



Our Quarter Newsletter - Fall 2023



For more info on our group please contact us at info@teamshawniegroup.com



New designs have arrived at our store!

What's in store this quarter?

In this quarterly publication, we explain in detail how the Team Shawnie Advocacy group works. It is a lengthy, painstaking process that involves lots of paperwork, meetings, etc. We talk about Shawnie's participation in a Halloween trip to Six Flags as well as a school Halloween party. We touch on the importance of following us on Social media to keep up to date with news and information regarding special needs and Autism. We have put together a list of 7 tips for safe trick-or-treating with your special needs children. We also have new designs in our merchandise store.



Ready to Volunteer?

info@teamshawniegroup.org

Volunteers form the core of our Autism advocacy group, breathing life into our mission of forging a society that's more inclusive and accepting. When you become a part of our devoted team, you assume a pivotal role in magnifying voices, heightening awareness, and propelling positive transformations for individuals on the Autism spectrum and their families. Your investment of time and passion holds the power to create a substantial impact, assisting us in constructing a brighter future collectively.

If you or someone you know is interested in contributing even a small portion of your time, please don't hesitate to reach out to us at info@teamshawniegroup.org. We warmly welcome your support.



Team Shawnie
ADVOCACY GROUP

How our team works

www.teamshawniegroup.org



THE PROCESS

Supporting a special needs family in crisis is a multi-faceted process that involves numerous steps. It typically begins with an initial meeting with our experienced advocates, where we carefully listen to the family's concerns, needs, and goals. This conversation helps us tailor a personalized plan of action. We guide families through the often complex paperwork and documentation required, which might involve IEPs (Individualized Education Programs), therapy schedules, or medical records, among others. Once the paperwork is organized, our advocates represent the family in meetings with school districts and other agencies, ensuring that their unique requirements are heard and addressed. Throughout the process, we provide unwavering support, offering resources, expertise, and emotional assistance to help the family navigate challenges and achieve the best possible outcomes. We collaborate closely with families, empowering them to advocate effectively for their special needs child, creating a more inclusive and supportive environment for all.

THANK YOU TO OUR WALL OF CARING

We would like to extend our sincerest gratitude to everyone who has been contributing in one way or another to the Team Shawnie Advocacy Group. Your continuing support is essential in helping us to continue our mission of promoting not only acceptance but also support, and inclusion for individuals on the Autism spectrum. These contributions allow us to enlist the expertise of professionals and specialists who can offer tailored guidance, therapies, and resources. Your generosity empowers us to bridge gaps, ensuring that every family receives the comprehensive support they need on their unique journey, making a profound impact in the lives of those we serve.

Care to join our Wall Of Caring? Go to <https://teamshawniegroup.com/wall-of-caring/>



Our Founder's Corner

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Fall ride

During a car ride through the fall season in New England, Shawnie, our inspiration and main focus, wore a wide smile. He enjoyed the colorful leaves, the cool breeze, and the swaying trees, which seemed to make him very happy and filled with wonder.

He also enjoyed listening to his favorite music playlist during his journey.



A New Nun in town

It would be a great misunderstanding to believe that Shawnie does not like or understand Halloween. Quite the contrary.

In anticipation of Halloween night, as well as a much-awaited trip to the Six Flags Fright Fest, a photo captured Shawnie, sporting a slightly eerie costume. With a mixture of excitement and curiosity, he examined his spooky attire, embracing the thrill of transformation for the night's trick-or-treating adventure.

Despite the costume's macabre elements, his beaming smile behind the camera revealed the pure joy of participating in this beloved tradition. Shawnie will also be attending a Halloween school party!

Happy

HALLOWEEN



Shawnie dressed as "The Nun"

Our Social Media Channels

Team Shawnie's Media Hub

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCZ-SLNVnHO3qEpejHoMnB5g>

Join the movement: **Subscribe Now**

Explore the Influence of Advocacy on our Social Media platforms. Are you dedicated to creating positive change and advocating for meaningful causes? Check out the Team Shawnie social media channels, where we delve into insightful discussions, inspirational narratives, and informative content designed to assist families facing crises due to special needs. Become a part of our growing community of advocates, where we address urgent issues, share success stories, and raise awareness. Subscribing to the Team Shawnie Advocacy Group's YouTube channel keeps you updated with our latest videos and connects you with a movement that strives for constructive transformations. Click that subscribe button and become a part of something impactful today!



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7 TIPS FOR SAFELY TRICK OR TREATING

with Autistic Children

1

Plan ahead

Prepare your child in advance. Discuss the Halloween routine, the concept of costumes, and the event structure.



2

Practice with props

Familiarize your child with costume accessories and props before Halloween night.



3

Visual schedule

Create a visual schedule for the evening's activities to reduce uncertainty which can lead to distress.





4

Select a quiet route

Plan a quieter, well-lit route with fewer houses to minimize sensory overload.



5

Sensory toolkit

Carry a sensory toolkit with noise-cancelling headphones, fidget toys, or comfort items.



6

Candy plan

Discuss candy rules - how many and when they can enjoy it.



7

Offer choices

Let your child choose which houses to visit to help them feel in control.



Bonus tip:

- ✓ Opt for comfortable, sensory-friendly costumes to ensure your child feels at ease.



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