



TSANJ BULLETIN

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2005 TSANJ Scholarship Award

TSANJ has received private contributions for a 2005 Scholarship Award to a New Jersey high school senior diagnosed with Tourette Syndrome. The winner will be selected based upon achievement, academic accomplishments and presentation. Please see our website TSANJ.org to download an application form, or call the TSANJ office at 908 575 7350 for additional information. Application forms are also available at your local high school. All applications must be received at the TSANJ office by April 30, 2005. The winner will be announced at TSANJ's Annual Fundraising Dinner.

2005 Healthcare Professional Award

Has a doctor, nurse, psychologist or other health care professional done an exceptional job of helping your family deal with TS? If so, we suggest you nominate him/her for the TSANJ Healthcare Professional of the Year Award. The 2005 recipient will be recognized at our May Dinner and through press releases. We do not have nearly enough healthcare professionals who understand TS. Help us recognize our state's best! Nominations are due by April 30, 2005. Forms are attached. Please call the TSANJ office with any questions you may have.

2005 TSANJ Educator Award

The third annual TSANJ Educator of the Year Award will be given to a New Jersey Educator who has made a significant difference in the life of a child with Tourette Syndrome. A nomination form is attached. Last year's award was presented to Ms. Mary Sue Diver, Principal of Steven J. Gerace Elementary School in Pequannock, New Jersey. The Murphy family nominated Ms. Diver because "through her compassion, understanding, and personal advocating, our son has flourished during the past five years. She is truly a professional with the children's best interest in mind."

Is there a special educator in your child's life? If so, complete the attached form to nominate that teacher, guidance counselor, or other education professional who has made school a more positive experience for your child. All applications must be received in the TSANJ office by April 30. The recipient of the 2005 TSANJ Educator of the Year Award will be recognized at the 2005 Fundraising Dinner. Please call the TSANJ office with any questions you may have.

TSANJ Statewide Meeting—YMCA Camp Bernie

June 4 through 5—Overnight camp out at YMCA Camp Bernie in beautiful Port Murray, New Jersey. The event will include good food, games, canoeing, campfires, horseback riding and much more. Self esteem and team building sessions will be held for TS kids. Parents will also enjoy the opportunity of connecting with other TSANJ families. Doctoral students from the Rutgers Psychology program will be with us to conduct group discussions for parents and kids. Mark your calendar now. This will be a memorable weekend full of fun and friends for all TSANJ families. More information will follow.

** TS Research in New Jersey **

TSANJ is collaborating with a consortium of professors, physicians and researchers at Rutgers, the State University of New Jersey, to begin a study to identify the genes that underlie Tourette Syndrome. The director of this study has collected patients from around the world for similar studies which have led to the discovery of genes responsible for a form of kidney stone disease; for susceptibility to alcoholism; for a form of muscular dystrophy and other diseases. We are pleased to tell you that through the efforts of TSANJ this distinguished group of scientists has now agreed to study the genetics of TS beginning with the New Jersey population. More details and a questionnaire will be sent to you in the next 30 days. We urge your family to participate in this important research.

WE'VE MOVED

Our new address is:

50 Division Street

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NOMINATION FORM
2005 EDUCATOR OF THE YEAR AWARD

The Tourette Syndrome Association of New Jersey is asking for nominations from its membership for its 2005 TSANJ Educator of the Year Award. The award will go to an educator in a New Jersey school who has made a significant difference in the life of a child with Tourette Syndrome.

If you wish to nominate a teacher, guidance counselor, or other education professional in the school your child attends, please use the form below and return it to TSANJ, 50 Division St., Ste. 205, Somerville, New Jersey 08876. In addition, please attach a statement of 200 words or less, explaining why you feel this person should be honored as TSANJ's 2005 Educator of the Year.

Your Name: _____

Address _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Child' Name: _____ Age: _____ Grade: _____

Educator's Name: _____

Position Held: _____

School Name: _____

School Address: _____

All nomination forms must be mailed to TSANJ, 50 Division St., Ste. 205, Somerville, New Jersey 08876.

All nomination forms must be received by TSANJ no later than April 30, 2005.



TSANJ 2005 CALENDAR FIRST QUARTER

January 2005

- January 12 - Board of Directors Meeting
- January 13 - Middlesex/Union Support Group Meeting
- January 24 - Somerset/Hunterdon Support Group Meeting

February 2005

- February 7 - Burlington/Camden Support Group Meeting
- February 9 - Bergen/Passaic Support Group Meeting
- February 14 - Inservice - Marlboro School District
- Inservice - Mountainside Schools District
- February 16 - Inservice - Titusville Academy
- Inservice - Lawrenceville School District

March 2005

- March 10 - Middlesex/Union Support Group Meeting
- March 15 - "Organizing the Disorganized Student," Alex Aidekman Jewish Community Campus, Whippany, NJ
- March 28 - Somerset/Hunterdon Support Group Meeting



NOMINATION FORM
2005 HEALTHCARE PROFESSIONAL AWARD

The Tourette Syndrome Association of New Jersey is asking for nominations from its membership for its 2005 TSANJ Healthcare Professional of the Year Award. The award will go to a healthcare professional in New Jersey who has made a significant difference in the life of a child with Tourette Syndrome.

If you wish to nominate a doctor, nurse, psychologist or other healthcare professional, please use the form below and return it to TSANJ, 50 Division St., Ste. 205, Somerville, New Jersey 08876. In addition, please attach a statement of 200 words or less, explaining why you feel this person should be honored as TSANJ's 2005 Healthcare Professional of the Year.

Your Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Child' Name: _____ Age: _____ Grade: _____

Provider's Name: _____

Position Held: _____

School Name: _____

School Address: _____

All nomination forms must be mailed to TSANJ, 50 Division St., Ste. 205, Somerville, New Jersey 08876.

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TSANJ 2005 CALENDAR SECOND QUARTER

April 2005

April 1 - Educator's Workshop - Richard Stockton State College

April 2 - Educator's Workshop - Kean University

April 4 - "The Impact of Special Needs Children on the Family," Alex Aidekman Jewish Community Campus, Whippany

April 4 - Burlington/Camden Support Group Meeting

April 13 - Bergen/Passaic Support Group Meeting

April 13 - 6:30 - 8:30 - Linden Board of Ed. - Parent's Meeting Inservice - Office of Special Services

April 30 - Scholarship Applications Due - Educator of the Year and Healthcare Professional Nominations Due

May 2005

May 12 - Middlesex/Union Support Group Meeting

May 23 - Somerset/Hunterdon Support Group Meeting

June 2005

June 4 - 5 - TSANJ Statewide Meeting—YMCA Camp

June 6 - Burlington/Camden Support Group Meeting

June 8 - Bergen/Passaic Support Group Meeting

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HELP—VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

School Inservice - Our volunteers have reached over 25,000 educators on behalf of children with TS. Please help us to continue this much needed service.

Helpline - This is the first point of contact for newly diagnosed families, individuals in crisis and professionals seeking information on TS. You can make a big difference in someone's life.

TS Support Groups: Coordinators are needed for existing groups and new groups to be opened at hospitals here in New Jersey. Only 6 meetings per year and we'll help you put them together!

To Volunteer call **908 575 7350**

HelpLine: 732-972-4459 Fax: 908-575-8699 Email: njtsa@aol.com
Website: www.tsanj.org