

**PositivelyAutism.com Newsletter**  
**September 2012**  
**Topic: Resources for Adults with Autism**

**September/October Topic: Adult Services**

Our next newsletter topic is services for adults on the autism spectrum. We'll share resources for a variety of topics, including housing, college, and transition planning. We'll also feature some books and organizations for adults with autism and their families.

**Meet Some Well-Known Adults with Autism**

To kick-off our theme of services for adults with autism, we would like to share some biographies of well-known adults with autism who have made great accomplishments and contributions to both their fields of interest and to the autism community. This list is by no means complete!

Donna Williams, Author and Artist: <http://www.donnawilliams.net/about.0.html>

Stephen Shore, Author, Speaker, Educator, and Musician:  
<http://www.autismasperger.net/bio.htm>

William Stillman, Author and Speaker: <http://www.williamstillman.com/about.html>

John Elder Robison, Author and Speaker: <http://www.johnrobison.com/about-john.php>

Temple Grandin, Author, Speaker, and Professor:  
<http://autism.about.com/od/whoswhoinautism/f/TempleGrandin.htm>

Jerry and Mary Newport, Authors and Speakers: <http://www.jerrynewport.com/>

**Adults with Asperger Syndrome**

Many talented, intelligent adults are being diagnosed with Asperger Syndrome. Could you or someone you love be one of them?

<http://autism.about.com/od/aspergerssyndrome/a/adultaspergers.htm>

Another article about this topic: How Do Experts Diagnose Asperger Syndrome in Adults? <http://autism.about.com/od/aspergerssyndrome/f/dxasadults.htm>

## **College Living Experience**

Throughout the month, we'll be featuring some organizations supporting adults with autism. A listing here doesn't imply an endorsement, so please make sure you thoroughly check out all organizations before using their services.

Name of Organization: College Living Experience

Locations: Austin, TX; Costa Mesa, CA; Ft. Lauderdale, FL; Denver, CO; Monterey, CA; and Washington, D.C.

Programs Offered: College Living Experience (CLE) is a college program for students with learning disabilities, Autism/Asperger's Syndrome, nonverbal learning disorders, and ADD/ADHD. Staff and counselors help promote transition to college, adulthood and independent living through tutoring, independent living skills development programs, and structured social activities.

Website: <http://www.experiencecle.com/>

## **nonPareil Institute: Providing Technical Training to Adults with Autism**

Name of Organization: nonPareil Institute

Location: Plano, Texas

Programs Offered: The nonPareil Institute offers a technical training program to individuals on the autism spectrum. Students work and learn skills such as computer programming, digital art and 3D modeling in a flexible and no-pressure environment. Students develop these technical skills as well as job skills and social skills that can benefit them in future employment and social settings.

Website: <http://www.npitx.org/>

## **Possibili-Tees: Providing Employment and Job Skills Training**

Name of Organization: Possibili-Tees

Location: Staten Island, NY

Programs Offered: Possibili-Tees is a nonprofit screen printing company with a unique social mission. Possibili-Tees not only produces custom designed t-shirts and promotional items, it also provides employment and job skills training to young adults with Autism Spectrum Disorders and other developmental disorders.

Possibili-Tees will outfit your organization with quality apparel and promotional products suitable for any occasion. Possibili-Tees' high quality products provide an innovative way for your organization to be a force for good in the world without sacrificing quality and the bottom line. Our customers include businesses, private and public schools, universities, sports teams, government agencies, nonprofits, faith-based organizations and many others.

Possibili-Tees employs 28 persons with disabilities, all of which are paid a wage of at least the N.Y. State minimum wage. Our Job Skills Training Services serves over 40 adolescents and young adults with Autism and we are in the process of developing a program to place graduates in businesses other than Possibili-Tees through our job coaching program.

Possibili-Tees' supportive environment and social enterprise approach is uniquely positioned to effectively deliver high quality sustainable services to both its customers and its employees. All profits generated by Possibili-Tees are used to fund the job skills training and other support programs.

Website: <http://www.possibilittees1.org/>

### **September Positive Autism News**

Autistic Man Brings Micro-Business to Towson City Center

September 12, 2012

<http://www.baltimoresun.com/news/maryland/baltimore-county/towson/ph-tt-health-vendor-0912-20120910,0,5281502.story>

Autism Can't Slow This Kart Prodigy

September 14, 2012

<http://www.wheels.ca/news/autism-cant-slow-this-kart-prodigy/>

Ten-Year-Old Autistic Girl Memorizes Complicated Ballet

September 24, 2012

[http://www.huffingtonpost.com/2012/09/24/ten-year-old-autistic-gir\\_n\\_1909129.html?ir=Arts](http://www.huffingtonpost.com/2012/09/24/ten-year-old-autistic-gir_n_1909129.html?ir=Arts)

Autistic Basketball Star Jason McElwain Qualifies for Boston Marathon

September 25, 2012

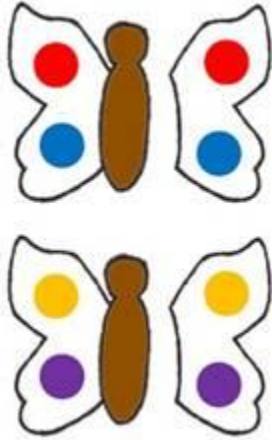
<http://www.rantsports.com/clubhouse/2012/09/25/autistic-basketball-star-jason-mcelwain-qualifies-for-boston-marathon/>

Autistic Girl Finds Life in Painting

September 25, 2012

[http://usa.chinadaily.com.cn/china/2012-09/25/content\\_15782767.htm](http://usa.chinadaily.com.cn/china/2012-09/25/content_15782767.htm)

## New Resource: Butterfly Pattern Match Folder Game



Check out a new file folder game from Positively Autism! This game is a butterfly pattern matching game. <http://www.teacherspayteachers.com/Product/Spotted-Butterflies-Folder-Game>

## Halloween Social Skill Stories

Here's a social skill story from Positively Autism about handing out candy to children from home on Halloween.

[http://www.positivelyautism.com/downloads/socialstory\\_trickortreat.pdf](http://www.positivelyautism.com/downloads/socialstory_trickortreat.pdf)

Valerie Herskowitz has written a story about Trick-or-Treating.

<http://www.valerieherskowitz.com/downloads/TT.ppt>

Halloween Activities from TinSnips Special Education website:

<http://www.tinsnips.org/Pages/halloween.html>