

Joshua Center Newsletter

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Lego Club

Lego Club is so successful on Friday afternoons we would like to offer another class every Wednesday at 4:30pm at the Joshua Center. If interested please register at https://joshuacenter.com/skills_reg_lego.htm.

iPhone App for Autism

This was a very interesting article. <http://www.smh.com.au/digital-life/smartphone-apps/autism-iphone-breakthrough-from-tantrums-to-appy-days-20100416-sj1.html>

Golf Tournament – May 14th

We invite you to join us on May 14th for a great day of golf, food and fun in support of the Joshua Center for Neurological Disorders. You will be helping children affected by *Tourette Syndrome (TS)*, *Obsessive Compulsive Disorder (OCD)* and *Asperger Syndrome (AS)*. Follow this link to learn more.

<http://joshuagolf.com/>

Joshua Center University

The Joshua Center University is already a great success. The information is for parents, teachers, school counselors, family – anyone who wants to learn more about the disorders and how to help these kids. You can access the courses by following this link. <http://www.joshuacenter.com/training.htm>

Camps For Kids Campaign – Just \$3,000 more!

This campaign is so important to the Joshua Center. We have \$7,000 donated and need \$3,000 more to receive our \$10,000 match. Any donation is greatly appreciated. You can make a donation directly at the Camps For Kids website www.campsforkids.org, the Joshua Center website

http://www.joshuacenter.com/camp_for_kids.htm or send a check made payable to Camps for Kids with Joshua Center in the memo. You can mail the check to the Joshua Center or Camps for Kids at 1080 Washington, Kansas City, MO 64105.

2010 Camp Registrations

We are deep into planning and need to have everyone register. We are half full so all returning campers need to register immediately. Camp is the most life changing experience. Our goal is to offer the kids a real camp experience like all other kids get. We are accredited by the American Camping Association. Last year we had

78 campers and a staff of 60 to help your child have a very successful experience. You can register at <https://joshuacenter.com/camp.htm>. If you have questions please contact Becky at 816-809-2547 or email at becky@joshuacenter.com. Read what one mom said about the impact camp had on her son.

Becky,

I have been thinking about sending you a quick thank you for camp but I just can't quite put my thoughts into words. This was the most "normal" experience my son has had in years. Yes, years! He rarely goes anywhere without me to be the "buffer" between him and the world. To allow these kids to be free for an entire week is the greatest gift anyone could give them. For one glorious week they are free to tic, run, play, laugh, and make friends. But more than that, for one amazing week they are free from glares, judgment, condescension, and bullying. This is something that I, as a parent, couldn't give him.

My son summed up his camp experience for me when he said, "That was the most fun I've ever had in my life! And, mom! They said I was a GOOD kid!"

Camp! The gift that will last a lifetime!

Thank you Becky, Mike and everyone else involved for everything you did to make camp happen.

Sincerely,
Christy Burgess

Social Skills – New Classes

Classes continue to grow at the Joshua Center. We work really hard developing lessons, activities and games that address your concerns. Classes at Timothy Church in Blue Springs will start April 17th. You can register on our website www.joshuacenter.com. We need at least 4 students in each class to start. This is a great opportunity for the kids to make friends and learn appropriate social interactions in a safe environment.

These kids are so amazing. Watching the kids making friends, interacting appropriately, sharing, taking turns and enjoying each other's company has been a true joy. This past Saturday we had new kids join us in just about every class. Each and every one was accepted immediately. It's such fun for us to get to know the new kids and develop strategies to help them be successful. Each child is different, but so much the same. They want a friend; they want to be accepted. By providing them a safe place we are able to help them grow. Once again, thank you for sharing them with us. We will do everything we can to help your child have a positive experience.