

ASBC begins this new column as a means to express our thanks to all the volunteers who have spent their free time contributing ASBC efforts in our community. We kick off this feature with a recent 2007 Fairview graduate and aspiring photojournalist. Look for our other volunteers to be featured monthly! We are so grateful for their service.

JUNE

Liz Thomas began her community service ethic in the 3rd grade when she spent time helping her struggling peers obtain higher literacy achievement. Liz is also bilingual and her other endeavors have included watching over Spanish speaking children while their parents attend autism information events. Liz graduated this year from Fairview High School with honors and over the past 4 years has contributed approximately 150 community services hours to ASBC. One of her primary duties with ASBC was as a photographer at our various events. Liz has also spent numerous hours assisting with our conferences, auction and other volunteers activities ASBC required. Liz is currently a photojournalist intern with the Boulder Weekly and will be attending Knox College in Illinois in the Fall. Liz, THANK YOU for all you have done to help promote ASD awareness. The photos you have taken are a historical accounting of where ASBC has come from and where we are to date. We wish you the very best of success and will miss your keen eye.

JULY

Patrick Conroy is our featured volunteer. He's the proud father of three: Benjamin, Timothy (pictured with Dad) and Cristina. He is married to Emmy, who contributes some of the Gluten-Free, Casein-Free recipes featured in ASBC's newsletter. In those rare moments when he's not working or helping raise the family he enjoys skiing in the winter, golfing in the summer and woodworking year round. Patrick and Emmy moved to Colorado, from Dallas, in 1998 as part of a job opportunity. Patrick currently works at Level 3 Communications as a Director of Information Technology. In his role with ASBC, Patrick has been in charge of layout of ASBC's Express Newsletter for the past several months and assisting in locating timely articles for our readership. THANK YOU PATRICK! We appreciate your volunteerism! It makes such a difference!

OCTOBER

Bridget Sargent began her community service with Autism Society of Boulder County in May 2006 and is now in her second term. In her role as Treasurer, she utilizes her extensive financial knowledge and ideas to keep ASBC financially sound. The financial resources she manages are put back into our community through resourceful coordination and producing a sound financial strategic plan. Bridget holds a Bachelor's degree in Business from Colorado State University and an MBA from Seattle University. She was a Controller for a company in Bellevue, Washington, on the finance council at St. Stephen the Martyr Catholic Church, and on the school commission at St. Anthony Catholic School. As a mom of 2 children, Bridget must also manage the needs of her 8 years-old son diagnosed with Childhood Disintegrative Disorder (CDD), a rare later-onset/regressive form of autism; and her vivacious 4 year-old daughter. Bridget is an enthusiastic Avalanche fan, loves ice skating, hiking, golfing, Indian food and watching an occasional movie. She happens to be married to another ASBC board member, Bob, and they are approaching their 15th wedding anniversary in November. Thank you Bridget for your volunteerism with ASBC! You make such a difference.

NOVEMBER

Theresa Wrangham has served five terms with ASBC as President and will retire from ASBC's Board November 9, 2007. Accomplishments that Theresa cites as being most proud of during her service with ASBC is broadly introducing biomedical treatment options to Colorado via ASBC's conferences and supporting local CCB, Imagine!, to create Colorado's only program assisting ASD individuals not qualifying for services in Colorado to obtain much needed treatment. She has been sourced in several Colorado publications, radio interviews and local news interviews and was honored in 2006, with co-founder Sue Thomas, by the Boulder County Business Report, as a Community Service Health Care Hero. She currently serves on USAAA Advisory Panel and is a Board Member with SafeMinds. Theresa Wrangham is the mother of a 17 year old affected daughter and one typical daughter and has been married for 18 years to her husband Scott, a former Board Member. Asked about her feelings on leaving ASBC she replied "I don't

know that I will ever really be gone. I will continue to volunteer and be of service where I can. I feel like I am leaving ASBC in the best of hands. The ASBC Board of Directors wants to thank Theresa on her past commitment to ASBC and encourages her to pursue her future endeavors and advocacy.

DECEMBER

During these past 6 terms, ASBC Co-Founder, **Sue Thomas** has served as Vice President and Events Coordinator. Sue coordinated ASBC support groups and lecture series, biomedical conferences, annual picnics, wine-tasting and silent auction fundraisers, as well as the Autism and Law Enforcement Roll Call Briefing for Boulder and Broomfield County. She served as a Board Member with Autism Society of Colorado and on several Boards, in her hometown of Nashville, TN. Even after these impressive accomplishments, she was honored in 2006, with retired Past President Theresa Wrangham, by the Boulder County Business Report as a *Community Service Health Care Hero*. Sue has been a constant leader and figure in the fight for a cure and awareness of autism since her son's diagnosis in 1993. A mother of two, she and her family moved to Boulder the summer of 2000 and immediately made connections with other families affected by ASD. Her husband and children are involved through volunteering with ASBC at numerous events and programs. Thank you Sue for all that you do and have done. You are a real hero for autism awareness