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Parish President Proclaims April as Autism Awareness Month in Ascension Parish

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GONZALES – Ascension Parish President Tommy Martinez proclaimed the month of April, 2014 as Autism Awareness Month in Ascension Parish.

President Martinez made the announcement during the March 20 parish council meeting in Gonzales.

Executive Director Jamie Tindle and Autism Resource Specialist Sandra Trammell, both with Families Helping Families of Greater Baton Rouge, received the proclamation from President Martinez and announced an upcoming fundraising event.

The Greater Baton Rouge Active for Autism 5th Annual Run/Walk and Fun Fest will take place April 5, 2014 on the grounds of the Louisiana State Police training headquarters from 8 a.m. till noon. The headquarters is located at 7919 Independence Blvd. in Baton Rouge.

According to the Families Helping Families website, proceeds from this event support Families Helping Families of Greater Baton Rouge's program--Resource Center for Autism Spectrum Disorders (RCASD). RCASD provides individualized services, information, and support needed to positively enhance the independence, productivity, and inclusion of people with Autism Spectrum Disorders.

“Because of the support groups, workshops and trainings, everyone here has been has been very supportive,” Trammell said.

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Tindle praised the efforts of Ascension Parish residents and businesses for continuing to donate time and resources in helping to raise money for this event.

“With Families Helping Families, we serve about 10,000 individuals with disabilities and their families per year, and hands down Ascension Parish has been the lead in supporting us and the Autism Walk by far with fundraising and attendance,” Tindle said.

Tindle said Families Helping Families serves East and West Baton Rouge, East and West Feliciana, Point Coupee, Iberville, Ascension and Livingston parishes.

For more information on this event, visit www.fhfgbr.org and click on Greater Baton Rouge Active For Autism.



Parish President Tommy Martinez (fourth from right) is shown presenting a parish proclamation stating April is Autism Awareness Month to Sandra Trammell of Families Helping Families of Greater Baton Rouge. Shown from left to right: Alex Tindle (foreground); Jamie Tindle, executive director of Families Helping Families; Parish Councilman Kent Schexnaydre; Sandra Trammell; President Martinez; Mason Swain and Cohen Swain (foreground); and parish resident and supporter Krystal Swain.

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