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NEWS YOU CAN LOOK FORWARD TO... and that's a FACT!



Families of Autistic Children in Tidewater Because children with autism are children first



Donors and Granters- The Sandler Family Foundation

If you've been a member of the FACT family for any amount of time, you should know that the Sandler Family Foundation is responsible for so much of our success. They have given us the ability to expand Camp Gonnawannagoagin' from serving 20 children to serving 270! They are our most loyal and generous benefactors, donating more than half a million dollars over the last decade.

Sam and Reba Sandler left a legacy of remarkable values to their sons Art and Steve. They in turn spread the importance of helping others, defending those who cannot defend themselves, and standing up against discrimination, by supporting local and national charities that share their values. Today their children, employees, and colleagues are truly invested in making the world more knowledgeable, tolerant, and accepting. We are proud to be worthy of the Sandler Family Foundations generosity and truly grateful for the impact they have had on our community.

Movers and Shakers

Our friend Billy Zimmerman



When Zak Zimmerman began attending FACT events he was an adorable, curly haired, three year old who threw hour long tantrums unless we were swinging him in a rope handled ten-gallon bucket. His mother Eileen, who is very practical, was concerned and understandably exhausted. His father Billy was beside himself, consumed with guilt and worry, not only for his son, but all children with autism.

Billy's developed a greater understanding of autism and Zak developed language and aquired many skills, but Billy still wanted to do more for the autism community; to help in meaningful ways. He was the original mover and shaker.

Billy is what people would call "salt of the earth"; hard working, caring, and generous to a fault. He was not a wealthy man but he was well known and universally liked. Over the years Billy organized three charity motorcycle runs to benefit FACT. He single handedly raised the funds to purchase a school bus for Camp Gonnawannagoagin'. When our playground needed improvement, he was there on his tractor. He always said "one of theses days we're going to build these kids a clubhouse", meaning a permanent home for FACT programs. Last week our dear friend Billy passed away. He was a friend to everyone he met and a huge believer if FACT. Billy was also the center of his son's universe. You rarely saw Billy without him. Zak is 15 now. He's a gentle boy and a talented artist. Thankfully he no longer tantrums because he's entirely to big to be swung in a bucket. WE want to acknowledge all of Billy's gifts to FACT including the joy of knowing his son. We adore Zak and will continue to be there for him and his mother.



[Contribute to the Zimmerman Family on Go Fund Me](#)

COMING UP...

Concert to benefit FACT

SURE MUSIC PARTY

**FEATURING THE RETURN OF
RAY & THE
ULTRAVIOLETS**

FRIEL & WATSON
WITH SPECIAL GUESTS

\$35 AT DOOR
AUTISM BENEFIT
DONATION TO F.A.C.T.



SNACKS & DISCOUNTED BAR

@ SEASIDE
23RD & PACIFIC

NOV. 9, 2019
7 - 11 PM

Programs and Events



Hobbies and Leisure Programs



Social Programs for Teens and Adults



Volunteer Opportunities



What:

**Gonnaneedabreakagin'
Drop off babysitting**

Who: Individuals with ASD
6 and older

When: Sat., Nov 16 from
6:00-9:00 at Friends
School. Pre-registration
required.

[Register Here!](#)

***Coming soon:**

Annual Holiday Party
Dec. 8th
Registration for winter
sports

More programs
offered

Teen Time and Social Club:



What:

Million Bulb Walk-
holiday lights at Norfolk
Botanical Gardens

Who:

Teen Time (ages 13-18)
Nov 16 5:15-8:30

Social Club (age 19 & up)
Nov 9 5:15-8:30

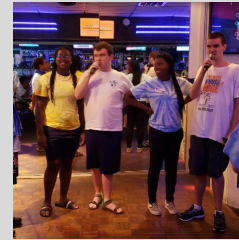
Out & About (ages 13 &
up who require 1:1
supervision)
Nov 30 5:15-8:30

[Register for these
programs!](#)

***Coming soon:**

Busch Gardens and
Hurrah Players

Program info
and registration



What:

GonnawannaSINGagin'
Karaoke club on Sunday
afternoons

Teen Time, Sat 11/16

Holiday Family Fun Day
Sun. 12/8

Who: Volunteers ages
14 and older

**please read criteria
before registering*

[Register to volunteer](#)

***Coming soon:**

Winter sports: bowling
and basketball
volunteers
needed.

More about our
sports programs

Visit our Website

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