



Learning Initiatives Necessary for Kids



## Cordially invite you to attend “Hop for Autism”

A community event to benefit after school and summer programs for children with autism”

**Date & Time:** Saturday, May 21, 2011- 7:00 PM – Midnight

**Location:** The Village of Colonie Family Recreation Center  
2 Thunder Rd, Colonie NY 12205  
(Just behind the Colonie Village Fire House)

**Entertainment:** DJ Nick Coluccio

Pasta & Meatball Dinner, Salad, Beverages and Dessert

Beer & Wine available for purchase

A Night filled with Music, Dancing & Raffles w/ Prizes

Tickets are \$20/Person . Kids 5-17 . \$10 Under . 5 Free

R.S.V.P by May 18, 2011. R.S.V.P. not required, but will assist us in planning.

For more information contact: Michele Kiersey @ 518-365-7425, Anna Marie Saia @ 518-526-1850, Michael Smith @ 518-466-9638,



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**FAIR** *Autism Media*  
Foundation for Autism Information & Research, Inc.

# HOP FOR AUTISM

Dear Friends and Neighbors,

The Capital District Sons and Daughters of Italy Lodge's in conjunction with The Foundation for Autism Information & Research, Inc. and Project Link, Inc. are sponsoring a "Sock Hop for Autism" to be held on Saturday, May 21st 2011 at The Village of Colonie Recreation Center from 7:00PM to 12:00AM located at 2 Thunder Rd in the Village of Colonie.

Proceeds from this benefit event shall be donated to fund afterschool and summer programs for Capital District children with Autism. Autism is a developmental disorder that begins within the first two-and-a-half years of life.

How Common is autism? For many years autism was rare - occurring in just five children per 10,000 live births. However, since the early 1990's, the rate of autism has increased exponentially around the world with figures as high as 60 per 10,000. Boys outnumber girls four to one.

The Centers for Disease Control estimates that 1 in 110 children is diagnosed with an ASD. We are looking for sponsors and individuals to donate to this worthy cause and to attend our event. All donations big and small are greatly appreciated, as we would be honored for you to help us out.

This event will also feature a Ziti and Meatball dinner along with a night of dancing and raffles. Music for the evening shall be provided by DJ Nick Coluccio for your dancing pleasure. Tickets for the event are \$20/ person.

For more information and/or to purchase tickets, please call Mike Smith at 518-466-9638 or Michele Kiersey at 518-365-7425 or Anna Marie Saia at 518-526-1850.

If you are unable to attend or would like to make a monetary donation, checks can be made payable to :

"Hop for Autism"  
c/o Order Sons of Italy  
P.O. Box 16211  
Albany, NY 12212-6211

Sincerely,

Friends fighting against Autism

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Our event will also feature a silent auction and raffle. We are looking for area businesses and individuals to help by sponsoring gift certificates and/or baskets for this event. All donations are tax deductible and will help in raising money for local programs to benefit children with Autism. We are in the process of collecting these donations and will make arrangements for one of our Committee Members to visit your business location to pick up items. Anyone wishing to donate an item can do so by contacting Biagio (Joe) Isgro at 365-7409 or Michael Smith at 518-466-9638.

## Response Card

PLEASE SEND RSVP by May 18th, so we may get a count of meals that will be needed for the evening. Tickets will also be available at the door the night of the event.

\_\_\_ Persons will attend at \$20/Person . Kids 5-17 \$10 . Under 5 Free

\_\_\_ I am unable to attend but will make the following tax deductible donation:

\_ \$5      \_ \$10      \_ \$25      \_ \$50      \_ Other: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Make checks payable to "Hop for Autism" and return with RSVP to:

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