle, tell jokes, etc.)
- ◆ Demonstrate a skill (hop, count by 2, do aikido or gymnastic moves, card or magic tricks, etc.)



Tentative Deadline to pre-register is March 31st
 Space is limited so register early!

NOTE: After completed form received, registered participants will be contacted with more details

Please fill out the form below to pre-register your child and/or to volunteer:

Child's name	Parent name
Email	Phone
Child's age	Buddy's name: (if your child will need help onstage)

To make this event a success, we need your help!

For Volunteer Support: Please check off the boxes you might help with:

Prior to event

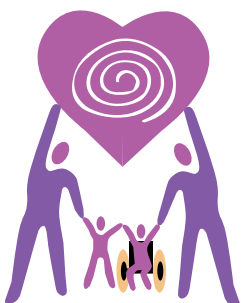
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Help with overall event organization | <input type="checkbox"/> Organize a group act or table for _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Poster or flyer creation | <input type="checkbox"/> Circulating flyers and registration forms |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Donations requests sent out/procured | <input type="checkbox"/> Recruit volunteers |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Decoration making or procurement | <input type="checkbox"/> Phone calling <input type="checkbox"/> Publicity <input type="checkbox"/> Make signs |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Collect/pick-up materials, supplies, decorations, etc. | |

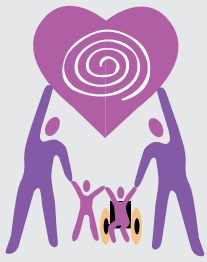
Day of event:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Set-up sharing tables, chairs, stage area | <input type="checkbox"/> Set-up food tables & refreshments |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Set-up decorations | <input type="checkbox"/> Monitor and re-fill refreshments |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Put up signs | <input type="checkbox"/> Clean-up |

Donations Accepted:

- I would like to offer a monetary donation of \$ _____
- I can offer donations of (circle which item)
 money, decorations, supplies, food, other _____





**Special Parents
Information Network**

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Fax: (831)722-2580

No. Santa Cruz Co Office
740 Front Street, Suite 175
Santa Cruz, Ca 95060
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San Benito Co Office
P.O Box 2367
Santa Cruz, Ca 95063
E-mail: msandoval@spinsc.org

MARK YOUR CALENDAR— Support Group Meetings

Autism/Aspergers Support Group Meeting—

Meetings will be held the first Tuesday of each month at 7:30 p.m. at the Porter Memorial Library in Soquel, at 3050 Porter Street.

This group will be a place to exchange ideas, make friends and be around others who understand the feelings and unique challenges that accompany raising a child on the Autism spectrum.

For more information or to be placed on the email list, contact cecilyruttberg@gmail.com. No RSVP necessary. Just show up!

Next meetings will be Jan. 5th, Feb 2nd, March 2nd 2010

Please remember to check out the SPIN website:
¡Recuerde visitar el sitio Web de SPIN:

www.spinsc.org

SPIN All Disabilities Parent Support Group Meetings—

NEW! Meets the 3rd Sunday of each month, 2:00-4:00 (RSVP or drop in) at Sutter Maternity and Surgery Center 2900 Chanticleer Avenue, Santa Cruz

NEW Format!— be sure to check SPIN website for up-to-date info about meetings

Jan. 17th- Special Topic:
Neurobehavioral Disabilities (TS/OCD/ADHD/AS/SID/Bi-polar)

Feb. 21st- Support Training for Mentors & Buddy Parents

Mar. 21st- Special Supports and Resources for Special Needs Parents

April 18th- All Disabilities:
Sharing our Special Ed stories

NOTE: Child care will not be provided at these meetings /no children at SMSC
To RSVP or for more info, email Nancy at nwinans@spinsc.org call 423-7713.

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