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Autism is an epidemic! Every 20 minutes a child is diagnosed with autism and counts are on the rise. It affects 1 in every 150 children and is 4 times more common in boys. More children will be diagnosed with autism this year than AIDS, diabetes, or cancer combined. Children often follow typical development until around 18 months of age when parents start to see their playful toddler disappear. The smiles fade, eye contact becomes painfully difficult, play becomes self absorbed and repetitive, and speech & language development come to a screeching halt with words replaced by tantrums. Sleeping is limited to just a few hours each night, eating is limited to just a few specific foods, and sometimes aggressive behaviors emerge out of frustration and sensory overload. It is extremely painful for parents to watch their happy, engaging toddler slip away. Parents often say, "I just want my child back." Fortunately with the right treatment, getting that little child back is possible.

The ISAAC Foundation is a unique 501(c)(3) organization that was founded by Reed and Holly Lytle in memory of their beloved son, Isaac Dennis Lytle, a gifted and loving young boy, who fought autism until his death on February 8, 2007. Isaac was fortunate and was making tremendous progress due to the love and perseverance of his parents who struggled to physically and financially provide him with the medically recommended 25 hours per week of intensive therapy intervention. Sadly, Isaac was only one of the 4% of children who receives the critically required 25-30 hours per week of therapy services due to insurance companies' exclusion of medical services for children affected by autism. Ninety percent of Washington State medical plans limit or exclude therapy services for autistic children forcing families to bear the burden of paying \$30,000-\$80,000 in medical expenses per year. Imagine the pain a parent feels when they know the treatment needed to help their child and yet is unable to financially obtain it.

The ISAAC Foundation is dedicated to providing financial assistance in the form of therapy grants to children on the autistic spectrum who lack insurance benefits to cover their therapy needs. Since its incorporation on July 27, 2007, Isaac's family, volunteers, and supporters have raised over \$150,000 and have awarded over 50 area children with desperately needed therapy grants.

Please help The ISAAC foundation continue its mission by supporting its **3<sup>rd</sup> Annual A TASTE OF HOPE Benefit Auction on Friday, February 12<sup>th</sup>, 2010 at The Lincoln Center.** It promises to be a special evening of hors d'oeuvres, beverages, desserts, music and auction as we raise money for therapy grants for area children in need. **The ISAAC Foundation is seeking sponsors and donated items for this event.**

If you have questions, would like assistance with creative ideas for gift baskets or need help arranging a basket, please contact our **procurement chairperson, Laura Whitney** at \_\_\_\_\_ or [laura@theisaacfoundation.org](mailto:laura@theisaacfoundation.org). If you have questions regarding sponsorship opportunities, please contact our **Executive Director, Holly Lytle** at **499-1679** or [holly@theisaacfoundation.org](mailto:holly@theisaacfoundation.org). We look forward to your partnership as we work toward our vision of providing area children affected with autism the key to success.

Sincerely,

The ISAAC Foundation Family

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