

Chili for Charity - SEPT 2006

The Chili for Charity event on Sept. 22-23, 2006 uptown Charlotte was great fun. The foundation came in third place.



Special thanks to Alison Quigley and Pat for making the 38 gallons of chili needed for this year's event. Thank you to all the wonderful volunteers that gave up time with their families to come serve chili to all the visitors at this year's event.

We served Cincinnati Style Chili over noodles and the crowd loved it. Over \$600 was raised, which was used for our teacher grants.

We are looking forward to next year's contest and are hoping to come in first place.

Charlotte Checkers Family Night - DEC 2006

On December 1, 2006 we held our 3rd annual Charlotte Checkers Game. It was a family fun event. The Parker Autism Foundation was able to raise around \$900 for its 2007 conference.

The Checkers may have lost the game, but that did not get us down. We all had a great time.

Special thanks to Kaitlyn Bethune for her help in selling Chuck-A-Pucks. She did a great job selling over 300 Chuck-A-Pucks. Way to Go Katlyn!

All proceeds from the sale of tickets and Chuck-A-Pucks sales will go to our Conference in January. The money will allow parents with children on the autism spectrum, attend the conference for free. Yes I said FREE.

We would also like to thank Checkers for their continued support. We look forward to next year's game.

Kids Rein - Therapeutic Horseback Riding for Special Needs Kids

The Parker Autism Foundation was excited to award Kids Rein with its first annual non-profit grant, this year at our annual Reaching for a Star Silent auction.

Kids Rein is a non-profit therapeutic horseback riding program for children with special needs.

Theresa Tucker and partner Phyllis Smeaton started the program to give children with autism and other disabilities the chance to ride a horse while benefiting physically and emotionally from the lessons.



Kids Rein is located at Hodges Dairy Farm, in the university area of Charlotte. For more information on Kids Rein and how they can help your child. Please contact Theresa Tucker at 704-701-4711

Photo Description:

Theresa Tucker from Kids Rein conducts a lesson of therapeutic horseback riding for a child with autism. Volunteers walk along side the horse.

“Reaching For a Star” Auction & Mardi Gras Ball – MAR 2007

WOW! What an event. The night was full of laughter and more. The Parker Autism Foundation held its 4th annual Reaching for a Star Auction. The event took place uptown at Roof with a View and was held on March 9, 2007. Max Attach band played Jazz, and as the night went on, the crowd enjoyed New Orleans food and a Chocolate Fondue Fountain courtesy of The Melting Pot restaurant.

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The Melting Pot restaurant was named Sponsor of the year.
Susan McDonld and Nancy Hyman were named Volunteers of the year.

The night ended with a live auction, the Auctioneer was Wachovia's own Dini Rucker. He really knows how to get the crowd bidding. I think bidder #49 went home with more than he know he wanted. It really has fun for all. The fundraising committee is already busy at work for our next Reaching for a Star Auction. Look for more information to come.

2007 Special Needs Conference – JAN 2007

The Parker Autism Foundation held its first ever Special needs Conference. The conference has held January 23-24, 2007 at the Double Tree Guest Suites in Charlotte, NC.

The Conference Speakers included: Wrightslaw, Dr. Samango Sprouse, KidsAbilities, Laverne Ferperman, and more. Parents were able to attend for free. The foundation was happy to be able to help so many people.

We look forward to next year's conference!