



Dear Parent,

It is with great pleasure that we announce the availability of the Lancaster-Lebanon IU 13 Jae Davis Parent Scholarship for the August 2010 Fourteenth Annual Progress Through Partnership Autism conference at Penn State College! This scholarship is in memory of a local mother who did outstanding work on behalf of children with Autism and their families. The conference is scheduled for Monday, August 2 through Friday, August 6, 2010. It is an outstanding learning opportunity with a number of local, regional, state and national speakers presenting.

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Conference details will be updated mid to late April and are available at:

**<http://www.outreach.psu.edu/C&I/Autism>**

The Lancaster-Lebanon IU 13 Jae Davis Parent Scholarship will sponsor up to ten parents (\$1500/family) to attend the conference. The scholarship can fund the following items:

1. Registration fee for either a single day or multiple days depending on parental request.
2. The hotel expenses for a single or double room at the hotel reserved by Lancaster-Lebanon IU 13. Miscellaneous expenses (e.g., phone calls) will be the responsibility of the parent. Lancaster-Lebanon IU 13 will make all hotel arrangements.
3. Meals will be reimbursed based on Lancaster-Lebanon IU 13 policy. Lunch is provided as part of the conference.
4. A childcare stipend is available for up to \$75/day. Documentation of expenses will be needed prior to reimbursement.

In return, we ask that parents who attend the conference on a scholarship perform a few critical tasks:

1. Attend and participate with the IU 13 teams during the morning networking session on each day that you attend. The planning session runs from 8:15 AM to 8:45 AM before the conference sessions begin each day.
2. Be willing to share what you have learned both formally and informally with other IU 13 and district parents and staff upon your return.

While we wish that we could fund all parents interested in attending, we have only a limited number of scholarships. If you are interested in being considered, please complete the enclosed information and application essay and **return them to Norma Wagner by March 5, 2010**. A committee committed to improving services to students with Autism will review the applications. The committee will be comprised of parents, IU13 and school district representatives, and agency personnel. You will be notified either way by April 2, 2010.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Sherry Zubeck".

Sherry Zubeck  
Director of Special Education Services



**“Progress Through Partnership National Autism Conference”**  
**August 2-August 6, 2010 Penn State University, State College, Pennsylvania**  
 ~ Lancaster-Lebanon IU 13 Jae Davis Parent Scholarship~

**Lancaster-Lebanon IU 13 Jae Davis Parent Scholarship Information**

Named in memory of Jae Davis the mother of a child with autism and a strong parent advocate, Jae created one of the first in-home programs in the United States for educating students with Autism. Dr. Mary Jane Weiss, Dr. Rebecca Landa, Dr. Vince Carbone, as well as Congressman, Senators, doctoral students, educators and parents, visited her to seek her advice, guidance and innovative therapies. Jae set up one of the first intern programs for undergraduate and graduate students from Franklin & Marshall College and Millersville and Penn State Universities to work in the home program. She lobbied at the federal, state and local levels for classrooms for children with Autism. Area educators came to the Davis home to study with her. Jae was selfless. She took other kids in and developed therapies for them. She counseled parents and attended their children’s IEP meetings. Additionally, she traveled to other homes to set up a program or help an overwhelmed parent. Upon her death, she was honored by many Autism organizations, the State Senate and on the anniversary of her death, Congressman Greenwood spoke about her and her accomplishments before a session of Congress.

The scholarships are provided for parents of children diagnosed with Autism Spectrum disorder. This includes children (ages 3 and above) who are served by IU 13 or one of our 22 constituent school districts. The scholarship cover costs for participation in the national conference, held annually at Penn State University. Costs supported include registration, lodging and eligible childcare costs (specifics will be provided) up to \$1,500 per family for the National Autism Conference. A committee comprised of parents, IU13 and school district representatives and agency personnel committed to improving services to students with Autism will review the applications. Decisions will be announced by April 2, 2010. Scholarships are available for up to 10 persons (families).

**Application Information**

|               |            |                |
|---------------|------------|----------------|
| Last Name     | First Name | Middle Initial |
| Email Address |            |                |
| Address       |            |                |
| City          | State      | Zip Code       |
| Work Phone    | Home Phone | Fax            |

**Child Information**

|                                    |                              |
|------------------------------------|------------------------------|
| Child’s Name                       | Child’s Age                  |
| Child’s Class Location and Teacher | School District of Residence |

**Conference Attendance Information**

I can attend the following day(s) of the conference: (check all that apply)

|                                    |                |   |
|------------------------------------|----------------|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Monday    | August 2, 2010 | I or a family member have received a scholarship in the past.<br><input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Tuesday   | August 3, 2010 |   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Wednesday | August 4, 2010 |   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Thursday  | August 5, 2010 |   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Friday    | August 6, 2010 |   |

If yes, year \_\_\_\_\_

**Application**

On a single, typed sheet, please describe why you would benefit attending the conference. Also provide some examples of how you would use, and share with others, the information gained.

*Please return to Lancaster-Lebanon IU13, Norma Wagner, 1020 New Holland Avenue, Lancaster, PA 17601  
by March 5, 2010*