



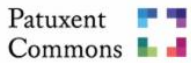
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HCAS Newsletter

Winter 2018-2019

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The HCAS Housing Initiative Unveils New Website and Name, Patuxent Commons



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The HCAS Housing Initiative continues its work to plan for and provide a mixed income community for people of different ages and abilities.

The HCAS Housing Initiative--now known as Patuxent Commons--continues to move ahead with an exciting [new website](#). Patuxent Commons is a concept for a mixed income community to be developed in Howard County for adults with disabilities, older adults, and younger adults and families. Visit the new website for the latest information on how Patuxent Commons will provide affordable housing and a supportive community to people of all ages, abilities, and incomes. Please consider making a donation to support this important project through the website.

Strong Finish for 12th Annual One Step Closer Walk & 5K Run

HAPPY HOLIDAYS



Children and adults alike enjoyed the HCAS Sensory Santa events at the Mall in Columbia.

We wish you all the best in this holiday season and in the new year!

EVENTS

JAN 11-12
[Family Trip to Kalahari, Poconos, PA.](#)
[Register by Jan. 1.](#)

JAN 16
[Monthly Speaker Series: Preparing for Work, What Parents Need to Know](#)

JAN 25
[Shine In Your Own Light Showcase! Performances and Visual Art by Teens and Young Adults with Autism](#)

JAN 28
[Special Needs Camp Fair](#)

FEB 6
[Month Speaker Series: Special Needs Medical Professionals, Hear from our Panel of Specialists](#)

MAR 21
[Annual Meeting with HCPSS Department of Special Education](#)

News and Resources from the

SPECIAL EDUCATION NEWS



What a terrific day it turned out to be for the HCAS 12th Annual One Step Closer Walk & 5K Run on October 6 at Centennial Park. Over 460 walkers and runners came out to support the event along with 90 volunteers and 34 exhibitors. With their support, we raised just over \$61,000 for the Howard County Autism Society. We are grateful to everyone who supported the event as a participant, donor, sponsor, volunteer, or cheerleader.

Read more for our [race results](#) and [sponsors](#).

Photos by Jennifer May and Robert Jackson/B-Roll Media and Arts

Support HCAS and Make a Difference

"To me, the Howard County Autism Society feels like a home away from home."

That's what one HCAS parent told us about her experience with our organization's support for her child and family. And that's really what HCAS is all about: working each day to offer support, advocacy, and awareness for individuals with autism and their families. Whether it's meeting with a newly-diagnosed family, answering questions via email or phone, hosting a picnic or pool party, organizing social groups for adults with autism, or joining with other organizations on advocacy, we are here to serve the autism community.

It is generosity from dedicated donors like you that enables HCAS to fulfill its mission. Your support does make a difference. It keeps our programs strong by connecting people with autism to life's infinite possibilities. Please help us continue this work with your gift in the amount of \$50, \$150, \$500, \$1,000, or more. Of course, your support in any amount is greatly appreciated.

You can donate online at www.howard-autism.org or mail your check to HCAS, 9770 Patuxent Woods Drive, Suite 308, Columbia, MD 21046. Thank you!

12th Annual One Step Closer Race Results

Top Teams

Sam's Squad

SPECIAL EDUCATION NEWS CENTER

[Understanding the IEP Process: Strengthening Relationships with Positive Advocacy](#)

What are the important elements in an IEP? How can teams work together to advocate effectively for your student? For answers to your IEP questions, view HCAS's newest presentation on building strong IEPs.

[Common Acronyms and Terms Used in IFSP and IEP Meetings](#)

Have you ever felt lost when special education teams use terms such as FAPE, LRE, and BIP? Check out this glossary of commonly used terms at IFSP and IEP meetings.

[Printable Downloads to Help Manage Your Child's IEP](#)

These printable checklists from Understood can help make navigating the IEP process easier. Use them to monitor your child's progress, track communications with the school, and more.

Do you have questions about special education services and rights?

We are here to help. Call 410-290-3466 or email AskusSpEdquestions@howard-autism.org.

14th Annual Pieces of the Puzzle Gala: Groovy 70s!

April 27, 2019 at Turf Valley Resort



Tickets go on sale February 2019!

Howard County Autism Society

Danny's Skywalkers
Team Boxall
Ryan's Troop
Walking Warriors
Trey's Train
Kyle's Crew
Team Phoenix

Most Spirited Teams

MINC-EL Marchers
HCPSS Department of Special Education

Race Results

1st place 50+ Male Thuy Than
1st place 50+ Female Marsha Demaree
1st place 40-49 Male Marc Burger
1st place 40-49 Female Lynne Powers
1st place 30-39 Male Brian Esders
1st Place 30-39 Female Amanda Lear
1st Place 16-29 Male Nicholas Howard
1st Place 16-29 Female Katherine Rolewica
1st Place U16 Male Gutena Dressa
1st Place U16 Female Graw Pavalko

Overall - Male

Overall Male 1st Varun Mishra
Overall Male 2nd Brian Shadrick
Overall Male 3rd Joshua Geesman

Overall - Female

Overall Female 1st Val Indye
Overall Female 2nd Rebecca Fang
Overall Female 3rd Julie Peitsch

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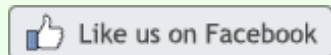
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