

# SCAAN

Santa Clarita Autism Asperger Network

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Dear Friends of SCAAN,

As a member of the Santa Clarita Autism Asperger Network, you probably know that our mission is to make a difference in the lives of families and children with autism spectrum disorders in the Santa Clarita Valley. I'm writing with important information about how *you* can help make a difference.

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SCAAN is sponsoring the third annual Crop for Autism. What is a Crop? It's a day that people get together to work on their photo and memory scrapbooks. It's also a major fundraiser for SCAAN. Last year, the Crop for Autism raised approximately \$3,000 for SCAAN. This year, our goal is \$5,000. These funds will go directly to SCAAN to help support our existing efforts and *help fund new efforts*, including:

- Free monthly support group meetings
- Free newsletter
- Social events such as playgroups, holiday parties and picnics
- Local resource guide
- Local community outreach events
- Professional outreach and training to pediatric practices, parks & recreation staff
- Scholarships to attend conferences
- Family workshops on how to talk about autism to children
- Sibling workshops
- Educational workshops

You can help with the Crop for Autism in a number of ways. If you are interested in working on your scrapbook or learning how, register to attend the event. Or, you can volunteer to help at the event or help promote the event in the community. *We also encourage you to ask family, friends and colleagues to help sponsor SCAAN.* We have put this fundraising kit together to help you. It contains:

- "What is a Crop?" information
- Registration form
- Donation form
- Sample Donation Request letter (customize and send to your family and friends)

At first it might not be easy to ask people to sponsor SCAAN, but when you tell them how SCAAN helps your family, you may be surprised at how many people are willing to contribute. Donations of all sizes are appreciated. Thank you for helping make a difference in our community!

*Vicki Berrey*

President

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