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“Milestones gives families with autism somewhere to turn during their journey. I am involved to provide hands-on resources and help to local children and families today.”

– Joyce Goldberg Fromson



JOYCE GOLDBERG FROMSON

Native Clevelander Joyce Goldberg Fromson is motivated by her three children and nine grandchildren to improve her local community. Joyce has been active with Mt. Sinai Hospital, Jewish Federation of Cleveland, and Hawken School, and is a life-long member of The Park Synagogue.

As a grandmother of twin boys with autism, Joyce educated herself and helped to raise autism awareness even before her board involvement with Milestones Autism Resources. She and her late husband, Gary, engaged their extended family in championing autism as a cause. Joyce attended an early Milestones conference with her mother and her daughter—three generations who learned together. As a seven year member of the board, Joyce has assisted in enhancing the reach of Milestones by introducing the organization to a wider audience. Her generous support has provided the foundation for Milestones’ core programs and enabled the organization to continue to meet the growing needs of local families.

“It is critical for us to continue to grow Milestones and raise the resources to allow our staff to work effectively, making lasting impacts on the lives of families and individuals with autism.”

– Andrea Kanter Grodin



ANDREA KANTER GRODIN

While New Jersey was her first home, Andrea Kanter Grodin has made a big difference in her adopted Cleveland home for more than 35 years. After practicing municipal law for eleven years, Andi shifted her professional role to healthcare administration at Montefiore and is now at Cleveland Clinic, where she serves as Executive Director of Operations. Her passion to improve and give back to the community is evident in her involvement with Evergreen Cooperatives, Greater University Circle Initiatives, Jewish Federation of Cleveland, and Jewish Community Housing Board.

Andi has served as a board member for Milestones Autism Resources since 2005 and as board chair from 2008 to 2011. During this time, Andi led Milestones through a period of growth, program development, and professionalization, raising the bar for the organization programmatically and fiscally. With her wonderful family to support her, Andi feels rewarded to see how much Milestones has grown through the years.

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"The founders of Milestones recognized the need to help the autism community and had the vision to make it happen. This tenacity to put an organization together and make it work is why I became involved with Milestones."

– Donna Yanowitz



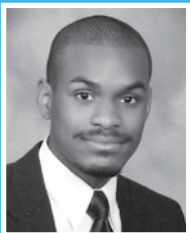
DONNA YANOWITZ

Born in Duluth, Minnesota, Donna Yanowitz came from a family that valued volunteerism and philanthropy and, along with her late husband, Bennett, has imbued these ideals to her three sons and their families. Since moving to Cleveland in 1951, Donna has been an active volunteer and leader with many area organizations including the Jewish Federation of Cleveland, Bellefaire JCB, NCJW, United Cerebral Palsy of Greater Cleveland, and Cleveland College of Jewish Studies, now the Siegal Lifelong Learning Program of Case Western Reserve University.

With her vast nonprofit board experience and life-long dedication to philanthropy and leadership, Donna has helped guide Milestones to expand its ability to serve the autism community. Donna has advocated on behalf of Milestones to increase services and support for teens and adults struggling to achieve greater community independence. Through her committee work, Donna's confident and knowledgeable guidance has enhanced Milestones' capabilities to provide essential services for parents, professionals and individuals with autism.

Thank You

TO OUR PERFORMERS



Aaron Lawrence Greene,

22 years old, is a former Milestones intern studying Music Theory through the Cleveland Institute of Music's continuing education department and taking classes at Cuyahoga Community College. Aaron volunteers in the community through

YouthAbility and plays music at Cedar Hill Baptist Church and Menorah Park. Aaron enjoys music composition and performance, roller-skating, residential real estate "shopping," and spending time with friends and family. A Beachwood High School graduate, Aaron currently works at Heinen's and hopes to expand his music performance business.



Elias Manos, 20 years old, is a sophomore at Cleveland State University studying Music Composition and Piano Performance. He is a recipient of many awards and scholarships, including the Bettie Allen Dorsey Music Scholarship and the Bain

Murray Award for Music Composition at Cleveland State University. He is the pianist for the Singing Angels children's show choir in Cleveland, performing with them at many venues, including Playhouse Square, New York City, the UN Headquarters in Geneva, Switzerland, and the White House. He has also played piano for musical theater productions at Lawrence School and around Cleveland.

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December 5, 2015

Dear Guests,

Tonight, it is an honor to celebrate three incredible women who have been instrumental in strengthening our foundation and ensuring the ongoing success of Milestones: Joyce Goldberg Fromson, Andrea Kanter Grodin, and Donna Yanowitz. Thank you for joining us in paying tribute to these women whose Board leadership and generosity of time, talent, and resources has helped bring us into our fourteenth year of serving the local autism community.

While many of you here tonight are familiar with Milestones, we hope that each of you leave having learned something new, and with a renewed sense of excitement at the difference you are making for our community. Your resources stay local, but the impact you are making continues with a ripple effect well beyond Northeast Ohio, whether it's in the online resources you help us to provide, free coaching for families who need it, or support for our conference whose attendees now span more than ten states.

No doubt, you are already aware of the enormous number of families who are touched by autism. We are grateful to be able to help this growing community navigate the challenging road ahead. Through the leadership of Joyce, Andi, and Donna, and through your generosity, we are excited to launch into 2016 strong, and eager to further serve our local families, professionals and individuals with autism.

With gratitude,

Adam Berebitsky
Board Chair

Ilana Hoffer Skoff
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Mia Buchwald Gelles
Operations Director

Why I'm Involved with Milestones



Nicole Crews, Parent and Trustee

“Autism is truly a journey for all of those who are impacted – individuals, parents, caregivers, and professionals. Milestones supports the journey by connecting all of the resource 'dots' – providing training, services, and information to the northeast Ohio community.”



Carrie Rosenfelt, Parent and Trustee

“When we needed a referral for a homework tutor, Monica from Milestones responded to our request for help and provided a list of potential tutors within hours! I appreciate that Milestones is there to provide evidence-based and vetted resources to families in need.”



Aletta Sinoff, Parent, Autism Professional, and Trustee

“Milestones has contributed to my development as both a professional and a parent of an adult with autism and I am committed to do whatever I can to contribute to the growth of this organization.”



Vision

A community in which individuals on the autism spectrum reach their full potential as contributing members of society, recognized for their strengths and supported in their challenges.

Mission

Milestones Autism Resources improves the lives of individuals on the autism spectrum by educating, coaching and connecting the autism community with evidence-based information.



When it comes to autism,

CORE PROGRAMS



AUTISM CONFERENCE

Milestones' annual conference provides two days of learning, networking, and evidence-based practical strategies for all ages, stages, and abilities. Since 2003, the conference is a must-attend event for family members, educators, therapists, medical professionals, and individuals with ASD to learn best practices for school, home, community, and work.



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“The Conference advances education within the autism community and raises the bar for everyone.”

—Lisa M. Meeks, PhD, Speaker, 2013-2015



COACHING, CONSULTATIONS & TRAININGS

Milestones offers free coaching services to parents, caregivers, and individuals to help them become more informed and confident about behavioral and educational strategies. We provide consultations with families and individuals to help plan, prepare, and prioritize strategies at an ongoing level of support.

Milestones also provides in-depth consultations and trainings for professionals, school districts, agencies, and professional organizations customized to their particular needs and identified goals.



“The Milestones coaching program has been an invaluable resource to us because it pulls together the right information for our child, our family, and our situation.”

—Christine Amer Mayer, Parent

Milestones lends a hand.



TEEN/ADULT SERVICES

Milestones supports individuals, families, and providers in creating and following through in successful transition planning. Beyond the transition years, we offer assistance to families and individuals to build an adult team, create a plan, develop employment support, and integrate into the community. Milestones' staff also tailors consultations and trainings to an individual's or agency's needs in transition planning and beyond.



"I came to Milestones and they helped me live independently. With their help, I made friends and moved to an apartment. I have a social life that I never thought I would be able to have."

—Molly D. Dann, Individual with ASD



ONLINE RESOURCES

Milestones.org connects parents, professionals, and individuals with ASD with more than 1,000 autism resources, tool kits, and frequently asked questions. An online autism community calendar compiles hundreds of workshops and social activities for those impacted by autism.



"The breadth of resources, empirically-grounded content and relevance to a wide array of consumers makes the website an invaluable tool; plus, it's available at any time and to anyone."

—Tracy Masterson, PhD, John Carroll University

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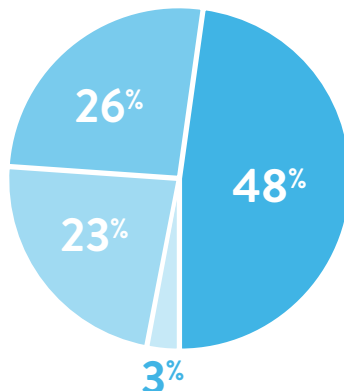
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- ★ Help Me Grow
- ★ John Carroll University
- ★ Leadership Lorain County
- ★ MetroHealth
- ★ National Association of Social Workers (NASW)
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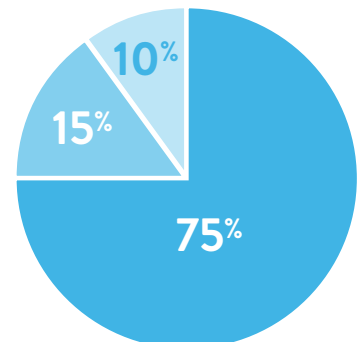
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EXPENSES Total \$691,000

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IMPACTED BY AUTISM.**

*Congratulations
Joyce, Andrea and Donna!*

Wishing you continued success,
Lois Joan Davis



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Milestones and Honorees:

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Andrea Kanter Grodin

and

Donna Yanowitz

for all you have accomplished for the
autism community in Cleveland.

Goldberg and Fromson Families

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– THE YANOWITZ FAMILY

*Congratulations
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and Milestones.*

THE GOLDBERG, FRANKEL, PONSKY FAMILY



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Carol and Marvin Lader

Best wishes to
**Milestones Autism Resources
and Andrea Kanter Grodin**

*for all you have accomplished
for the autism community in Cleveland.*



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We deeply appreciate your devotion, dedication, and all your efforts on behalf of Milestones, which has been such a huge source of help to our family and others.

Carol, Scott and Evan Burg



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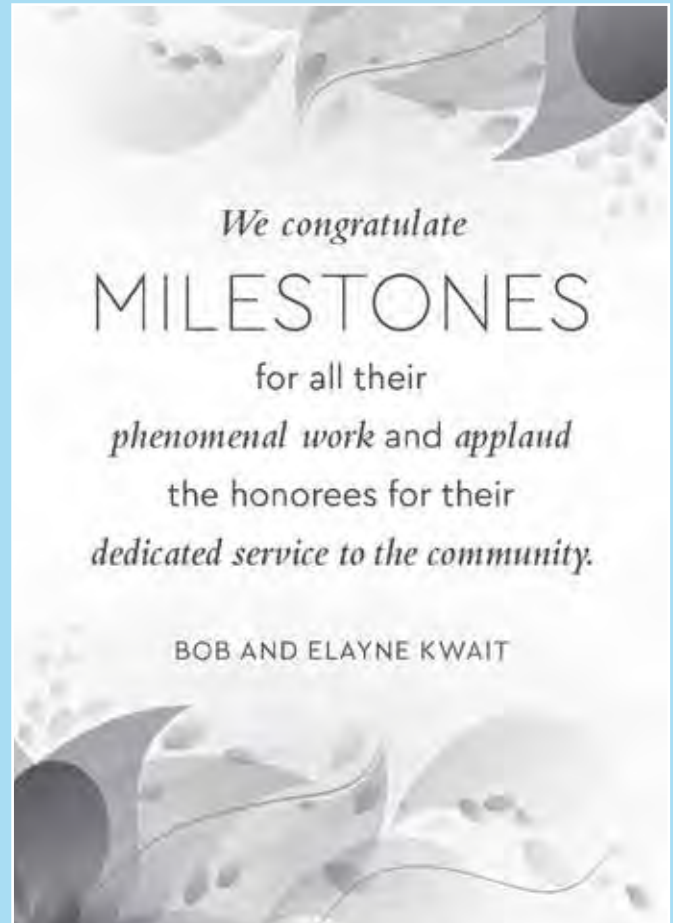
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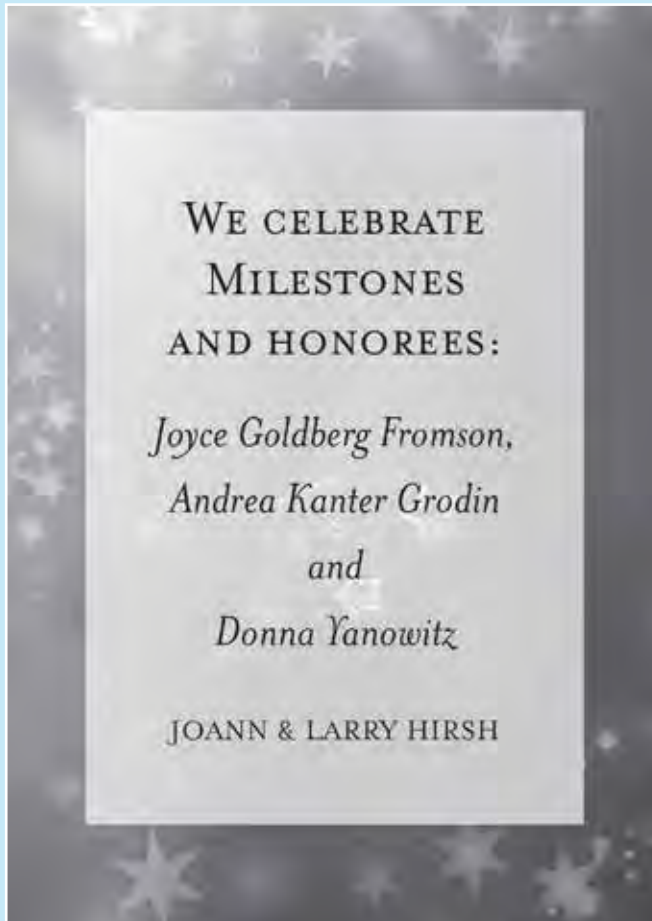
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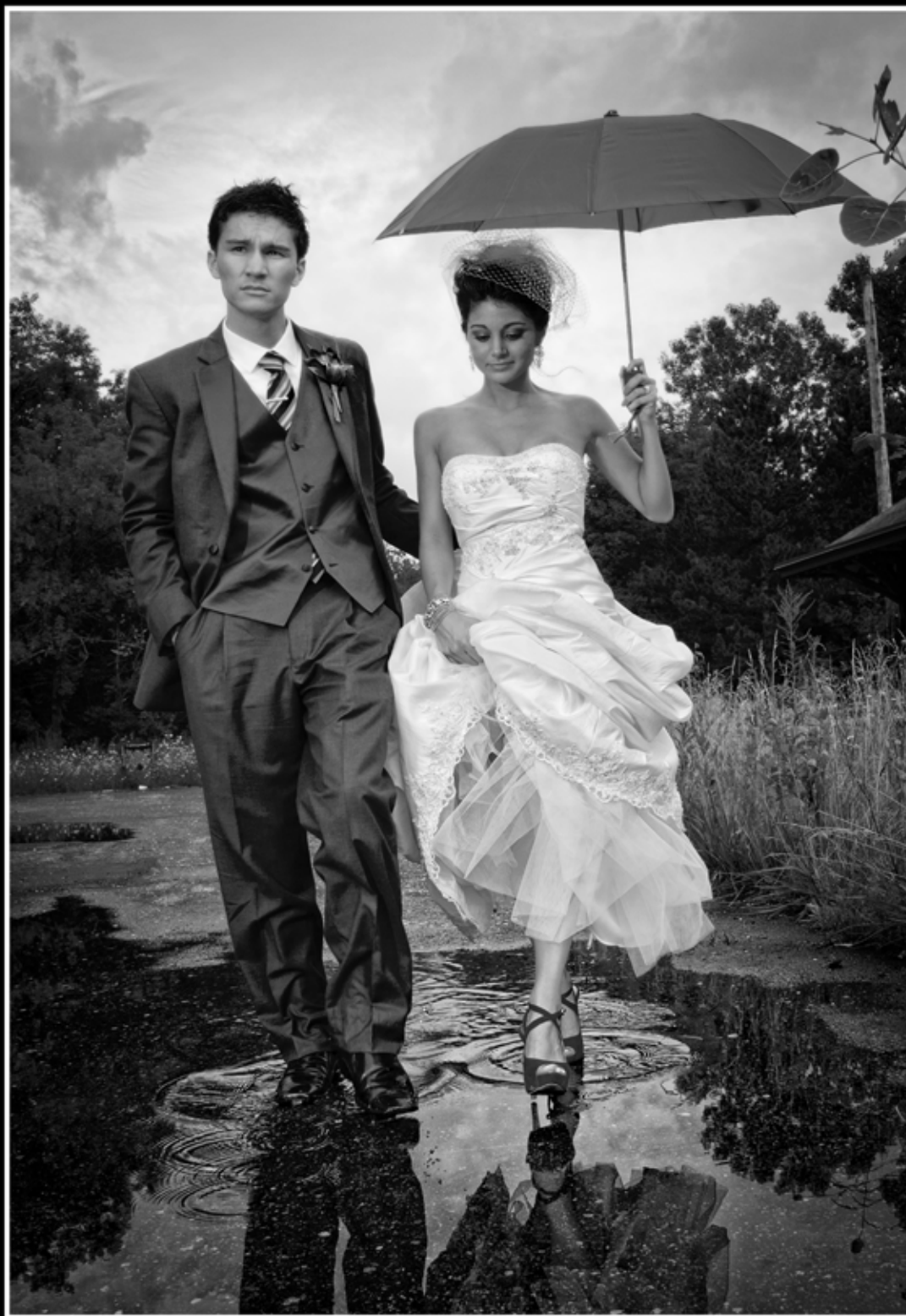
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