



INTEGRATED SERVICES FOR AUTISM AND
NEURODEVELOPMENTAL DISORDERS

ISAND Bowl for Autism Raises More Than \$50,000!

TORONTO, ON (November 3, 2016) — With the help of generous donors and 230 enthusiastic participants, the Integrated Services for Autism and Neurodevelopmental Disorders (ISAND) 3rd annual Bowl for Autism on October 23 raised more than \$50,000.

“We are thrilled by the generosity of everyone who contributed to the event’s success,” said David Gray, ISAND Executive Director. “We are deeply grateful to the bowlers, volunteers and others who worked so hard to help us surpass our goal. The proceeds will support our Helping Hands Fund, enabling us to care for even more families living with autism.”

Many children and young adults can achieve significant developmental gains with support from the ISAND team. However, not all families have access to benefit plans or other resources to cover the cost of services. The Helping Hands Fund helps to eliminate this financial barrier and enables ISAND to provide services regardless of a family’s ability to pay.

While the event took place on October 23, participants could raise pledges until October 31 for a chance to win a fundraising incentive prize donated by WestJet through its WestJetters Caring for Our Community program. Shane Nixon, who raised an impressive \$10,150 in pledges, was the lucky winner of a return trip for two to anywhere WestJet flies.

ISAND Bowl for Autism was supported by Starbucks. Kingpin sponsors were Fidelity Investments, Shane Nixon/HollisWealth, The Sharpe-Way Group/Scotia Wealth Management, Silvercore Properties and TD. Additional sponsorship support was provided by Argyle Public Relationships, CBRE, Cresa, Mico Systems, Oxford Learning – Lawrence Plaza, Pennylegion Chung LLP, and Practice Perfect. Refreshments were provided by Booyah Ice Cream, Pizza Pizza and Starbucks. Microsoft Canada and Starbucks contributed prizes.

Donations to ISAND can be made at www.isand.ca/donate.

About ISAND

ISAND is a registered non-profit organization that serves children, youth and young adults with autism and other neurodevelopmental disorders. ISAND’s integrated team of developmental pediatricians, psychologists, clinicians, and therapists work together with families to achieve the best possible outcomes for young people with autism and neurodevelopmental disorders. The team provides developmental medical care, language and social communication, occupational and behavioural therapies, as well as mental health and wellness supports for individuals and families. In addition to providing a wide range of comprehensive, innovative, and evidence-based supports and services, ISAND is becoming increasingly known as a teaching centre by providing mentorship across all levels of pediatric medical training and speech-language pathology. For more information about the important work of ISAND, please visit www.isand.ca. ISAND is a member of Imagine Canada, Volunteer Canada and The Canadian Autism Spectrum Disorders Alliance (CASDA).

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