



**PUTTING the
PIECES TOGETHER**

We are affecting children from every county in NNJ and no child is turned away. Our children range between the ages of 18 months to 21 years old. We are not affiliated with a town or school so we rely strictly on donations and grants. We are a non for profit organization with the sole purpose of serving families of children with different needs in every way we can. We are over 100 families strong.

The special needs community is growing. 1 in 95 children in NNJ are affected with autism. Our group also has children with Fragile X, Down Syndrome, Cerebral Palsy and other disabilities. We make sure that ALL children have the choices they deserve.

We are now being recommended by The Institute for Child Development at Hackensack Hospital, Arc of Bergen and Passaic County, SBJC a multi campus special needs school and many other facilities that play a part in the life of a child with different needs. We are grateful for the referrals and want to continue to offer quality programs that have a proven success rate. With your help that will happen.

We are growing in leaps and bounds because of the referrals and now need a recreation facility of our own along with a completely gated multipurpose field. Your support will help us to reach our goal and build a facility that our children can enjoy and never be turned away from. Our children should have a safe environment to thrive in and we as parents of children with different needs can create that place with some help from you.

We are adding new programs and this of course takes funding. With your help new programs that are desperately needed will be available. Just imagine a place designed to enhance the lives of children with different needs and since our programs are inclusive programs all children will benefit from this facility. I urge you to open your heart to our children and give them a chance only you can make it happen. Only you can help our children to have their moment in time.

Thank you for your valuable time we hope to hear from you soon!



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Making the Pieces Fit!

Putting the Pieces Together Support Group

And

Special Angels Recreation

**Helping to give children with different needs
choices since 2005**



Playing is Winning!

ABOUT SPECIAL ANGELS RECREATION

Our recreation league is the first of its kind year round sports and leisure activity group that caters to children with different needs. Our children deserve to have choices in extracurricular activities and now they do. We have a movie theater to ourselves once a month to see a new release movie with popcorn and soda. Some parents admit it's the first time they've been to the movies since the diagnoses. We offer Tee Ball in the Spring, Bowling in the Summer, Soccer in the Fall and Basketball in the Winter. There are parades, Closing Day Carnivals with SpongeBob, a moon bounce and more all free to the child and their family. We celebrate their successes at our 5 Star Banquets free to the child on our league with Face Painter Clowns and DJ Karaoke along with a trophy for every child. Sponsors for these sports receive a wooden plaque with the team photo on it, their name on a uniform and a seat at the banquet. Picture day is also something we offer with a special needs photographer offering picture packages with trader cards to the families. We also offer an Exceptional Dance class with costumes and a recital and a State respected Cheer/Dance Squad featured in many articles, made the cover story in Our Meadowlands magazine, they've been showcased at competitions, invited to the Disney Competition, they've performed at sports games and is the Official Cheer/Dance Squad of the Bergen County Sheriff's Dept. Our girls from SPARKS have been invited to perform their cheer/dance routine at the State House in Trenton in front of our NJ State Assemblymen. That is quite an honor. We have dedicated coaches that come out on a Sunday morning when they could be sleeping and make sure our children have a wonderful experience. We have dedicated parents that go the extra mile for our children and want to give their children choices. We have many wonderful programs to offer and you can read more about them at our websites www.puttingthepiecestogether.org and www.specialangels.eboard.com password sports. The second website has a calendar that will tell you all that is going on so please check it often it is constantly being updated. You can email us at puttingthepiecestogether1@comcast.net or call Debbie or Tara at 201-966-8738 or 201-772-8111 for more information.

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Our support group and recreation league was started by Deborah Wertalik and Tara Banuls, a grandma and mom of a child with autism had their first meeting on July 7, 2005 and has been meeting ever since every Thursday at 7:30pm at the La Salle Center 200 Ridge Road North Arlington. We have become a family and have supported each other through our many difficult times and have rejoiced together at many happy times. We educate through workshops and speaker meetings because education is our best weapon against autism. We offer many wonderful programs such as Listening Therapy, Social Skills Group, DAD Program (Drum therapy) Breakfast with the Easter Bunny, Christmas with Santa, group summer trips, Welcome to our World Art Show and our Black and Blue Ball, an adult only event, where we auction the art work created by our children. We sponsor many wonderful autism awareness events such as our Motorcycle Run, Softball Challenge, 'Too Hot to Handle', our parents against the LFD and NAFD, Hearts 4 Autism Walk (proceeds directly affecting our children) and our golf outing to name a few. We are also going to be licensed providers of Listening Therapy. We meet with Senator's and Assemblymen because those are the people in power that create and help pass Laws and Bills to enhance our children's lives. We are currently raising funds to help us purchase our own Special Needs Recreation Center and gated multipurpose field so we can provide more therapy and sports and leisure activities for the children and more education for the caregivers to help our children to grow.

