

## Mark Your Calendar

### Support Meetings

First Saturday  
of the Month  
(no meetings in July, August  
and September)

**When:**

October 1, 2011  
November 5, 2011

**Where:**

Beaumont Hospital  
Royal Oak Campus  
Administration Bldg  
Private Dining Room

### Special Events:

**July 22, 2011**

Fragile X  
Awareness Day

**August 20, 2011**

FXAM Picnic & 5K  
Clarkston, MI

**September 10, 2011**

12th Annual Golf  
Outing, Wesburn  
South Rockwood, MI

**September 24, 2011**

Hansen 5th Annual  
Golf Outing  
Kent City, MI

**September 24, 2011**

What About You  
Walk, Ann Arbor, MI

### Fragile X Association of Michigan

Contact Information:

313-381-2834

fraxmich@hotmail.com

**FXAM.org**

## Three Cheers for ...



### Stephen Tolliver

FXAM family member Debbie Maszatics is so proud of her son Stephen Tolliver! Debbie has been through a lot with Stephen over the years. But she loves him dearly and can't imagine life without him. Stephen brings a lot of love and joy into Debbie's life. Continued on page 5.



### Game On!

Who says therapy can't be FUN? After years of Speech, OT, PT and working on academics, Jessica Martin was looking for something a little fun for her son Riddick. She found the perfect match at Game On, in Taylor, with James who's been working with Riddick on his baseball skills. This also helps build his strength, eye/hand coordination and focus. Once baseball season ends, James and Riddick will work on basketball skills with lots more fun on the side. Visit Game On's website at [gameonmi.com](http://gameonmi.com).



## Congratulations to The Newlyweds!

Michelle Lynn Laske and Kenneth R. Chesney, Jr. married May 1, 2011 at the historic Hope Chapel located on the grounds of Shelby Township Civic Center. Bridesmaids were her sister, Deborah Laske, and sister-in-law, Roseanne Laske. Groomsmen were Ken's sons, Chris and James Chesney. The happy couple honeymooned in Jamaica and will reside in Farmington Hills where Kyle will attend middle school next year.

Michelle's son, Kyle, endured dressing in a suit for the ceremony and reception. Kyle really enjoys being with Ken and has bonded with him over the years. We wish the Laske-Chesney Family much joy!



## From the President's Desk by Lauren Majeske



Hi Friends - There is so much going on at FXAM! Our Fragile X 5K Fun Run & Walk and annual family picnic in August promises to be lots of fun for all of our families, relatives and friends. A beautiful walk around a lake and a chance to socialize with other families afterward makes for a great day.

Rain or shine, there will be golfing at two Michigan Fragile X golf fundraisers in September. In southeast Michigan, the 12th annual FXAM golf outing is held in Rockwood. You do not have to be a golfer to participate! If you're in west

Michigan, consider the Hansen 5th annual golf outing. If you like golf, you have options.

Then, on to a new exciting opportunity for us this year. We were invited to participate in the Healthy Edge LLC Non-profit Expo and 5K walk/run in Ann Arbor. This is a great way to promote our new clinic at the University of Michigan. The hospital is putting together a team to walk and raise money and you can too!

Please consider attending all of our great Fragile X events and/or working on them. You can copy the

info in this newsletter for family and friends or send them to FXAM.org for more info and the electronic version of this newsletter.

Don't forget to read about Hannah Moreno, a wonderful young lady who is raising money for FXAM. She's almost up to \$600. Visit Hiller's Market and support her efforts!

Hope you are spreading some awareness for National Fragile X Awareness Day. Hope to see you soon at one of our events!

## 2011 What About You Walk - hosted by Healthy Edge LLC

September 24, 2011  
Gallup Park  
3000 Fuller Rd  
Ann Arbor, MI

5K Walk/Run 1 Mile Walk/Run  
Charity Expo • Live Music  
Health & Wellness Fair  
Family Fun Activities  
Prize Giveaways  
Free BBQ Luncheon provided by  
Damon's Grill

Registration begins 9 am  
5K & 1 Mile Run 10 am  
5K & 1 Mile Walk 10:30 am

We are pleased to invite you to a community event for a chance to make a difference for us all!

The third annual What About You Walk is an event to raise funds for select charities that in some way touch the lives of us all today. It is an event to benefit our children, adults in need, families, our veterans and the environment.

The funds raised will go to a charity of your choice and this year FXAM is a participating charity.

FXAM will have a Fragile X Awareness Booth at the Charity Expo.

Registration closes September 21, 2011. You can learn more, register, volunteer, sponsor an individual/team or donate to your charity (FXAM) at:

[whataboutyouwalk.com](http://whataboutyouwalk.com)

Register to walk, run or just attend the event!

Individual - \$25  
Children ages 6 - 12 - \$10  
Children 5 and under - FREE  
Team Challenge  
(5 participants per team) - \$100

[info@whataboutyouwalk.com](mailto:info@whataboutyouwalk.com)  
or 734-751-7618.

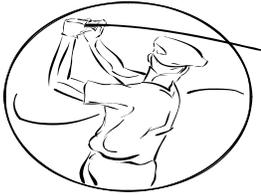
## Hansen 5th Annual Fragile X Golf Outing

Saturday, September 24, 2011, The Falls at Barber Creek  
16030 Barber Creek Avenue, Kent City, Michigan  
[thefallsatbarbercreek.com](http://thefallsatbarbercreek.com)

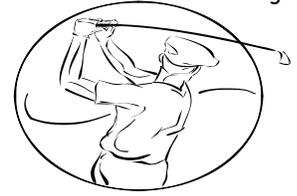
Contact Kate Hansen for tickets & more info at:  
231-519-2349 or [kathrynh1129@yahoo.com](mailto:kathrynh1129@yahoo.com)  
Shotgun start at 9 a.m.

"If you spend your whole life waiting for the storm, you'll never enjoy the sunshine."

Morris West



**Fragile X**  
Association of Michigan



## 12TH ANNUAL GOLF OUTING GOLF & DINNER REGISTRATION FORM

- Where:** Wesburn Golf and Country Club  
5617 S. Huron River Drive, South Rockwood, (one mile west of I-75, exit 26)
- When:** Saturday, September 10, 2011  
12:15 p.m. registration, shotgun start at 1:15 p.m. (four-person scramble)
- Cost:** \$95 per person includes: open driving range before the start, hotdogs and refreshments before and during the round, golf and cart fees, dinner, participation gift, and door prizes.

\*\*If you can't make it for golf, please come for dinner about 6:00 p.m. Dinner, refreshments, door prizes, and a participation gift included for \$50.

**ALL PROCEEDS WILL GO TOWARDS RAISING AWARENESS,  
SUPPORTING RESEARCH, AND BRINGING US CLOSER TO BETTER FRAGILE X  
TREATMENTS IN OUR HOME STATE**

\*\*\*\*\*

Please list members of your foursome below, along with their shirt sizes.  
\*\*If you are a single golfer or do not have a complete foursome, we will match you up.

1. _____	_____	2. _____	_____
Name	Size	Name	Size
3. _____	_____	4. _____	_____
Name	Size	Name	Size

\_\_\_\_ I/We cannot make it for golf, but please include us for dinner. (Please fill in names and shirt sizes above and enclose \$50 per person.)

\*\*\*\*\*

Please mail payment/donation payable to the **Fragile X Association of Michigan** to:  
Nina & Frank Liberati  
9068 Quandt, Allen Park, MI 48101  
313-381-2834/nliberati@yahoo.com



# Fragile X 5K Fun Run & Walk



**Saturday, August 20, 2011**

**Independence Oaks County Park**

Please join the Fragile X Association of Michigan for our Fifth Annual Fun Run & Walk

**Where:** Independence Oaks County Park  
Twin Chimneys Shelter  
9501 Sashabaw Road  
(2 1/2 miles north of I-75 – Exit 89)  
248.625.0877 (park)  
oakgov.com/parksrec/ppark/independence.html

**On your mark, get set...**  
Runners and walkers will participate in a 5K race through wooded trails at Independence Oaks County Park.

**Stay for the fun...**  
The Fragile X Association of Michigan will be hosting our annual family picnic following the race. We will have hot dogs and assorted snacks.

**When:** Saturday, August 20, 2011

In addition, bounce houses, for different ages and abilities, will be set up at the Twin Chimneys site from 12:00-2:00 p.m. Children **MUST** wear socks to bounce!

**Time:** 9:30 a.m. Registration Opens  
10:30 a.m. 5K Start Time

**Cost:** \$20 Fun Run & Walk Participant Fee  
\$25 *Day of the Race*  
\$10 Fun Run & Walk Participant Fee  
(Children under 15 & Individuals with Fragile X)  
\$ 5 Vehicle Entry – *Pay at the Gate*  
(No Charge for County Parks Pass Holders)



fraxmich@hotmail.com  
fragilex.org/html/michigan.htm  
313-381-2834

**Please mail completed forms to:**  
Fragile X Association of Michigan  
2919 St. Jude Dr.  
Waterford, MI 48329

**Awards for top Male Runner & Top Female Runner Also, award for top 14 & Under Runner!**

### Fun Run & Walk Registration Form

*(Please complete one form per registrant)*

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_ M [ ] F [ ]  
City: \_\_\_\_\_  
Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Registration includes a T-shirt and certificate.  
Please indicate size:

Registration Fee \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
Please accept my tax-deductible donation to FXAM \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
Total Enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_ Youth SM      \_\_\_\_ Adult SM  
\_\_\_\_ Youth MED      \_\_\_\_ Adult MED  
\_\_\_\_ Youth LG      \_\_\_\_ Adult LG  
\_\_\_\_ Adult XL

**\*\*REGISTRATION DUE AUGUST 15, 2011  
IN ORDER TO GUARANTEE A T-SHIRT**

Please make checks payable to: **Fragile X Association of Michigan**

Disclaimer: I attest that I am prepared for this event. Further, I hold harmless from any injuries or liabilities for myself and my heirs, all the race organizers and promoters including but not limited to the Fragile X Association of Michigan, Independence Oaks County Park, Rotpac Racing, Runnin' Gear and all others associated with the event. I also give my permission to use my image and likeness for any valid purpose associated with this event.

Signature of participant or guardian if under 18 years of age \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

### Picnic Info

Immediately after the Fragile X Fun Run & Walk (if you're not running/walking, arrive around 11:30 am), our annual Fragile X Family Picnic begins! Come to reconnect with your Fragile X family, eat and have some fun in the bounce houses (must wear socks). We will have hot dogs and assorted snacks. Please bring **something to share (salad, fruit salad or dessert, etc).**

## Stephen *(continued from page 1)*

Stephen graduated this spring from the Western Wayne Skills Center in Westland, Michigan; in 2006 he graduated from Edsel Ford High School. Everyone loved Stephen at all of his schools and staff all said they would miss him. Stephen loved attending school and he will miss his school routine. Staff taught him many important lessons that helped make him the fine young man he is today. Local psychologist Sandi McClennen, Ph.D. helped add to Stephen's success over the years. A great therapist and advocate, Sandi knows a lot about Fragile X and autism and Debbie credits her with helping Stephen and their family.

Stephen now lives at Plymouth Opportunity House, which is a part of the Community Opportunity Center (COC). COC owns homes, apartments and condominiums in northwestern Wayne County for the developmentally disabled community. COC's primary aim is to encourage greater independence for each individual. For more on COC living options, visit [cocliving.com](http://cocliving.com) or call 734-422-1020.

Stephen, age 26, still comes home to Dearborn to visit his mom every other weekend. Debbie goes to see him twice a week including every Tuesday when she drives him to participate in Special Olympics.

Over the past years, through his schools, Stephen has worked at numerous jobs in the community. His jobs were at many different sites, including JC Penney, Meijer, Mervyns, Ritz Carlton and an ice rink and Plymouth festival. Now, with the help of Michigan Rehabilitation Services (MRS), he is still looking for the right job for himself. According to the Michigan Department of Career Development website, MRS helps Michigan residents with disabilities achieve employment and self-sufficiency. Call MRS at 800-605-6722 for more information regarding their services.

In the meantime, Stephen loves country music, Special Olympics and spending time with his family, though he also loves living on his own – an independent young man looking toward options for a bright future.

## Through the Maze - Featured Websites

**Michigan Rehabilitation Services**  
**[michigan.gov/lara/0,1607,7-154-25392---,00.html](http://michigan.gov/lara/0,1607,7-154-25392---,00.html)**  
**800-605-6722**

Mission and Vision: Michigan Rehabilitation Services (MRS) partners with individuals and employers to achieve quality employment outcomes and independence for persons with disabilities. MRS will be a premiere organization to promote an inclusive workforce system that provides each individual with a disability the opportunity for employment leading to independence.

Each year MRS assists about 7,000 Michigan individuals with disabilities with jobs. MRS will help clients prepare for, find and keep a job.

The website is designed with easy access in mind if you wish to learn more about the services/resources MRS provides. Easy links on the website enable you to better understand the basic steps to determine eligibility, how to submit an application, locate your nearest office or learn about the Ticket to Work program.

**Fragile X Association of Michigan**  
**FXAM.org**

Thanks to the hard work of the Prices, there have been many updates to our website.  
Take the time to check it out!

