

# Special Strides Newsletter



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## **1<sup>st</sup> Annual Bowl-a-Thon was a Huge Success!**

Our first annual Bowl-a-Thon was held on March 9th at Brunswick Country lanes in Manalapan. Thanks to all our sponsors and our amazing group of teens that form our Junior Committee the event was a huge success. Over 160 teens from the Old Bridge, Marlboro, Manalapan and Freehold area participated and helped to raise over \$37,000 for Special Strides and the Steven Werthan Memorial Scholarship Fund. All the teens learned that giving back is not only rewarding, but can also be fun. They also learned that they can make a difference in the life of a child with special needs. All of us at special strides are so proud of their accomplishments.

### **Congratulations To Our Top 5 Fundraisers**

1<sup>st</sup> - Abby Goldberg (captain), Brittany Plotnick, Alyse Obermeyer, Derek Gordon & Spencer Garry who raised \$4,350.00.

2<sup>nd</sup> Place - Danni Corrado (captain), Danielle Casale, Allie Tuman, Jessica Mezzino & Christina Senia who raised \$2,670.00

3<sup>rd</sup> Place - Melissa Rehr (captain), Alex Rubin, Melissa Johnson, Jessica Angelone & Mike Horsfield who raised \$2,315.00

4<sup>th</sup> Place - Christen Nelson (captain), Gina & Kim Viola, Mel Lauro & Jessica Furman who raised \$2,310.00

5<sup>th</sup> Place – Matt Nadler (captain), Jesse Gold, Jordan Oran, Zack DeMartinez & Zach Elkwood raising \$1,575.00

## **Bowl-a-Thon Sponsors**

Please help support businesses who support Special Strides

### **LANE SPONSORS**

**Amboy Bank** – Branch Manager – Mr. Burton Wilkins – 303 Gordon's Corner Rd. Manalapan, New Jersey

**Promotions A2Z** – Owner Sheryl Grutman (Designed and produced all the kids tee shirts for the event, perfect for all your promotional needs) [www.promotionsa2z@optonline.net](mailto:www.promotionsa2z@optonline.net)

**Applebee's**

**Sakoutis Bros. Disposal** – Nick Sakoutis/Tina Corrado - Colts Neck, New Jersey

**Thomas F. Friscia, D.D.S., F.A.G.D.** – Cosmetic and Sedation Dentistry 4002 Route 9 South, Morganville, New Jersey (732)970-0900

**Strategies for Wealth Creation & Protection** – Financial Specialist Michael Ringel – [Mringel@strat4wealth.com](mailto:Mringel@strat4wealth.com)

**Gross, Truss & Herstik, P.C.** – Attorneys At Law – 63 West Main Street, Freehold, New Jersey

**Ocean First Bank** - Mr. Joe Iantosca (Senior Vice-President) 1415 Hooper Ave. Toms River, New Jersey

**Roth Investor Relations, Inc.** – Michelle & Larry Roth – Manalapan, New Jersey

**UMH Properties** – Mr. Eugene Landy – Freehold, New Jersey

**Professional Hearing & Speech Center** – Dr. Jill Gordon – Freehold Office Plaza, Freehold. (732) – 303-9660

**33 East Car Wash**

**Coca Cola Enterprises**

## **PRIZE SPONSORS**

When the kids arrived to play the day of the event they all received registration bags filled with goodies and raffle tickets for door prizes. All the kids had a chance to win over 60 prizes. Winners were announced throughout the event. Each child that participated walked away with a \$40 bottle of perfume sponsored by Art Spiro from Liz Claiborne. The girls received Lucky and the boys Curve. However, the highlight of everyone's day was to see who was to win a brand new bowling ball and bag from Ebonite.

**BMG Sales** – Bruce Garry

**American Express** - Elise Garry

**Sinfully Sweet Chocolates** - Judi Saslowsky of Manalapan, New Jersey - Judi was kind enough to donate all the chocolate pretzels that went into the kid's registration bags. We thank Judi for her beautiful and tasteful chocolate. You can contact Judi at [www.sinfullysweetchoc.com](http://www.sinfullysweetchoc.com) her baskets are amazing.

**Ebonite** – Mr. Ed Gallagher - Bowling Ball & Bags – Door Prizes

**Cookie's By Design** – Bonnie - 727 – West park Ave. Ocean Township, NJ 07712

**Buffalo Jean Co.** – Lori Rimland – New York, New York

**Liz Claiborne** – Art Spiro – Curve and Lucky Brand cologne and perfume for gift bags.

**Regal Theatre** – Morganville, New Jersey

**Target** – Manalapan, New Jersey

**MTV Store** – Mrs. Luci Musolino - New York, New York

**Starbucks Coffee** – At the Barnes & Noble in Freehold, New Jersey

**Mr. Jeff Katz** – Samples of Jelly Bellies in all the kids bags

**Friendly's** – Old Bridge, New Jersey at the A&P Shopping Center



# PHOTOS FROM BOWL – A - THON





## Special Strides Junior Committee Visits the Farm and Celebrate the Success of a Wonderful Event

On March 16<sup>th</sup> all the kids that participated in the Bowl-a-Thon were invited to the farm to help announce the raffle ticket winners. We had a wonderful turnout of about 45 kids.

After giving out some more prizes and making final announcements we headed down to the farm to visit the Special Strides horses and to celebrate our success of the Bowl-a-Thon with a bon-fire where we roasted marshmallows and made s'mores.

It was a fantastic afternoon. **SAVE the DATE! Next meeting Sunday April 13<sup>th</sup>.**

