SPIN Special Parents Information Network
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Serving Families of Children with Special Needs • Sirviendo Familias con Necesidades Especiales

Welcome/Bienvenidos

Letter from the Director/Carta Enviada por el Director

Dear Friends,

On August 25, 2012 we had our 5th Annual Community Spinner Awards; we honored many of you in our community who do so much for our families with special needs children and those who support the good work of SPIN. It was a huge success. We were very honored to have so many of the electeds in attendance; I think this was a record! Mark Stone from the County Board of supervisors and candidate for Assembly or Assemblyman elect as I like to say, by the time you read this he will be our newest Assemblyman, Watsonville City Councilman Daniel Dodge, Mayor of the City of Santa Cruz Don Lane and from Assemblyman Bill Monnings office Adam Spickler all handing out the Senate & Assembly Certificates and City and County proclamations to our winners.

I then personally handed Mark Stone his SPIN award for elected official of the year. Mark has attended every Quiz Nite for the past 7 years and even sat at the winning table one year, and he has promised to continue to advocate for the disabilities community in Sacramento as he has done here in Santa Cruz County. I believe he will make a great Assemblyman and now we will finally have an assemblyman in person at Quiz Nite. Also in attendance, our tireless SPIN board of Directors & Advisory Board, who provided the wonderful food! Special thanks to our volunteers, SPIN staff members Elizabeth Chavez, Sonia Plageman, Jorge Bru, Ricardo Cornejo, and tireless volunteers Dan Haifley & board member Rose Walsh's daughter Teresa & Sally for all their help.

We were excited to have Tracy Parker and Patti Maxine perform for the first time just for us. It was a beautiful afternoon with great friends that really care about SPIN. It was truly inspirational.

Queridos Amigos,

El 25 de agosto del 2012 tuvimos nuestra quinta celebración anual de los Premios Community Spinner-Los Afortunados 8; honoramos a muchos de ustedes en nuestra comunidad que hacen mucho por nuestras familias con niños con necesidades especiales y todos aquellos que apoyan el buen trabajo de SPIN. Fue un gran éxito. Fuimos honorados en tener a tantos electorados en asistencia; Creo que fue un record! Mark Stone de la Mesa Directiva de Supervisores del Condado y candidato para la Asamblea o el Asambleísta elegido como a mí me gusta decirle, cuando usted lea esto él será nuestro nuevo Asambleísta, Concejal de la Ciudad de Watsonville Daniel Dodge, el Alcalde de la Ciudad de Santa Cruz Don Lane y de la oficina del Asambleísta Bill Monning Adam Spickler todos repartiendo Certificados del Senado y de la Asamblea y proclamaciones de la Ciudad y del Condado a nuestros ganadores.

Yo entonces entregué personalmente a Mark Stone su premio de SPIN por el funcionario elegido del año. Mark ha asistido a cada Quiz Nite durante los últimos 7 años e incluso se sentó en la mesa ganadora un año, y él ha prometido continuar abogando por la comunidad de incapacidades en Sacramento como ha hecho aquí en el Condado de Santa Cruz. Creo que hará a un gran Asambleísta y ahora nosotros finalmente tendremos a un asambleísta en persona en Quiz Nite. ¡También en asistencia estuvo, nuestra incansable mesa directiva de SPIN y mesa consultiva, que proporcionó la deliciosa comida! Gracias en especial a nuestros voluntarios, empleados de SPIN Elizabeth Chavez, Sonia Plageman, Jorge Bru, Ricardo Cornejo, Y nuestros incansables voluntarios Dan Haifley, Teresa hija del miembro de la mesa directiva Rose Walsh y Sally por toda su ayuda.

Fue emocionante tener a Tracy Parker y Patti Maxine realizar por primera vez su acto musical sólo para

…Nurturing Special Kids' Potential

…Nutriendo el Potencial de Niños Especiales

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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 ninos con necesidades especiales.

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Ricardo Cornejo, *Parent Support & Training Coordinator*

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Our Lucky 8 winners for 2012 are:

Business:
Caroline's Thrift Store/Christy Licker

Educator:
Micki Witzig

Volunteer:
Tim Loomis

Disability Service Provider:
Special Connections/Leslie Burnham

Medical Professional:
Jane Driscoll

Parent:
Rose Walsh

Recreational Program:
Adaptive Yoga Project/Annica Rose

Elected Official:
Mark Stone

nosotros. Fue una hermosa tarde con grandes amigos que tienen un gran interés en SPIN. Fue sinceramente inspirador.

Y los 8 afortunados ganadores del 2012 fueron:

Negocio:
Caroline's Thrift Store/Christy Licker

Educador:
Micki Witzig

Voluntario:
Tim Loomis

Proveedor de Servicios de Incapacidad:
Special Connections/Leslie Burnham

Profesional Medico:
Jane Driscoll

Padre:
Rose Walsh

Programa Recreativo:
Adaptive Yoga Project/Annica Rose

Funcionario Elegido:
Mark Stone

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Awards 2012

SPIN Awards 2012

L-R Annica Rose, Leslie Burnham, Adam Spickler, Cece Pinheiro, Rose Walsh, Christe Licker, Mark Stone, Micki Witzig, Jane Driscoll, Don Lane

Welcome to New Board Member/Bienvenido a Miembro Nuevo de la Mesa Directiva

Kris Neustadter

I am very excited to be part of the SPIN Board. My background is in education. I have been a high school special education teacher for over 20 years. I am currently the Special Education Coordinator at Delta Charter High on the Cabrillo campus. I have teaching credentials in special education, social studies, and English and my master's degree in Educational Leadership. I live on the West Side of Santa Cruz with my husband, 2 dogs, and a cat. I love working with kids and families to support learning and success.

Estoy muy emocionada de formar parte de la Mesa Directiva de SPIN. Mi experiencia está en la educación. He sido una maestra de preparatoria de educación especial por más de 20 años. Soy actualmente la Coordinadora de Educación Especial en la Preparatoria Delta Charter en el campus de Cabrillo. Tengo credenciales para enseñar Educación Especial, estudios sociales, e inglés y mi maestría en Liderazgo Educativo. Vivo en la Zona del oeste de Santa Cruz con mi marido, mis 2 perros, y con un gato. Adoro trabajar con niños y familias para apoyar el aprendizaje y el éxito

Get/Give support! — ¡Reciba/De Apoyo!

By Nancy Winans

Get/Give support! Fill out a form and get added to our buddy/mentor database. You can then: Request a Mentor (someone who is a little 'further down the road' in parenting a child with your child's same disability) OR get connected to a "Buddy" (another parent who is going through similar challenges) OR offer to be in our mentor database (if willing to speak to another parent, as requested.) It may even be possible to have your child get connected to a child buddy! You can also find support from other parents and staff at our Parent Support Groups – view current groups at the SPIN Website: go to http://www.spinsc.org and select 'support groups' bar. For mentor/buddy forms, support group info, or other support questions, contact any SPIN office. Want to connect immediately? Join our SPIN Online Yahoo Discussion Group: go to the yahoo groups directory page at http://dir.groups.yahoo.com/dir/ then Search for 'spinsc' and then click on 'join this group' and follow the directions. If you have any other questions about parent-to-parent support, email nwinans@spinsc.org or leave a message at 423-7713.

¡Reciba/De Apoyo! Llene una forma y sea añadido a nuestra base de datos de Compañero/mentor. Puede entonces: Solicitar un Mentor (alguien que va un poco más adelante del camino de criar un niño con la misma incapacidad de su niño) O ser conectado con un "Compañero" (otro padre que atraviesa desafíos semejantes) O esté dispuesto a estar en nuestra base de datos de mentor (si está dispuesto a hablar con otro padre, como sea solicitado). ¡También puede ser posible conectar a su niño con otro compañerito! Usted también puede encontrar apoyo de otros padres y empleados en nuestros Grupos de Apoyo de Padres- Vea los grupos actuales en el Sitio web de SPIN: vaya a http://www.spinsc.org y seleccione la barra de "grupos de apoyo". Para obtener formas de mentor/compañero, información de los grupos de apoyo, u otras preguntas de apoyo, contacte cualquier oficina de SPIN. Para el Programa de Mentores contacte a Jorge Bru al (831) 722-2800.

We Want You—Now! 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. **Please call Cece Pinheiro at 722-2800** for more details.

Website Announcement

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

www.spinsc.org

for the latest on activities, events, support groups, and more! ***para lo último en actividades, talleres, grupos de apoyo, y más!***

Shadowbrook Fundraiser

Shadowbrook
A Special Occasion Since 1947

PLEASE SAVE THE NIGHT OF

DECEMBER 18TH, 2012

For dinner with friends and supporters of SPIN at the Shadowbrook Restaurant; Wharf & Capitola Roads in Capitola-by-the-Sea

Call Shadowbrook at 475-1511 to make your reservations.
Be sure to say you're dining for SPIN!

Mark your 2013 calendars now!

Quiz Nite 2013

Saturday, March 9, 2013

5:00pm-10:00pm
Holy Cross Parish Hall
170 High St., Santa Cruz, CA

Bring your smarts and competitive spirit for an evening of trivia, great food and an opportunity to bid on some fabulous silent and live auction items with Celebrity MC Lex VandenBerghe!

Tickets: $75 to $100 per person
(Tables of 10 people) and include a buffet dinner, by Master Chef Adam Beckett, dessert and wine.

Reservations are Required.
For more information or to make reservations call Cece @ SPIN at: (831) 722-2800

Please support the **SPIN CHALLENGE** and **BRING A FRIEND!**

SPIN CHALLENGE: SPIN loves Quiz Night and we know you our long time supporters love Quiz Night. This year we would like to CHALLENGE our supporters to BRING A FRIEND or 2 or 3 or MORE to QUIZ NIGHT 2013. This is our 13th year of supporting special parents and we want to keep up the good work. This year we are changing to a sliding scale $75 to $100 per person so that more people can come and join in the FUN!

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

Helen Keller

Solos podemos hacer poco. Juntos podemos hacer mucho.

Helen Keller

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WATSU/JAHARA Therapy:

WATSU (Water Shiatsu) involves neuromuscular reduction, by utilizing gentle mobilization of join and soft tissue. The Client is continuously supported while being floated and gently stretched in thermo neutral water.

JAHARA technique emphasizes gentle head traction, neutral spine position and passive range of motion. It promotes parasympathetic nervous response, which leads to a relaxed state and decreased muscle guarding.

Session cost: Donations accepted
Session length: up to 45 min. (tolerance level)
Days: Tuesdays & Thursdays
Times: Between 1pm and 2:20pm
Location: Duncan Holbert Pool, 130 Herman Ave., Watsonville, CA 95076
Contact: Jane Barton, WMPT at (831) 663-0653

SPIN Awards 2012

L--R Christie Licker, Cece Pinheiro, Dan Dodge, Mark Stone, Don Lane

Donors/Donantes

Carla Miller
CeCe Pinheiro 4 Santa Cruz Council Campaign
Elissa Canepa/ Blue Moon Clothing Santa Cruz
Frank Nigro, III
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Madelyn McCaul
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Sisters of Providence/ Sister Susanne Gallagher
Teresa Marlow
Watsonville Womans Club Foundation
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SPIN Awards

Top photo:
Cece Pinheiro &
Adam Spickler

Photo below :
Patti Maxine &
Tracie Parker

Standing L-R: Carla Miller, Mark Stone,
Cece Pinheiro, Rebecca & Dan Haifley
Kids in Chairs: Brandon Miller & Julia Haifley

Cece Pinheiro &
Jane Driscoll

Back row: L-R
Andrea Casella &
Teresa Marlow

Front Row:
Jorge Bru &
Ricardo Cornejo

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Upcoming News—
MARK YOUR CALENDAR

SPIN Support Groups—

1. **SPIN All Disabilities Parent Support Group**
   Join the group for special speakers and topics, as well as receive informational and emotional support from other parents

   Call Nancy at 423-7713 or email nwinans@spinsc.org for more info.

2. **Autism/ Asperger Support Group**
   We are setting up this group for the year. If you would like to help facilitate this group or to receive email reminders about the meetings, please contact Nancy Winans at nwinans@spinsc.org and provide your name and email address.

3. **Grupo de Apoyo de Síndrome Down**
   Es usted padre de un hijo/a con Síndrome de Down? Quiere conocer otros padres, compartir sus experiencias, saber de nuevos recursos. Quiere recibir apoyo de personas que entienden su situación entonces venga a nuestras juntas y haga nuevos amigos.

   Llame a Jorge Bru al (831) 722-2800 para más información.

4. **San Benito Parent Support Group**
   If Parents are interested in The San Benito County Support Group; please contact Ricardo Cornejo at (831) 722-2800 or rcornejo@spinsc.org for info.

5. **SPIN Online Support Group**
   This group is open only to parents or family members in the Santa Cruz and San Benito counties of Central California.
   To participate, go to this webpage:
   http://groups.yahoo.com/group/spinsc

   Follow the directions to join. Be sure to tell us your first and last name; city where you reside, and child's disability. This is to protect our group and keep it local. Your information will be kept confidential by the moderator. The more who join the more people who can give and receive support!
   Our group email is: spinsc@yahoogroups.com
   Contact Nancy Winans at 423-7713 or nwinans@spinsc.org for more info.

Upcoming Workshops

1. **Dec. 8, 2012 - Q & A panel discussion:**
   IEP Clinic in Hollister contact Ricardo for more info. Or to register at (831) 406-9030
2. **Jan. 2013 – Relationships Workshop:**
   Keeping families and partnerships together while parenting Special Needs children. In Santa Cruz
3. **Feb. 4, 2013 – Conservatorship Workshop in Hollister.** Contact Ricardo for more information or to register at (831) 406-9030

SPIN is a member of "CAFEC" – The California Association of FamilyEmpowerment Centers on Disability – www.cafec.org

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