

PAXTON CAMPUS HAD ITS THIRD ANNUAL AUTISM AWARENESS WALK ON SUNDAY

Leesburg, Virginia – April 9, 2013 – On Sunday, April 7, at 12:00PM, Paxton Campus, joined by many members of the community, held its third annual Autism Awareness Walk. There to help celebrate were the Leesburg Police Department, who brought McGruff and the Barrel Train; Fetch, the Loudoun Hound mascot; and Brigatta White, of WholeME, who led a stretch before the Walk. Paxton Campus would like to give a special thanks to Autism Speaks, for coming out and participating and providing food for this event.

After the Walk ended, a group of walkers, led by Jennifer Lassiter, the Executive Director of Paxton Campus, then walked to the Tally Ho to watch Puzzle Piece. Puzzle Piece is an inspirational musical that looks into the life of a family dealing with Autism. It was written and directed by Tom Sweitzer of A Place to Be.

Paxton Campus has been serving the Loudoun County community for years, and the Annual Autism Awareness Walk and Family Fun Day is an event for the community to come together to raise awareness for Autism and the families, students, and individuals affected by it.

In 1922, Rachel Paxton had a vision to turn her home and property into a safe and welcoming environment for underprivileged families. In 1967, a group of parents whose children had special needs formed The Arc of Loudoun, a non-profit to start a school for their children when no one else would. In 2010, those two visions combined when The Arc of Loudoun moved to the Paxton Campus. Since then, the Campus has grown into a full-service organization to provide an integrated and innovative learning environment for all ages and abilities. Programs include The Aurora School, Open Door Learning Center preschool, STEP Up vocational training program for adults, and ALLY (“A Life Like Yours”) Advocacy Center, all devoted to serving people with disabilities and their families, as well as helping children of all abilities thrive in our community.

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