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Founder's Note:

I am proud to announce that effective 19 July 2010, QuickStart received Registered Charity status as a Canadian not-for-profit Corporation. (Our Registered Charity Number is 81455 1669 RR0001.)

A special 'Thank You!' to Margo Korneluk for all her advice and hard work throughout the process.

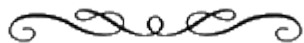
QuickStart's mission remains the same: To provide early intervention to children with or at risk of autism so that these children have the opportunity to develop to their full potential.

Our charitable status will not only simplify donations and the issuing of tax receipts, but it will provide QuickStart with greater flexibility to build on our great work with the Ottawa Children's Treatment Centre.

Inside our second newsletter you will find a new section called 'Did You Know?'. This section has helpful information on new services and further information on autism.

You have all been so generous. Please consider designating "QuickStart - Early Intervention for Autism" when making your Work Place Charitable donation through the United Way Workplace Campaign. Don't forget to include our charity number!

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QuickStart Champions

Jennifer Chase and Laurent Poole didn't pause for a moment when they heard about what QuickStart was doing.

Jennifer and Laurent generously provided not one but two gift certificates for stays at their lovely Fairmont Hotels: the Acapulco Princess Hotel in Mexico and the Hamilton Princess Hotel in Bermuda.

Each gift certificate was for an unforgettable one-week stay in an ocean-front suite with VIP amenities.

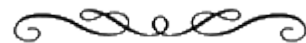
Jennifer & Laurent, thank you for making a difference in these children's lives.

You are QuickStart Champions!



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Grants

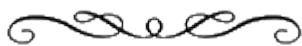
Unity for Autism Grant Update



Unity for Autism's generous grant has allowed the Clinic to hire a Behaviour Therapist. Until now, parents waited several months for this service.

Children are now being screened by the Behaviour Therapist on their first visit to the clinic. Parents are provided with strategies that they can implement right away. This often leads to parents seeing positive behaviour changes in a relatively short time.

Approximately 100 children per year will benefit from this service.



Fundraising Events Results

Thank you to the following event sponsors who raised over \$17,000 for QuickStart!

[Salsaria](#)

[Bayshore](#) Cookbook Sale

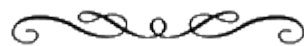
[Bertschi Orth Smith Insurance Professionals](#)
Invitational Golf Classic

International Golf Classic

Taste of Wellington/[Saslove's Meat Market](#)

[Otto's Planet](#) BBQ held at Andrew Haydon Park

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Auction Item Donors

Thank you everyone for donating auction items for the golf tournaments!

[GHI Global Hospitality Investments](#)

[Air Canada Kid's Horizons 'Closest to the Hole'](#)

[Katherine Jeans](#)

[Jask Day Salon & Spa](#)

[Couvrette Photography](#)

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[Jacobson's Gourmet Foods](#)

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[Ryan Parent Photography](#)

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[Scissors Hair Salon](#)

[OCTC Foundation](#)



Fundraising Events

Chapter's - Pinecrest Store, next to Ikea:

Thursday, 16 September, 2010 (6:30 pm to 9 pm)

Chapters will donate 10% from each book, gift, magazine, music, video or stationary sale to QuickStart on this day! Is there a book, magazine or gift you want to buy at Chapters? Please save your purchase for our event!

You must [RSVP and print the invitation](#) to participate.

Wildwood Steak & Chophouse (Stittsville)

Thursday, 28 October, 2010

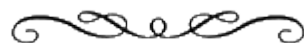
Save the date!

Signature cocktail with canapés
Four course dinner paired with wines from Ontario's own vineyards
Draw for 19" plasma HD TV
and more.

You won't want to miss this event of the season!
Limited to 80 guests.

More information to follow!

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QuickStart in the News

EMC city-wide newspapers carried this story in July and August:

[QUICKSTART OFFERS EARLY HELP FOR AUTISTIC CHILDREN BY CHARELLE EVELYN](#)

A-Channel TV appearance

On August 17th, Suzanne Jacobson and Gloria Yankowich appeared on A-channel morning show to talk about what QuickStart does and to highlight the BBQ at Andrew Haydon Park sponsored by Otto's BMW and Otto's Subaru.

Angie Poirier encouraged people to come out to the BBQ and support QuickStart. She also commented on how much she enjoys the recipes in the Pocopazzo cookbook!



Did you know?

A new service! February 17, 2009 the Ministry of Children and Youth Services and the Ministry of Education announced a joint initiative for students with autism.

Connections for Students is a service that will provide student support to the education system specifically for children who are being discharged from intensive behavioural intervention (IBI) and will be attending a publicly funded school. The goal of the service is to support the school as they develop an ABA-based education plan for a child. This service will not transfer a child's IBI to the school setting. This service will be provided by both the Autism Spectrum Disorder School Support Program (ASD SSP) and a child's school. FOR MORE INFORMATION - PLEASE CALL: Bruno Perrier, Manager 613-745-7563, ext. 408

Changes are being proposed for the DSM-V (Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders) that would include the removal of the diagnosis of Aspergers Syndrome. The DSM –V is due to be released in 2013. For more information about these proposed changes see the Asperger Community Planning Group summer newsletter at: www.autismontario.com/ottawa

The Ministry of Children and Youth Services announced in February, 2010 that almost \$3,000,000 will be given to the Ottawa Children's Treatment Centre (OCTC) to reduce

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waiting times. The first \$1,000,000 has already been given to OCTC with the remaining \$2,000,000 being given over the next two years (2011-2012).

The ASD Video Glossary is an innovative web-based tool designed to help parents and professionals learn more about the early red flags and diagnostic features of autism spectrum disorders (ASD).

This glossary contains over a hundred video clips and is available to you free of charge. Whether you are a parent, family member, friend, physician, clinician, childcare provider, or educator, it can help you see the subtle differences between typical and delayed development in young children and spot the early red flags for ASD. All of the children featured in the *ASD Video Glossary* as having red flags for ASD are, in fact, diagnosed with ASD. You can access this resource online at www.autismspeaks.org/ Type ASD Video Glossary in the search function.

Apps for children with Autism. Many of the apps offered for iPhones and iPads aren't just for fun or everyday organization -- they're designed specifically to teach skills to children with special needs and to make communication or behavior management easier. Many parents are finding these applications to be reasonably priced alternatives to other communication devices and their children are really enjoying them too. For a list of teacher recommended APPS for children with Autism: <http://www.provincialautismcentre.ca/uploads/assets/ASD%20iTouch%20apps%20Welsford%202010.pdf>



Otto's BBQ In the Park

Otto's BMW and Otto's Subaru generously sponsored a BBQ at Andrew Haydon Park on August 21, 2010.

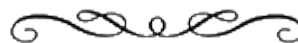
Special guests: Mayor Larry O'Brien, Lisa MacLeod - MPP, and Amelia Chabot with the CFRA Community Cruiser. Otto's Dealer Principal, Sonia Kroller, also came by with her family to enjoy the day.

Mayor Larry O'Brien dropped by the BBQ and presented Suzanne and Jake Jacobson with the City of Ottawa's 'Agent of Change' Medallion for their work with QuickStart.

Thank you Megan and Parisa for all your great work organizing this fun event!



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Volunteers Needed

Quick Start is now looking for volunteers to help us grow.....

If you have time, energy or talents to share please contact:

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