



PRO-Active Networking Club

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Family Fun Day to Benefit Children with Autism

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March 18, 2009, Haverhill, MA – PRO-Active Networking Club of Haverhill, MA in conjunction with Children's Hospital of Boston will host a Family Fun Day and Autism Awareness Event on **Sunday, April 19 from 12:00 – 4:00pm at Merrimack Valley Hospital located at 140 Lincoln Avenue in Haverhill.**

The event will feature numerous activities such as crafts for kids, shopping the vendor circle, and a cooking demonstration by Executive Chef Bill Bailey from Stella Blu Restaurant in Nashua. DJ Doug Zimon will be spinning the tunes and entertaining the crowd. There will be raffles to enter and lots of goodies and surprises in store. This event is free and open to the public.

The Family Fun Day and Autism Awareness event will benefit research on reversing Rett Syndrome, which is the severest form of Autism. The study costs \$300,000 and a young autistic child from Haverhill has been selected to participate in this study once it gets underway.

If you would like to support Rett Syndrome research, please send your donation to 9 Boscowen St. Haverhill, MA 01832 c/o Viki Bailey, Co-Director of PRO-Active Networking Club. For more information about the event, please visit www.everythingiip.vpweb.com.

About Children's Hospital

Children's Hospital Boston is the nation's leading pediatric medical center, the largest provider of health care to Massachusetts' Children and the primary pediatric teaching hospital of Harvard Medical School. In addition to providing unparalleled patient care, Children's is home to the world's largest pediatric research enterprise with more than 700 scientists developing treatments and cures for children and adults.

About Merrimack Valley Hospital

Merrimack Valley Hospital maintains 107 acute care bed and 17 adult behavioral medicine beds; all are private rooms. The hospital's clinical strengths include a 24-hour emergency department; orthopedic, endoscopic and general surgery; adult behavioral medicine care with a focus on geriatric issues, a comprehensive Pain Management Center, and a Sleep Study Lab. MVH also provides a wide range of outpatient services, such as bone density testing; dysphasia testing; echocardiograms; electroencephalograms (EEG); electromyography (EMG); full-field digital mammography; magnetic resonance imaging (MRI); position emission tomography (PET-Scan); pulmonary function testing(PFT); nuclear medicine; surgical day care;

ultrasound (general & obstetrical), and physical therapy and x-rays, and 64-Slice CT scans.

The hospital's awards for excellence include the Excellence Through Insight Award, 2008 (HealthStream Research); Best in Value Hospitals, 2008 (Data Advantage); #1 Nursing Team in New England Award, 2003 (Advance for Nursing Magazine); National Quality Leader Award for Pneumonia Care, 2006 (CareScience Select Practice); High Reliability Cardiac Care Award, 2006 (MassPRO); Top 100 Best Acute Care Hospital Award, 2004 (Total Benchmark Solutions); and Top Ranked Community Value Provider Award, 2007 (Cleverley & Associates). An affiliate of Essent Healthcare, Inc., the hospital serves Merrimack Valley and southern New Hampshire. More information can be found at www.merrimackvalleyhospital.com.