

## “Cookies and Cocoa with Santa” for Children with Special Needs and their Families

Saturday, December 2nd

1:00 – 4:00 p.m.

**NEW LOCATION:**

**Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, 7000 Creedmoor Road, Raleigh**



**Family Support Network of Wake County** and the **North Raleigh Rotary Club** are getting ready for our 10<sup>th</sup> annual holiday event. FSN/WC sponsors this holiday event every year for families who have children with special needs.

We have found in the past that a private breakfast helps alleviate some of the stress around the holidays. It is a time when the entire family—children with special needs, their siblings, and mom and dad—can come to see Santa and have fun.

There will be no need to take your children to the mall and worry that all the stimulation will make them overreact and most of all, no need to worry if the people around you will understand your child.

Families will be able to come and have treats, make crafts, play games, visit with Santa, receive a gift, and have their picture taken with Santa. We have more cameras and printers this year so hopefully the line will go quickly. We will have volunteers available to take children to make crafts and play games so that moms and dads will be able to relax and know that their children are understood and loved by all.

Please join us on Saturday, December 2nd from 1:00 – 4:00 p.m. at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church for “Cookies and Cocoa with Santa”. We have changed the location to a more accessible building and over 300 parking spots! See page 4 for a map and directions. The event is free. No reservations are required.



## Support FSN of Wake County

Family Support Network of Wake County provides services to many families during the year, ranging from Support Parent matching, information and resources, social events, support groups, quarterly newsletters, parent list-serve, parent information packets, and more. All of these services are absolutely free to families; however, as I’m sure you all know, these services do have a cost to our program. If you have received services in the past or are a supporter of FSN/WC, would you please find it in your heart to make a tax-deductible donation to our program?

There are several ways to do this. You can send in a one-time donation or pledge to donate \$10, \$15, or more per month. FSN will send you a addressed, postage-paid envelope monthly for your convenience in remitting your pledge.

Please help us continue to offer all of the things we do to families of children with special needs.

Family Support Network  
*Executive Board of Directors*

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# Events/Support Groups/Parent Meetings

Please visit our website at [www.familysupportonline.com](http://www.familysupportonline.com) for weekly updated calendar listings

## FSNWake Yahoo Group

FSNWake is a parents-only email group for families. The listserv is a great place to commune with other parents of children with special needs in this area. To join, send an email to [FSNWake-subscribe@yahoogroups.com](mailto:FSNWake-subscribe@yahoogroups.com).

## Able to Serve



Friday Night Respite for children and adults with mental and physical disabilities, Computer Ministry and Sibling Support Group. For more information, contact Carlton McDaniel at (919) 779-5545 or visit their website at [www.abletoserve.com](http://www.abletoserve.com).

## Assistive Technology Expo

11/30-12/1/06—"Assistive Technology for Life." North Raleigh Hilton, Raleigh. For more information call (919) 872-2298 or visit [www.pat.org](http://www.pat.org).

## Autism Society of North Carolina

11/29/06—Advocacy Workshop. Autism information for families of newly diagnosed children. 10:00 a.m.—Noon. Childcare will not be available. To register contact Linda Griffin at (919) 743-0204 or [lgriffin@autismsociety-nc.org](mailto:lgriffin@autismsociety-nc.org).

## Cerebral Palsy Support Group

The group meets on the 2nd Tuesday of each month from 7:00-8:30 p.m. at The Village Deli at Cameron Village. For more information, contact Rachel Pack at (919) 319-0286 or [Onetdrop@aol.com](mailto:Onetdrop@aol.com).



12/12/06 & 1/9/07—Meetings

## The Coffeehouse

For teens and adults with special needs.

12/8/06—Dinner at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, 7000 Creedmoor Road, Raleigh. 6:30—9:00 p.m. For more information, contact Wendy Voigt at (919) 848-1573.

## Raleigh Parks and Recreation

Offers social clubs for teens and adults with special needs and specialized recreational activities for ages 4 and up. Visit [www.parks.raleighnc.gov](http://www.parks.raleighnc.gov) for information. Raleigh Parks and Recreation also offers **Sibling Workshops** for children ages 6-12 who have a sibling with developmental disabilities. For more information on activities, contact Jennifer Tabery at (919) 831-6640, ext. 6848 or [Jennifer.Tabery@ci.raleigh.nc.us](mailto:Jennifer.Tabery@ci.raleigh.nc.us).

12/15/06—Holiday Dance, 7:00—9:30 p.m. at Carolina Pines Community Center. \$5.00.

1/26/07—Snowflake Ball, 7:00—9:30 p.m. at Cary Academy. \$5.00.



## Special Blessings

Special Blessings is a non-profit organization for children and adults with disabilities and their families. Offers support group meetings and Playgroups which meets for activities. For more information contact Mary@ (919) 873-1631, Roxanne @ (919) 366-9589, email [blessings202@yahoo.com](mailto:blessings202@yahoo.com) or visit their website at [www.rccchurch.org](http://www.rccchurch.org).

12/16/06—Christmas Party, 1:00—3:00 p.m. Lunch followed by a Birthday party for Jesus. Must sign up by 12/8/06.

## "Teen to Adulthood"

Parent group that is dedicated to helping parents understand transition services and issues for teens and young adults with disabilities.

Meetings are scheduled every second Saturday of the month September through May, from 9:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. at Millbrook Exchange Community Center, 1905 Spring Forest Road, Raleigh. Refreshments are provided. For more information, contact Kathy Honeyman at (919) 878-3239 or [honeymank@earthlink.net](mailto:honeymank@earthlink.net).

12/9/06—"On the Job Training"  
1/13/07—"Housing: Not Just Group Homes."

## Triangle Down Syndrome Network

Offers monthly Mom's Night Out. For more information, visit their website at [www.triangledownsndrome.org](http://www.triangledownsndrome.org) or call the TDSN info line at (919) 788-3646.

## 12/1/06—Fall Harvest Dance

7:00—10:00 p.m. For all special needs students ages 10 and over, Teens and adults. White Plains Methodist Church, Cary



## Wake County Autism Society

Offers Support Group meetings, Father's Group, Mom's Night Out, Sibling Support Group and newly-diagnosed information workshops for parents. For more information, visit their website at [www.wakecountyautismsociety.org](http://www.wakecountyautismsociety.org).

## Wake County Special Education PTA (SEPTA)

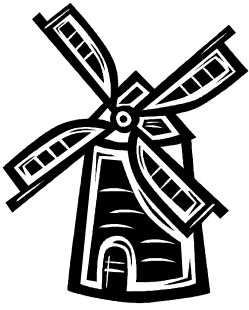
SEPTA is for all parents of children with IEPs, from preschool through high school and educators who work with them. For membership information, consult their website at [www.WakeSEPTA.org](http://www.WakeSEPTA.org), leave a message at (919) 788-2500, or email [info@WakeSEPTA.org](mailto:info@WakeSEPTA.org)

1/25/07—General Membership meeting. 7:00—9:00 p.m. at Nationwide Insurance Building, 4401 Creedmoor Road, Raleigh.

## IDEA Regulations Released

On August 14, the U.S. Department of Education released the final regulations for the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA), as amended in 2004. The regulations can be viewed at [www.edpubs.org](http://www.edpubs.org).





# “Holland Tour Group” Gatherings

*Brooks Avenue Church of Christ  
700 Brooks Ave., Raleigh*

Based on the “Welcome to Holland” story, these parent gatherings are designed to bring together families of children with special needs for information, sharing, and social time. Meetings are held on the 3rd Tuesday of every month.

6:30 – 7:00 p.m. Dinner and social time—bring a sandwich, and we’ll provide drinks and dessert  
7:00 – 8:00 p.m. Speaker and Wrap up (7:00—8:00 p.m.)

- 1/16/07 “But my child has to go to the doctor and therapy!” **Employers that understand the family dynamics and needs of having a child with special needs.**
- 2/6/07 **Mom’s Night Out** – Watch Web page for time and location.
- 2/20/07 **Therapeutic Services/ Augmentative Communication**—presented by Laura Lewis
- 3/20/07 “The future is coming much faster than I thought!” - **Future Planning** with Sean Godwin from The Piedmont Carolinas Group, LLC.
- 4/17/07 **IDEA Reauthorization** – The New Regulations
- 5/15/07 **Sensory Integration/Apraxia/Dyspraxia**

Free on-site childcare is available at all meetings (except the 2/6 meeting). For more information or to reserve child care, please contact Sara at (919) 662-4600, ext. 257 or [sara@familysupportonline.com](mailto:sara@familysupportonline.com).



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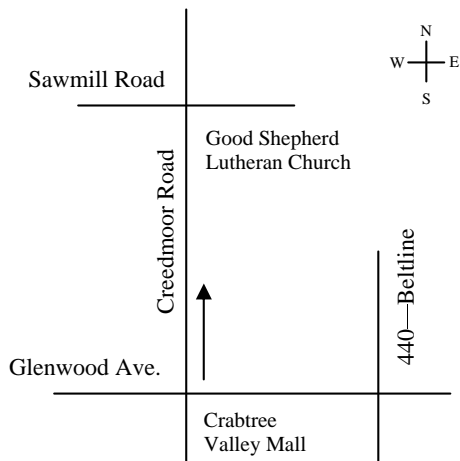
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## Directions to Cookies and Cocoa

From Glenwood Ave. (Rt. 70) - turn north onto Creedmoor Road (Rt. 50 North) at Crabtree Valley Mall. Travel approximately 2.5 miles. Good Shepherd is on the right at the intersections of Creedmoor and Sawmill Roads. (Map is not to scale).



## Leo Croghan Conference on Developmental Disabilities

December 4, 2006  
7:30 a.m.—4:30 p.m.  
Sheraton Imperial Hotel, Durham

A conference for parents and professionals concerned with the care and development of young children. Topic areas include Treatment of Autism and Disruptions in Child Development. For more information contact WakeAHEC at (919) 350-8547 or visit their website at [www.wakeahec.org](http://www.wakeahec.org).

## Donations through Triangle United Way

Family Support Network of Wake County is listed with Triangle United Way as an additional giving option in this year's campaign. Family Support Network of Wake County is eligible to receive designated gifts. Please be sure to add "Wake County" to your donation to ensure that we receive your gift.