



The 21st Annual Families Conference

November 16, 17, 18, 2012

Stonewall Jackson Resort

Our theme for this conference is, "COURAGE".



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Come sail away with us to the 21st Annual Families Conference Weekend Retreat. This year we will be taking a tour of the Islands, with special guest speaker, Dreama Denver, Co-Founder, of The Denver Foundation. This non-profit foundation was, inspired by Bob Denver; (You will remember him as Gilligan, of "Gilligan's Island"), and wife Dreama's passion to assist and enrich the lives of special needs individuals in the state of West Virginia. As a parent of a severely autistic son, Colin, Mrs. Denver will share her experiences as a wife of celebrity, mother of a son with autism, widow holding it all together and fellow West Virginian. Listen to her daily on , "Little Buddy Radio", (www.bobdenver.com/the-denver-foundation).

Our Conference this year will again be held at the picturesque, Stonewall Jackson Resort. Tucked away in the beautiful mountains of Roanoke, West Virginia, it is the definition of relaxation and inspiration. Accommodations very family and "special needs" friendly.



Events

Friday, November 16, 2012

Beach Fest

(Beach games, limbo, volley ball)



Saturday, November 17th

Workshops/Seminars



Saturday Night

Don Ho Luau Dance



Conference Schedule

Friday, November 16, 2012

2:00 P.M. – 4:00 P.M. Registration
5:00 P.M. – 7:00 P.M. Vendor's Reception
7:00 P.M. – 10:00 P.M. Beach Fest

Saturday, November 17, 2012

7:30 A.M. – 8:30 A.M. Breakfast
9:00 A.M. – 10:20 A.M. Key Note Speaker

DreamaDenver,

(www.bobdenver.com/the-denver-foundation).

Sessions

Session A1	10:30 A.M. – 12:30 Special Needs Trust PBS Forum
LUNCH	12:30 P.M. – 1:30 P.M.
Session B1	1:40 P.M. - 4:00 P.M. Waiver Manual Changes Affordable Healthcare Act
Session B2	1:30 P.M. – 2:50 P.M. Dealing With Conflict Autism Overview
BREAK	2:50 P.M. – 3:10 P.M.
Session B3	3:10 P.M. – 4:30 P.M. PBS Forum Autism Insurance Bill
Dinner	5:00 P.M. – 6:30 P.M.
Dance	7:30 P.M. – 10:00 P.M.

Sunday, November 18, 2012

Breakfast 7:30 A.M. – 10:30 AM
Conference Closure

Note: The sessions have staggered times. You can attend one long or two short sessions. All sessions will end at the same time for the lunch and dinner time frame.



We will have assistance available for those individuals who are unable to attend sessions, regardless of age or disability. There will be various activities available in the family care room, such as crafts, and games. Childcare is also provided for family members of all ages.

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The Family Conference Committee

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“Appreciation”

Mrs. Denver,

Thank you for sharing your story with us. Your time and dedication to this cause have been such an inspiration to us. It is the desire of the committee and families that the dream Bob and you share will continue to grow and succeed.

Sincerely,

**The Families Conference Committee
The Conference ‘Families’**

Dear Families,

Thank you again, for making this year's, Families Conference, a success. It is our hope that you leave us with a renewed strength and are encouraged as you continue to care for your family members. Every single person that attends our conference contributes a pebble to the ripple that flows beyond the walls of this conference, to reach out into the community. Thank you for all that you do, every single day.

Sincerely,

The Family Conference Committee