

Nashua Dyslexia Tutoring Center

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Advancing the Cause: Maintaining High Quality Tutor Training
By Gina Cooke
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The learning centers are working harder than ever to keep our program afloat. Local fundraising efforts have been kicked into high gear, and our corporate offices are striving to develop our brand and steward our resources. Boards and staff are facing some difficult decisions at all levels. Centers have closed and cut back; morale can be hard to uphold sometimes.

As in any worthwhile endeavor, success along the way propels us to the next step. Stories of fundraising victories keep us all hopeful and hardworking and stories of children's victories continue to give meaning to all of our efforts. There has been another success story this academic year, and it's important it not go unnoticed. This is a story of our advanced training.

Our Advanced Training Program is a two-year graduate level training that some of our tutors undergo, above and beyond the year-long Initial Training and certification. The Initial Training teaches the basics about reading, dyslexia, and the Orton-Gillingham approach, the advanced level covers reading comprehension, fluency, reading research, syntax, vocabulary, composition, assessment, diagnosis, professional ethics, and – everyone's favorite – the history and structure of the English writing system.

Over the past eight years, advanced training has taken several incarnations. Seminars have been local and regional. It has been offered both on summer weekdays and on weekends in the fall and spring. In 2003, our corporate office assumed the Advanced Training under its clinical budget. It has since benefited hundreds of tutors and thousands of children in all of our learning centers.

In recent years, as the centers have faced economic challenges, the cost and benefits of Advanced Language Training have come under scrutiny. The program has been on the defensive: it is expensive and cumbersome. However powerfully worthwhile and clinically beneficial, its rewards have come at a high cost. **The training is an integral part of both our requirements and our reputation.** The future and structure of advanced training continue to look uncertain.



Upcoming Fundraisers

Tony Pace Event

Proceeds go to support the Nashua & Seacoast Learning Centers for Children. \$75.00 per ticket.
March 27, 2010.

Marriot Courtyard, Nashua, NH. 5:30 pm.

Visit **www.tonypace.com** to read about his talent. Contact Roger Pellerin gcmnix@aol.com or log onto our new secure ticket sale website where you can use your credit card **www.nashua32events.org**. Stay tuned to this new website for upcoming Learning Center events.



**Raffle to benefit
The Dyslexia Tutoring Centers**

	First Prize:	2000 lb. Hand carved granite eagle - 5' tall with wings outspread!
	Second Prize:	7 night accommodations from www.RainTreeVacations.com
	Third Prize:	Hand knotted oriental rug Retail Value \$1,600

Drawing March 27, 2010 Marriott, Nashua
\$5/ticket or \$20/5 tickets

Buy your Raffle Tix now and win big!!! Contact Roger Pellerin at gcmnix@aol.com to make your purchase.

We hope you can join us at our upcoming events to raise funds for the Nashua Dyslexia Tutoring Center!

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