

one mom on a mission

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Colorado Mom with three Autistic Sons forms Non-Profit to Help Children and Adults with Special Needs

One Mom on a Mission Begins Fulfilling its Goal by Donating \$1,000 to Imagine! Another Local Non-Profit Dedicated to Helping People with Special Needs

April 4, 2008 – Lafayette, CO – Not long ago Bridget Lane's oldest son was diagnosed with autism, a bio-neurological developmental disability that generally appears before the age of 3. Shortly thereafter, her twin sons were also diagnosed with autism. While Bridget's first reaction was to get her sons the help they needed, she also quickly sprang into action to see what else she could do – not only for her own kids – but for others in her community who have autism. Her answer was to create One Mom on a Mission, Inc., a local 501c3 non-profit dedicated to raising awareness, striving for acceptance, and providing assistance to help enhance the lives of children and adults with autism in the greater Boulder and Denver areas.

The organization's fund raising arm, Helping Hands Bakery, provides the organization with resources to help it reach its goals. Helping Hands Bakery makes and sells gluten-free cookies, cookie dough and cookie bouquets. All proceeds from the sale of the products go toward funding a variety of programs that One Mom on a Mission provides for people with autism.

One Mom on a Mission's first major milestone is donating \$1,000 to Imagine! -- another Colorado-based non-profit organization. Imagine!, established in 1963, creates and offers innovative support to people of all ages with cognitive, developmental, physical, and health related needs so they may live fulfilling lives of independence and quality in their homes and communities. Imagine! serves more than 2,300 people and their families through educational and therapeutic services, job training and placement, recreation and leisure activities, opportunities for community living and behavioral health services.

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“As a mom to three wonderful little boys, all of whom have been diagnosed as being on the autism spectrum, I recognized that more needs to be done to help children and their families who are experiencing this disability. I want to do whatever I can to raise awareness and to raise financial resources for special needs agencies and programs that promote full inclusion of all people in my community,” said Bridget Lane, President and Founder of One Mom on a Mission. “Our donation to Imagine! is the first major step we’re taking in that direction.”

“We are delighted and honored to receive this donation from One Mom on a Mission,” said Imagine! Foundation Executive Director Susan LaHoda. “We always appreciate support from the community as we work to create flexible and responsive services to improve the living situation of local citizens who have Autism Spectrum Disorders.”

Autism impacts the normal development of the brain in the areas of social interaction, communication skills, and cognitive function. Individuals with autism typically have difficulties in verbal and non-verbal communication, social interactions, and leisure or play activities. Its prevalence is not affected by race, region, or socio-economic status. Since autism was first diagnosed in the U.S. the occurrence has climbed to an alarming one in 150 people across the country.

For more information about One Mom on a Mission and its Fundraising arm Helping Hands Bakery please visit www.onemomonamission.org or www.helpinghandsbakery.org