

AHA Happenings & Helpers



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AHA is fortunate to have many people in our corner helping to keep us going. Here are a few examples. If you would like to be one of them there is information for you in the article. If you would like more information please feel free to contact me.

Ballet Company Benefit Raises Money for AHA

Thanks to AHA Board of Directors member Ed Nitkewicz for designating AHA the recipient of funds raised by the American Dance Theater of Long Island (ADTLI). We are justly proud of Ed and his involvement in both organizations.

ADTLI is a not-for-profit cultural arts organization located in Bayport, Long Island, and continues its tradition to "give back" to the community thru the art of dance. In December ADTLI raised money for AHA with a benefit performance of "Clara's Dream, The Nutcracker" at the Patchogue Theatre for the Performing Arts. Their student dancers selected AHA and autism awareness as the group and cause they most wanted to help while celebrating their 10th Anniversary.

College Student Raises Money for AHA

Adam Kaplan, President of his Fraternity, Alpha Delta Phi, at Union College, and son of long time member and supporter of AHA Jodi Kaplan raised funds to support us. Several years ago he helped organize sponsors for the Walk for NAAR and also designated a portion of his Bar Mitzvah gifts to AHA. Recently at his fraternity house Adam hosted a \$5 buy in poker tournament to raise money for us. His fraternity got a local eatery to sponsor them by donating a gift certificate for the winner. In the end they had fun and raised funds for AHA. Adam is asking for suggestions from AHA members for any more fundraising events that they can host on campus.

Mingle for a Cause – Mischelle Riley and Nicolle Repast once again pursued their innovative idea: to raise money for worthwhile charities with a fun afternoon of soap stars from One Life To Live who also want to give back! There was an opportunity to sing karaoke with your favorite daytime actor, order a drink from him or her, bid to have lunch with some of them, and take part in out-of-the-ordinary raffles. Proceeds went to AHA (to help offset the cost of our annual picnic) and the Bailey House. The event took place on Saturday June 4th from 1:00pm to 5:00pm at Blondie's, 212 West 79th Street, Manhattan. You could see a list of participating actors on the Mingle Facebook page (Mingle for a cause – that is not a typo – fora is one word on their Facebook page) prior to the event which kept everyone in high anticipation. A great day!

All these donations – large and medium – help AHA to assist families and individuals with our hotline, and activities. If you would like to make a tax deductible donation to our 501 (c) (3) organization send a check to AHA Association, PO Box 916, Bethpage, NY 11714 or donate online at: <http://ahany.org/donate.htm>

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