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**May 2016 Events/Information**

**TIPS TOOLBOX**

**Awareness Day Live! May 5th, 2016** is your community’s opportunity to be a vital part of the National Children’s Mental Health Awareness Day 2016 national event. You can join the discussion online about how communities around the country are connecting children, youth, and young adults with mental and substance use disorders—and their families—to behavioral health services and supports. Youth and family leaders, educators, law enforcement officials, and behavioral health professionals at the national event will share strategies for addressing barriers to behavioral health care access. Awareness Day 2016 Honorary Chairperson Reid Ewing of ABC hit comedy “Modern Family” will also join in the discussion.
The Innovative Approaches grant initiative is focused on improving outcomes for children and youth with special health care needs and their families through system-level changes. Work will include leadership of an interdisciplinary steering committee and collaboration across community agencies at the local and state levels. The work for this position covers Watauga, Ashe and Alleghany Counties with an office based in Boone, NC. This position is contracted position through the NC Alliance of Public Health Agencies. Apply online at [http://www.ncapha.org/](http://www.ncapha.org/).

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**Live Stream Begins Wednesday, May 4 at 1:30pm ET.**

**RSVP Now**
May 7th
10 A.M. ~ 1 P.M.
Bring your bike & helmet to West Park Medical Center
~ Minor bike adjustments & repairs
~ Emergency Vehicles Display
~ Helmets will be provided for riders that do not have one.
~ Hot Dogs & Drinks
~ Safety Displays

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3 months into our pregnancy my wife and I received a test result stating that there was a 99% chance our baby girl would be born with Down syndrome. We were scared and uncertain, but through great support from family and friends and God, overwhelming peace we moved forward with a new positive outlook. There was no reason to worry because God was in control.

One of the first things that was sent to us was a short story called “Welcome to Holland”. This story was the inspiration for our beautiful baby’s name and we felt so blessed that God sent her to us regardless of any test result.

The short story WELCOME TO HOLLAND was written by Emily Perl Kingsley and describes the experience of raising a child with a disability. She says it is like planning a trip to Italy. You buy the books, learn the language, and get very excited. But, when getting off the plane you realize that you have arrived in Holland. You have dreamed of going to Italy your whole life. But after buying new guide books, learning the new language, and meeting a whole new group of people you realize that Holland has windmills, tulips and even Rembrandts. If you spend your whole life mourning that you didn’t go to Italy, you may never be able to enjoy the very special and lovely things about Holland.

The purpose of the “Run For Holland 5K” is to raise awareness for parents who have had or are having a child born with a physical or mental disability. We want to show these parents that having a child with Down syndrome or any other disability is not the end of the world, it is the beginning of a wonderfully different, more fulfilling universe.

With the 2014-15 funds raised, we were able to give over $23,000 in grants to local organizations that serve those with special needs. We hope to continue this support and awareness in 2016 and beyond!

See what we’ve done @ runforholland.com

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Run for Holland 5K/10K Run & 1 mile Fun Run

May 14, 2016 @ 8:30 AM
Address: Riverside Park
200 E Tappan St Spruce Pine, NC

We have given over $23,000 in grants to local organizations that support those with disabilities.

The purpose of the “Run For Holland 5K” is to raise awareness in our community about Down Syndrome. Specifically, to raise awareness for parents who have had or are having a child born with a physical or mental disability. We want to show these parents that having a child with Down syndrome or any other disability is not the end of the world, it is the beginning of a wonderfully different, more fulfilling universe.

See the inspiration for the “Run For Holland” name on the back.
Please click on the image below to enlarge.
The Summer Camp can accommodate any children with any type of disability or special needs. To be considered for a scholarship of any kind families need to attach documentation that shows their family annual income. Anyone can apply anywhere in the county. Applications are being taken first come first serve.
Hunter's Heroes Team wishes to inspire the community to remember those that gave the ultimate sacrifice in service to the community and also to embrace the loved ones that lost someone too soon. Hunter’s Heroes started as a Memorial Run for Deputy William Mast Jr. who died suddenly in the line of duty; his son, Hunter Mast, was born seventeen days later. They honor public safety officers and military personnel of their service to North Carolina and to the United States. The intention is to remember and celebrate their commitment and to provide financial support to their families in times of need. **To find out more about the race and the Carnival Night, please click here.**

We are currently updating our database resource website. Please keep checking for more resources in English/Spanish for: Alleghany, Ashe, Avery, Mitchell, Watauga, Wilkes, and Yancey Counties.

For more resources, please go to

www.p2presources.com