

# Alternatives For Children



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## ASSEMBLYMAN CHAD LUPINACCI VISITS ALTERNATIVES FOR CHILDREN MELVILLE

On July 12th, New York State Assemblyman Chad Lupinacci, who represents the Tenth Assembly District, which includes parts of the townships of Huntington and Babylon, took time out of his busy day to visit Alternatives For Children in Melville. In the Assembly, Mr. Lupinacci serves on the Election Law; Tourism, Parks, Arts & Sports Development; Transportation; Judiciary; and Higher Education Committees.

While Mr. Lupinacci enjoyed playtime with the students, Dr. Ficano took the opportunity to share with Assemblyman Lupinacci the financial constraints and difficulties Alternatives For Children has been operating under for the past five years. Dr. Ficano explained that the perfect storm of regulatory change, drastic decreases in reimbursement rates, and the trickle down effect of NYS budget cuts to Nassau and Suffolk Counties, as well as our local school districts all come in to play for organizations like Alternatives For Children who provide much needed services to those children who need it the most.

"Alternatives for Children provides an outstanding educational environment for students who have a disability that may be affecting their learning. Dr. Ficano and everyone at the school create such a caring and stimulating environment. I want to thank them for allowing me the opportunity to visit and see all the wonderful activities available to students."



Assemblyman Chad Lupinacci has some fun playing in the sandbox with two students during his visit to Alternatives For Children Melville.

## ALTERNATIVES FOR CHILDREN WORKING HARD AT LINKING FAMILIES & ALTERNATIVES FOR CHILDREN

This Spring, as part of the work being done in implementing the Alternatives For Children Parent/Family Involvement Policy, we conducted an organization wide survey of the parents of children attending Preschool at Alternatives. The survey consisted of 25 questions in the following areas: School's efforts to Partner with Parents; Teachers and Administrators; the School as a whole; and the Impact of Special Education Services on their family.

We are pleased with the response to this survey, and are using the results and the comments to further guide us in how we can better communicate with parents and involve families in their child's time here. Parents are an integral component of their child's education. It is our responsibility to aid parents in their understanding of this partnership and grow in them the competencies they will need throughout their child's educational journey.

We continue to celebrate what we are doing really well as evidenced by the completed surveys and the family comments.

## Coming this Fall to Alternatives For Children

### A Parent/Family Workshop

### Cracking the Code:

#### Understanding the Language of Special Education

Sending a child off to Preschool can be challenging for parents and families. Understanding the Language of Special Education that goes along with that transition can be difficult. The terms and acronyms that teachers, therapists, social workers, and educational evaluators use may be new to parents and confusing.

This workshop is designed to help Parents/Families "Crack the Code" so that they are better prepared to fully participate as a part of their child's "team."

Presented by the Alternatives For Children  
Educational Evaluator Staff

Parents - We'll let you know the dates at Back to School Night

# Alternatives for Children

## Mission Statement

To provide the highest quality special and regular education programs and services to children with disabilities and typically developing peers. Education, medical, pediatric rehabilitation, and support services are integrated to ensure the comprehensive needs of the child and family are met.

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## ALTERNATIVES FOR CHILDREN SOUTHAMPTON MOVING UP & GRADUATION



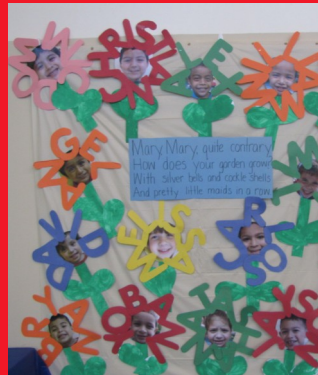
**Humpty Dumpty Sat on a Wall**



**Baa Baa Black Sheep**



**Hey Diddle Diddle  
the Cat & the Fiddle**



**Mary, Mary, Quite Contrary**



**There Was an Old Woman  
Who Lived in a Shoe**



**Hickory Dickory Dock**

Alternatives For Children Southampton a Patchwork of Nursery Rhyme Songs were celebrated at June Moving Up Day

Each class created Artwork to go along with their chosen Nursery Rhyme



*Alternatives For Children and the Family of Peppi Marchello, Grandfather of Alex Marchello, a student at Alternatives For Children East Setauket, gratefully acknowledge all those people who made a gift to Alternatives For Children in memory of*

**Peppi Marchello**

*Peppi lives on through your generous support of our Mission, which he believed in and supported.*

# Alternatives For Children 25th Silver Anniversary Casino Night featuring That 70's Band

Friday, November 8, 2013 Lombardi's On The Sound Port Jefferson 7:00 pm - Midnight

As we celebrate our *25th Silver Anniversary*, I am proud to say, that because of the dedication of so many people, *Alternatives for Children has become a leader in providing quality care to all children, but especially to those who need it most, at the most critical time in their development.* I consider myself so privileged to have been a part of the family at Alternatives For Children; a wonderful school, but more important than that, *a place and a people that has been there for so many families.* I invite you to join with *Alternatives For Children* and *Danielle and J. Timothy Shea, Jr., Esq.*, our *25th Silver Anniversary* chairs, in ushering in the next twenty-five years of excellence. Hope to see you there!

*Daniel E. Sheehan, Ed.D.*



## Alternatives For Children 25th Silver Anniversary Sponsorship Opportunities

### \$5,000 Jackpot Sponsor



Prominent Table Signage  
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Full page ad in Journal  
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8- 25th Silver Anniversary Tickets  
\$4,480 tax deductible

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Quarter page ad in Journal  
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\$740 tax deductible

### \$500



### Double Diamond Sponsor

Business Card size ad in Journal  
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### \$2,500 High Roller Sponsor



Company showcased at Event  
Half page ad in Journal  
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6 - 25th Silver Anniversary Tickets  
\$2,110 tax deductible

### \$250



### Ace High Sponsor

Business Card size ad in Journal  
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\$250 tax deductible

### \$100

Business Card size ad in journal



Please know that every dollar raised truly does *Make a Difference* in the life of a child with special needs

### 25th Silver Anniversary Ticket Information

\$100 per person Event admission  
Evening long Hors d'oeuvre & Desserts  
Endless Beer, Wine & Soda (cash Bar)  
\$200 in Casino Fun Money to start your fun  
Dance the Night away to the music of That 70's Band  
Games of Chance - Champagne Bling,  
Grab Bag, Pick a Card, Money Wheel  
Roulette, Craps and Black Jack Tables

### 25th Silver Anniversary Sponsorship & Ticketing

Sponsor Name/Name		
Sponsorship Level		
Contact Name		
Address		
City	State	Zip
Phone		Email
# of guests attending with Sponsor		
# of 25th Silver Anniversary Tickets to Purchase?		
Check is enclosed payable to Alternatives For Children		
Charge my Credit Card (Check One)		
American Express <input type="checkbox"/>	Master Card <input type="checkbox"/>	Visa <input type="checkbox"/>
Expiration Date (MM/YY)		
Cardholder Name (Please Print)		
Signature		

To find out more about Alternatives For Children Sponsorship Opportunities for our 25th Silver Anniversary Casino Night please call Susan Ennis at 631-331-6400 x 229

Please return Sponsorship Information to Alternatives For Children 14 Research Way East Setauket, NY 11733

ALTERNATIVES FOR CHILDREN'S  
17TH ANNUAL CLASSIC AND SPORTS CAR RALLY  
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 5, 2013

This year's Rally should prove to be challenging and beautiful. The Rally is considered a timed "fun" rally – one in which the odometer, speedometer, and the ability to follow devious clues are paramount.

**Start Line: Alternatives For Children**

14 Research Way East Setauket, NY 11733

**Registration: 8:30 am Start: 9:15 am sharp**

**Finish Line: Dockers Waterside**

94 Dune Road East Quogue, NY 11942

Fee includes Driver & Navigator

Breakfast at Start Line

Luncheon Reception at Finish Line

\$135 per car by August 30th

\$150 in September

\$175 day of the event

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17TH ANNUAL CLASSIC AND SPORTS CAR RALLY  
SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

**\$5,000 Monaco Sponsor (Event Sponsor) (\$4,600 tax deductible)**

- Prominent recognition of your company's name as top sponsor at Dockers Waterside
- Company's name and logo on the souvenir T-shirts & all print material
- Acknowledgment in all local and regional media
- Premier listing in event program
- Eight tickets to the reception at Dockers Waterside

**\$2,500 Indianapolis Sponsor (Reception Sponsor) (\$2,300 tax deductible)**

- Your company's name prominently displayed as major sponsor at Dockers Waterside
- Your company's name on the souvenir T-shirts
- Acknowledgment in event program
- Four tickets to the reception at Dockers Waterside

**\$1,500 Daytona Sponsor (Raffle Sponsor) (\$1,300 tax deductible)**

- Your company's name on the souvenir T-shirts
- Acknowledgment in event program
- Four tickets to the reception at Dockers Waterside

**\$1,000 Lime Rock Sponsor (Dealer Showcase) (\$900 tax deductible)**

- Your company's name on the souvenir T-shirts
- Acknowledgment in event program
- Display Car and/or promotional materials at Finish Line
- Two tickets to the reception at Dockers Waterside

**\$500 Watkins Glen Sponsor (Awards Sponsor) (\$400 tax deductible)**

- Company banner or acknowledgment at awards table
- Acknowledgment in event program
- Two tickets to the reception at Dockers Waterside

**\$250 Bridgehampton Sponsor (Breakfast or Checkpoint Sponsor) (\$200 tax deductible)**

- Signage at either starting line breakfast or checkpoint
- Acknowledgment in event program
- One ticket to the reception at Dockers Waterside

**\$100 Starting Line Sign (\$100 tax deductible)**

Please return all sponsorships or registrations to Alternatives for Children by September 15, 2013  
For information call Susan Ennis at 631-331-6400 x 229

ALTERNATIVES FOR CHILDREN'S  
17TH ANNUAL CLASSIC & SPORTS CAR RALLY REGISTRATION OCTOBER 5, 2013

Yes, I want to Drive in the 17th Annual Classic & Sports Car Rally

Enter a car: \$135 by August 30th \_\_\_\_\_  
\$150 in September \_\_\_\_\_  
\$175 day of event \_\_\_\_\_

Car Make: \_\_\_\_\_ Model: \_\_\_\_\_ Year: \_\_\_\_\_

Member of Car Club: If yes, which one: \_\_\_\_\_  
\*Entitles Member to a \$99 Registration Fee

I would like to attend the reception only at \$50 per person: \_\_\_\_\_

I can't attend, but would like to support Alternatives For Children with a tax deductible donation of \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Yes, I want to support Alternatives For Children by being a Classic & Sports Car Rally Sponsor

Sponsorship Level: \_\_\_\_\_ Amount Enclosed: \_\_\_\_\_

Yes, I want a chance to win \$10,000 CASH

Number of Raffle Tickets @ 1 for \$100 \_\_\_\_\_

Total Amount Enclosed: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Company \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

Method of Payment  Check  Visa  
 MasterCard  American Express

Credit Card # \_\_\_\_\_ Exp. date \_\_\_\_\_

Name As It Appears on Card \_\_\_\_\_

Card Holder's Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Return Registration, Sponsorship Info or Raffle Ticket Request to:  
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14 Research Way East Setauket, New York 11733

For additional information or to register by phone  
call 631-331-6400 x 229 Fax 631-331-6865  
or visit our website [www.alternativesforchildren.org](http://www.alternativesforchildren.org)

## CASH RAFFLE PRIZES



**Grand Prize \$10,000**  
(66.67% of the Prize Fund)



**Second Prize \$2,500**  
(16.67% of the Prize Fund)



**Third Prize \$1,000**  
(6.67% of the Prize Fund)

**Fourth Prize \$500**  
(3.3434% of the Prize Fund)

**Five (5) Fifth Prizes \$200**  
(1.33% of the Prize Fund each)



**\$100 a ticket**

only 300 tickets will be sold

**GET YOURS TODAY!**

call 631-331-6400 x 229

for tickets or information or visit our website  
[www.alternativesforchildren.org](http://www.alternativesforchildren.org)

Drawing will be held at the Rally. Winner need not be present to win  
Winner responsible for applicable taxes

If all 300 tickets are sold the prizes will be as listed above. If less than 300 tickets have been sold, the prize fund, equal to 50% of ticket receipts, will be divided in the proportions listed (in parenthesis) above to yield nine prizes.

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Dr. Gwen has always been a tremendous supporter of our Golf Outings. This year Dr. Gwen outdid herself - bringing golfers, adding new sponsors to our Sponsor List and obtaining many of our Raffle items.

**Thanks & Kudos  
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For all his efforts,  
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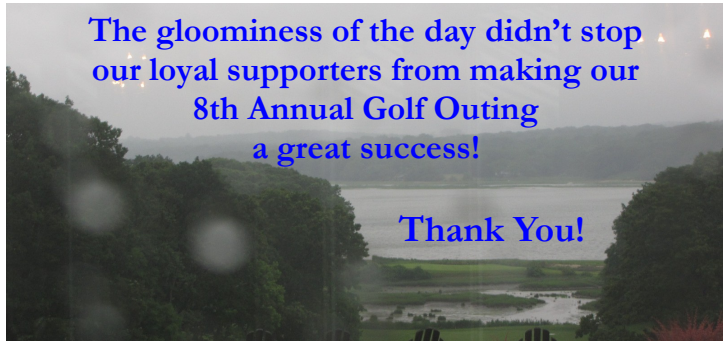
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a great success!**

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SUMMER FUN DAY 2013



Many Thanks to all the Staff of Alternatives For Children East Setauket for all their hard work in making our Annual Summer FUN Day SO MUCH fun! Thanks to all the parents & families for their donations of goodies and those parents who helped that day!

My husband and I are very happy with Alternatives. We have seen our son grow so much during his time there. The entire staff is amazing. We know in our hearts that Matthew's best interest is being met. Great job. Thank you!