

# ASNEWS

## The Autism Society of Northeast Wisconsin

August-September 2007

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### CALENDAR OF EVENTS

◆ ASNEW Meeting

Tuesday, August 21, 2007@6:00PM CP Center

Meeting topics: Back to School, Autism Awareness Walk and a special presentation by Paragon--"The PAC"

◆ Autism Awareness Walk

Saturday, September 22, 2007@8:30AM, Green Isle Park, Allouez (Green Bay).

◆ ASNEW Meeting

Tuesday, October 16, 2007@6:00PM CP Center

Meeting topic: To Be Announced

### Miracle League "Big Hit" for Kids With Autism!

The year 2007 will be fondly remembered by the boys (and girls) of summer as they participated in the second season of baseball with the Allouez Optimists Miracle League of Green Bay. The Miracle League provides an opportunity for children with any challenge, ages 4 to 19, to play baseball as a member of an organized team. Founded in 2006 by Paul Liegeois with just six teams, the League has grown to ten teams in 2007.

The beginning of the season was very exciting with the dedication of the Resch Miracle Field and Favre Family Miracle Recreation Areas on Saturday, June 16, 2007. These state-of-the-art facilities boast a soft, forgiving, playing surface for the ball diamond, and accessible restrooms and playground areas.

Many players with autism participated this summer. By the smiles on their faces, one could tell they enjoyed the

experience. Each player is matched with a "buddy" who adjusts the level of assistance to that specific players' needs. Friendships made and self-confidence gained are just a couple of the fringe benefits of the Miracle League!

### AUTISM AWARENESS WALK

**Saturday, September 22, 2007**

**Green Isle Park, Allouez**

As many ASNEW members may already know, our chapter will be sponsoring an Autism Awareness Walk. Co-chairpersons of the event Michelle Charlier and Mary Rinehart report that the planning for the 2-mile walk is progressing well. The walk will begin in Green Isle Park in Allouez and follow the Resch Trail. Along with the walk, a number of informational booths will be available for viewing. The walk will begin at 8:30 AM with registration and check-in planned from 7:30-8:30 AM. Entry fees will be \$15 for individuals and a \$30 fee for a family of 3-5 members. All pre-registered participants will receive a T-shirt! So save yourself \$5.00 and make sure you register before September 7, 2007. You can request a registration form by calling (920) 497-1212 and leaving a message with your name and address. A number of fun family activities have also been planned to make it an exciting entertaining day!

If you would rather volunteer than walk, please come to the ASNEW meeting, Tuesday, August 21st Meeting at 6:00PM at the CP Center!

### The Bracelets are coming!

Soon you will be able to buy your very own ASNEW Autism Bracelet! Handcrafted with care it will make a stunning addition to anyone's jewelry collection. **The collection is slated to premier at the Autism Awareness Walk on September 22!**

