



Nantucket Autism Speaks Resource Center

Babysitters and Companions

The following individuals have expressed interest in babysitting or serving as a companion for families of children with autism. Most of the individuals have undergone Cory Background checks and are experienced in autism, other special needs and behavioral challenges.

Kelsey Fredericks

Kelsey, a Nantucket native and skilled athlete, recently graduated from Connecticut College with a degree in Behavioral Neuroscience. While she considers her numerous options for the fall, Kelsey plans to spend this summer gaining hands-on experience with children on the Autism Spectrum and other special needs. She is interning with the Resource Center and assisting in Dr. Tim Lepore's medical office, among other things.

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Katy Horgan

Katy is a teacher in Pathways, an integrated preschool at NES. She has served as a teaching assistant with Pathways Teacher Kim Albertson, who trained and worked at the May Institute and the New England Center for Autism. Katy teaches in our summer school and is actively involved with the Nantucket S.T.A.R. program, which provides recreational and therapeutic arts for children with special needs.

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Katherine Horyn

Katherine is 19 years old and will be a sophomore at Wheelock College in Boston, where she is pursuing a degree in either education or psychology. She is a seasoned babysitter and member of Best Buddies, an international mentoring club for individuals with special needs. Her older sister has developmental delays, and Katherine is unflappable with individuals with all special needs and compassionate and sensitive to the siblings.

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Julie Hwayoung

Julie, who has her masters in education and psychology, recently relocated to Nantucket from Boston, where she was a high school special education teacher in Jamaica Plain. Julie moved to Nantucket to join her husband, Cory Shepherd, Program Director, Nantucket Boys & Girls Club.

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Mollie Lampert

Mollie earned her BS in psychology at Endicott and is enrolled at Simmons this fall to further her education in Behavioral Science and ABA. She has gained experience with students of all ages with disabilities through her college internships and while serving as a teaching assistant during summer school and camp one summer. She has also worked as a mother's helper and is currently a nanny for a family on Nantucket.

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Laverne Jackson Richardson

Laverne, who has a background in social work, is currently working in our school system as a 1:1 teaching assistant with a teenaged student who has autism. Laverne, the parent of two older children, has previously worked with young adults with disabilities before moving to Nantucket.

She also serves as a Sunday School teacher, here on island.

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Dan Ross

Dan has a background helping individuals with Lou Gehrig's Disease and describes himself as very patient. He works at Small Friends Child Care Center, but he enjoys serving as a companion as well. He is also a yoga enthusiast.

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Sarah Santos

Sarah, born and raised on Nantucket, graduated from Ithaca College, with a degree in Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology. She worked as a teaching assistant in the elementary school this past winter and plans to return to school to get her Master's degree. Sarah is also serving as an intern for the Resource Center and upcoming *Walk Now for Autism Speaks*.

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Theran Singleton:

Theran has two sons, 14 and 23 (her eldest is currently serving in Iraq). She began at NES in 1993 as a TA and upon completing her undergrad degree at Lesley, she was hired as a NES special education teacher. She is currently working towards a Master's in Special Education at Bridgewater State College, and she is an Associate Member of the Orton Gillingham Academy (reading).

Theran has worked with many of our most significant students in our elementary school, including those with autism.

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Carrie Scalla

Carrie has taught art therapy at a private school in San Francisco, where she had a very rewarding experience with a particular student on the Autism Spectrum. She will be leaving the island at the end of September to attend graduate school, and in the meantime, she is seeking additional experience with children with special needs.

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Bill and Tina Steadman

Bill and Tina, parents of three daughters, aged 11 - 15, both worked at a residential school for individuals with significant special needs. Tina, who is the director of Nantucket S.T.A.R. (offering sports, therapeutic arts and recreation), also facilitates a parent support group for families of children with special needs. She formerly worked in a group home and has coached Nantucket's Special Olympics team. She and Bill volunteer with their church's youth members.

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Bonnie Woodley

Bonnie Woodley, a physical therapist by training, has taught at Small Friends Preschool for 8 years and in the Pathways Preschool Program for children with special needs in the past 7 years. Bonnie and her husband Michael have three children, 16, 14 and 10.

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