



# *Parish of Ascension*

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## **April Recognized As Autism Awareness Month In Ascension**

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GONZALES - Ascension Parish President Tommy Martinez proclaimed April, 2013 as "Autism Awareness Month in Ascension Parish." President Martinez read the proclamation aloud during the parish council meeting on March 19.

Sandra Trammell, an Autism resource specialist with the Resource Center for Autism Spectrum Disorders/Families Helping Families of Greater Baton Rouge accepted the proclamation.

Trammell announced the 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Active For Autism 5K Run/Walk will be held on Saturday, April 13 from 8 a.m. till noon at the Louisiana State Police Training Grounds at Independence Boulevard in Baton Rouge. Trammell said last year's event raised over \$100,000 for the Resource Center for Autism Spectrum Disorders.

Trammell also thanked President Martinez and Ascension Parish Government for being supportive, especially with the Ascension Parish Inclusive League.

"Because of that league, our kids have sports in our parish and they love the uniforms, they love the medals and they really love getting the medals," Trammell said.

For more information about the 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Active For Autism 5K Run/Walk, you may call Families Helping Families of Greater Baton Rouge at (225) 216-7474 or visit their website at <http://www.fhfgbr.org/>.

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President Tommy Martinez proclaimed the month of April, 2013 as “Autism Awareness Month in Ascension Parish.” Shown receiving the proclamation are: (front row, left to right) Shelby Juneau, Mila Trammell (behind Shelby), Cameron Dauzat, Brock Cooper Newman, Bailey Lynn Newman and Kagan Talbot. Back row, left to right: Parish Councilman Kent Schexnayder, Sandra Trammell, Parish President Tommy Martinez, Alicia Cooper Newman, Candace Nemmo, Matthew Nemmo, Donna Lambert, and Jerry Lambert.

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