Jennifer’s Summer Camp Experience

By her mom, Theresa

Jennifer has been struggling with refractory epilepsy since her diagnosis at age eight. We have tried nearly every medication available, unsuccessfully, to reduce her seizures. Although Jennifer initially went to school, we decided to home-school her because she was having so many seizures every day that we thought she would be safer at home. Without having classmates to interact with, Jennifer was lonely and isolated.

When we heard about a summer camp for children with epilepsy, it seemed like a dream come true. We researched Camp EAGR thoroughly, and decided that they really understood her special needs. This was Jennifer’s first experience away from home and away from her family. Her dad and I were apprehensive and concerned as to how she would handle the separation. We were so worried that I stayed at a nearby hotel “just in case”. The camp director and medical staff were extremely kind to me when I called (everyday!) to see how Jen was doing.

Camp EAGR gave Jennifer the opportunity to experience wonderful activities in a safe environment. Jennifer was with children who had seizures just like her, and this allowed her to feel comfortable. Camp was a place she “fit in,” where no one made fun of her, and where she learned she wasn’t alone in her daily struggle.

Jen participated in a broad range of activities, many of which she had never gotten to try. She went to her first dance, she went swimming and canoeing, and she learned to use a bow and arrow at archery. She went rock climbing, hiking, and participated in nature walks through the forest. The absolute highlight of Jen’s week was when she got to go horseback riding on a trail.

Her counselors were wonderful, fun and easy to talk to. The medical staff was always available and took excellent care of Jen’s medical needs. Even though I was nearby, the camp staff never called me for help.

Jennifer had the time of her life in the best possible environment. When I picked Jennifer up at the end of the week, the first thing she said to me, after giving me a big bear hug, was, “I can’t wait to come back next year!”

Allowing Jennifer to go away to camp was one of our family’s most difficult decisions, but we knew that we needed to “let her go,” so she could learn to be more independent, and also so she could make new friends. Her camp experience was as important to her development as her need for monitoring and medication.

Editor’s note: The faces Pediatric Epilepsy Resource Guide includes information about summer camp opportunities, including Camp EAGR. The guide can be downloaded at www.nyufaces.org. It is also available in hard copy. For camps outside the northeastern United States, please visit www.efa.org.
The last three months have been an exciting whirlwind at faces! Volunteer Julie Mlakar came up with our revised name, Finding A Cure for Epilepsy and Seizures (faces). Strategic branding company, Spring Design Partners, donated their time and incredible talents to design a new logo that really gets to the heart of what faces wants to accomplish: finding a cure. We truly appreciate all the work Lisa Nelson and the rest of her team at Spring Design Partners did in developing our great new look.

In addition to our recent “facelift,” (pun intended!) we have been expanding our programs and services on almost a monthly basis, due in large part to the dedication of our volunteers. Thanks to Lisa Altimari, Liz Jarvis, Kimberly Murphy, Suzanne Sidler, Sylvia and Ilena Rothbein, JeanAnne Madden, Laurie Simon, and our many other volunteers who have been logging a tremendous number of hours for faces. These volunteers put over 700 packets of information together for the faces Gala (to be held Monday, March 1, 2004), they are helping us make phone calls to past supporters, they solicit donations for the silent auction, and much more! With so many wonderful volunteers, we are able to do much more than a staff of two could ever accomplish alone.

We are looking forward to an action-packed 2004. We’ve set our goals high: six parent social groups (parents can bring their kids to work on art projects during the meetings), six events for teens and young professionals, the Party at Broadway City Arcade, two summer sporting events, the BBQ “Down the Shore,” two educational conferences (complete with free audio tapes and child care services for conference participants), the faces Gala 2004, a potential golf outing, and increasing our educational presentations for school teachers, nurses, and for senior citizens.

We’ve recently joined forces with the Epilepsy Coalition of New York State, a group of four (now five!) epilepsy organizations across New York who work to get as much government funding for epilepsy possible at the state level. As a member of the Coalition, we hope to help promote epilepsy awareness and education throughout the state. For more information on what the Coalition does, please visit www.epilepsycoalition.org.

NYU would like to welcome Ruben Kuzniecky, M.D., to head up the Institute for Translational Epilepsy Research and to co-direct the NYU Epilepsy Center with Orrin Devinsky, M.D. Melissa Mendez, M.D., has also come to us from the University of Alabama’s Epilepsy Center to join the NYU team of renowned epilepsy specialists.

Looking forward to seeing you at our events in 2004!

Warm Regards,

Christine

*We need your help! To volunteer your time to faces, please email me at facescoordinator@yahoo.com. We are especially looking for volunteers with email and experience with Microsoft Word and Excel.
Announcements

**Congratulations**

to Ruben Kuzniecky, M.D., who was recently selected by his peers to be included in the 2003-2004 publication of Best Doctors in America. For more information about Dr. Kuzniecky and other NYU epilepsy specialists, including a synopsis of their Curriculum Vitae and excerpts from their recent epilepsy publications, please visit [www.nyuepilepsy.org](http://www.nyuepilepsy.org).

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**Respite Care**

Do you need to take a break from the hospital? Would you like extra company while your child is being monitored? As a part of our Respite Care program, a faces volunteer will come to the hospital and stay with your child while you run errands or leave the hospital for a few hours. Volunteers have a personal connection to epilepsy and have received a one-hour orientation about epilepsy and first aid for seizures, but are not medical professionals. If you are interested in this program, please contact Christine Toes at 212.779.2041.

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**Miles For Kids in Need**

American Airlines has a program called, “Miles for Kids in Need”. This special program provides air transportation for children needing medical treatment or a wish fulfilled. For more information, please contact Marie Ising, Program Administrator, 817.963.8158.

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**Faces Apartments**

Are you traveling from out-of-state to the NYU Medical Center for epilepsy treatment or surgery? If you are in need of a place to stay, contact Melissa to learn more about the faces apartments. Reservations should be made at least two months in advance for best availability.

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**Parent Group**

The parents social group will begin meeting every other month in 2004. Please let Melissa know what topics interest you.

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**Free Conference Tapes**

On Saturday, November 8th faces and the NYU Epilepsy Center hosted “Epilepsy Update 2003” for Adults and Parents of Children and Teens with Epilepsy. Topics included New Medications, Side-effects of Anti-Epileptic Medications and Alternative Therapies. A Continuing Medical Education (C.M.E.) Course took place simultaneously. Over 300 people attended the conferences. For free audio-tapes from the laypersons conference, please contact Melissa.
BBQ “Down the Shore”

In August, the Adamkiewicz Family generously opened their home to friends of faces. Families enjoyed swimming, sampling hamburgers, chicken, fruit salad, and a special faces cake! The parents and kids alike participated in an educational game developed by the Epilepsy Coalition of New York State, called “Seizure Sense,” which teaches people of all ages, and from all walks of life about epilepsy first aid, the brain, social issues, and much more!

Special thanks to Laurie Adamkiewicz of SeaBreeze Graphics for donating everything for the event!

Kyle, Keith and Chuck Adamkiewicz

The Darling Family and Friends
Surgery for Children with Tuberous Sclerosis

By Howard Weiner, M.D.

Tuberous Sclerosis Complex (TSC) is a genetic condition, which is associated with seizures that are often refractory. In general, TSC is among a class of medical conditions called neurocutaneous disorders. These are conditions that affect both the nervous system and the skin. There is a well-defined classification system for TSC and, in order for the diagnosis to be made, doctors must diagnose both major and minor clinical features. In the past, TSC was defined as a genetic condition characterized by benign lesions in the brain, mental retardation, and seizures. We have now learned that children with this condition do not necessarily become mentally retarded, and that there is a strong association between the early control of seizures and the child’s development.

TSC has several characteristic lesions within the brain. The classic one is the “tuber.” This is a benign tumor of the brain involving the cerebral cortex. Typically, there is an abnormal collection of nerve cells that are disorganized and give rise to seizures. A second type of brain lesion found in children with TS is called a subependymal nodule (SEN). SENs are abnormal collections of neurons within the fluid chambers of the brain. These are not typically removed and they usually do not grow over time. The third brain lesion is called a subependymal giant cell astrocytoma (SEGA). If and when these lesions grow, they can obstruct the flow of cerebral spinal fluid giving rise to a condition called hydrocephalus (“water in the brain”).

Tubers may manifest themselves in the brain, skin, heart, eyes, and the kidneys in children with TS, and the majority of these children will develop seizures. The severity of the seizures as well as their early onset is clearly linked to poor neurological development. Studies have shown that if the seizures can be controlled by either medication or surgery, the children will make great accelerations in their development. The challenge lies in the fact that even with a combination of several medications at high doses, the seizures may not be well controlled. One medication that has been particularly effective in TSC is Vigabatrin (Sabril). A pediatric epilepsy specialist must administer Vigabatrin and monitor side effects closely. If anti-epileptic medication fails to control the seizures, physicians will consider surgery as a treatment option.

Epilepsy surgery for children with TSC is a relatively young field. This type of surgery is quite challenging because of the fact that there are often several tubers, located in different areas of the brain. Because of this, it can be difficult to determine which regions in the brain are causing the seizures. In order for the surgery to be effective, surgeons must know which tubers may be causing the seizures, where these tubers are, and whether they are in an area of the brain that can be safely operated on.

Because TSC may affect children in many different ways, and because treatment at an early age is so important, children with TSC must be managed by a multidisciplinary team of specialists. The Tuberous Sclerosis Alliance has designated the NYU Comprehensive Epilepsy Center as a major center for TSC. The NYU Tuberous Sclerosis Center is under the direction of Daniel Miles, M.D., who is also the Director of the Pediatric Epilepsy Program.

The NYU Medical Center is actively engaged in cutting edge genetic and molecular technology research with scientists at NYU and also at other prominent centers around the country to advance the care of children with TSC. The Tuberous Sclerosis Alliance (www.tsalliance.org) is a tremendous resource for parents of children with this condition and is also a source of funding for scientists who are conducting research into TSC.
On Saturday, October 19th, faces and the NYU Epilepsy Center hosted Art Day at the Children’s Museum of the Arts in SoHo. There were six art workshops including wish boxes, t-shirts, pasta painting, watercolor cards, and painting. Sammie and Tudie, from Imagination Playhouse captivated the crowd with their amazing face painting and balloon artistry.

A special thanks to all of our volunteer artists who donated their time and talents to the event, to Jaimee Sabato for donating and putting together wonderful gift bags for the kids, and to Stacey and Neil Weiss’ friends at Monroe Bagel and Deli Catering for donating brunch for everyone who attended!

Faces would also like to extend our thanks to CBS for filming the event as a part of the national special they are running on epilepsy, faces, the NYU Comprehensive Epilepsy Center, and other epilepsy programs around the nation! To order a copy of the broadcast, “Healthy Living: Mysteries of the Mind,” contact Abby van Horne at 212.774.8886 or at avanhorne@IMGWORLD.com.
The Epilepsy Cure Project recently re-launched website www.epilepsy.com. The site provides in-depth information on epilepsy and treatment options in a form accessible to patients, families and healthcare professionals. Epilepsy.com is the result of a concerted and intensive effort by leading epilepsy medical specialists and by the parents of epilepsy patients to provide a unique resource to individuals whose lives are touched by epilepsy. The site offers more than 1,350 pages of quality, peer-reviewed content, targeted to a broad audience including patients, families and caregivers, healthcare professionals, and epileptologists.

The site includes 900 pages of detailed and easy-to-access information on all approved medicines divided into three tiers: for recently diagnosed patients, patients who require further information about resistant seizures, and neurologists; original animation that clearly explains seizures as well as first aid guidance useful for all ages; personal experiences of patients, families, and health professionals; lifestyle information for patients across all age groups and their families on coping with everyday challenges, such as finding support, obtaining a drivers license, drug interactions and more; active community boards for patients, family members, friends, and caregivers to exchange first-hand experiences and support; and regularly updated epilepsy-related news and research articles.

Are you interested in helping researchers learn more about epilepsy?

Consider participating in a research study.

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**Therapeutic Efficacy of EEG Operant Conditioning in Medically Refractory Epilepsy**

The NYU Comprehensive Epilepsy Center is conducting a study to investigate the therapeutic efficacy of electroencephalograph (EEG) operant conditioning in medically refractory epilepsy. EEG operant conditioning is a non-invasive method of positively reinforcing normal EEG rhythms in the brain. If your seizures have not been controlled by anti-epileptic drugs (AEDs), or by surgical intervention, you may be a candidate for this study. The study entails medical record reviews with a board-certified neurologist, EEG therapy sessions, and follow-up reviews. If you would like to learn more about this study and whether you are a candidate please contact the research coordinator, Mona Lisa Alattar, at 212.263.8890 or via e-mail mona.alattar@med.nyu.edu.

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**Infantile Spasms Study**

The NYU Comprehensive Epilepsy Center seeks to enroll individuals with a history of infantile spasms as voluntary participants in a research study that involves a retrospective review of medical records. Both NYU patients and non-NYU patients who respond to our advertisements are welcome to participate. The study seeks to address the developmental outcome of patients who have undergone treatment for infantile spasms. This retrospective study will explore the success of treatment of infantile spasms based upon choice of therapy, how soon after onset of spasms the treatment is initiated, and what the underlying cause (if any) of the spasms is determined to be. This study will only involve a review of medical records. Individuals not seen or followed at NYU during the period of time around onset of infantile spasms will be asked to provide us with copies of medical records from that period of time. To enroll in the study or to ask any questions you may have, please contact Study Coordinator Nina Ferraris or Daniel Miles, M.D. by email at epilepsyresearch@med.nyu.edu, or call 212.263.8325 and ask for Nina Ferraris.

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**Do you Have a Child with Uncontrolled Seizures?**

Children between one month old and 17 years old who have epilepsy are needed to participate in a clinical research study involving an investigational use of a marketed drug for epilepsy. All office visits, laboratory tests, study drugs and monitoring for seizures related to this study will be provided at no cost to patients. For more information about this study, please contact Maria Hopkins, RN, Clinical Trials Coordinator for the NYU Comprehensive Epilepsy Center, at 212.263.8359.
Herbs and Epilepsy

By Daniel Luciano, M.D.

It is estimated that more than 50% of the United States population uses herbs for medicinal purposes. There are a number of reasons for the increasing use of medicinal herbs. Herbs are most commonly used for chronic disorders, such as epilepsy, which may not respond ideally to standard forms of therapy. In addition, many patients have become disillusioned with the typical Western model of medicine. They are concerned about potential toxic side effects and costs of artificially produced medications and would prefer to use “natural” remedies. However, it is important to realize that herbs, though natural, can have significant side-effects, which may not be reported. The FDA considers herbs to be “dietary supplements,” so they are largely unregulated, unlike prescription medication. There is no legal requirement for an herb company to disclose the contents, side effects, safety, effectiveness or drug interaction information on the label. You should find out as much as possible about an herbal preparation before taking it.

To date, there is limited scientific research on the use of herbs for the treatment of epilepsy, and the experiments that have been done primarily involve animal subjects. Over 100 compounds from around the world have been tested and approximately half of these show antiepileptic effects in animal models of epilepsy. Unfortunately, there are only a small number of human studies, performed primarily in the Orient. The results of these studies are questionable, and may not be valid. These studies involved only small numbers of patients and did not fulfill certain requirements needed for a study to be considered “scientific” or “sound.”

Certain herbs may have anti-epileptic effects, because they have tranquilizing properties and/or improve sleep. It is well documented that sleep-deprivation may cause seizures. Valerian, Kava Kava, and Passionflower may work in this fashion. Other herbs, such as the Japanese herbal mixture TJ-960, may act as antioxidants, preventing cell damage in the brain.

Although some herbal remedies may be therapeutic, there are several herbal medicines that may actually worsen seizures. Since seizures consist of excessive and chaotic activity in the brain, herbs (such as those that contain ephedra and caffeine) that stimulate brain activity can increase the likelihood of seizures.

There are several herbal medications that may interact with antiepileptic medications. Some of them have actions similar to the antiepileptic medications, magnifying their effects. For example, the sedative herbs Valerian, Kava, Passionflower and Chamomile may intensify the sedative effects of antiepileptic drugs. Others may change the way the body breaks down the antiepileptic medications, so that the body breaks down the medication too slowly or too fast. For example, St. John’s Wort has the potential to lower the levels of antiepileptic medications metabolized in the liver, such as Dilantin and Phenobarbital. There are also a number of herbs, which can inhibit the liver enzyme cytochrome P-450, which is involved in the breakdown of many drugs, including antiepileptic agents such as Dilantin, Tegretol and Phenobarbital. These include garlic, Echinacea, Licorice, chamomilla, wild cherry (Trifolium pratense) and dillapiol. The result would be an elevation in drug levels to a potentially toxic level.

Most herbs are used for the treatment of minor health problems, not for treating major disorders like epilepsy. Therefore, herbs are not a substitute for prescribed antiepileptic medications. You should never stop taking your AEDs unless your neurologist recommends it. If you are using herbs, tell your doctor, so he can tell you about any potential interactions with medications. Likewise, if you visit an herbal practitioner, you must tell them your medical history, including allergies and the medications you are taking. Never use more than the recommended doses of herbs. Herbs are natural, but they contain many different compounds and can have toxic side-effects at high doses. Remember that there are many natural poisons. Never ignore side-effects when taking herbs and never use them to delay appropriate medical care. It is also wise to discontinue herbs at least two weeks prior to any surgery as some may cause bleeding irregularities or may interfere with anesthesia.

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Events for Teens and Young Professionals

This fall, the Teens and Young Professionals Groups went rock climbing at Chelsea Piers, bowling at Bowlmor Lanes, and went to PIE for their special S’mores pizza. Loews Cineplex donated movie tickets for a few of our teens and young professionals to go see “ELF.” Special thanks to Office Depot for sponsoring our 2003 summer and fall events!

Jen, Alyssa and John have made new friends through faces

Claire attends her first teen event

John propels down the wall

Adam gets ready to bowl a strike
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Although every donation to faces is important, we regret that in order to keep our newsletter costs to a minimum, we can only acknowledge donations of $200 or more.
Epilepsytalk:
An On-line Resource for Parents

Parents Against Childhood Epilepsy, Inc., (PACE), is proud to present Epilepsytalk, an on-line discussion group for parents of children with epilepsy.

Your submissions are automatically forwarded to hundreds of other parents and caregivers who will then be able to respond. You can use this format to share your experiences, frustrations, questions, hopes and fears with each other, so that the valuable information you’ve gained on your journey can help others and in turn help you and your child.

For details, email pacenyemail@aol.com or call 212.655.PACE.

“S.E.E.”
Senior Epilepsy Education

Did you know…
• New diagnoses of epilepsy are now increasing faster among seniors than in children;
• Many elderly people with seizures do not recognize that the symptoms they are experiencing are partial or complex partial seizures;
• As the baby-boomers age, the number of elderly Americans affected by epilepsy will continue to rise.

*Would you be interested in a 40-minute free educational epilepsy seminar at your New York City area Senior Center?
*Topics will include seizure recognition, first aid for seizures, and special issues faced by the elderly population.
*Faces will also provide lunch and educational materials.

For more information, please contact Christine Toes at 212.779.2041 or at facescoordinator@yahoo.com.

Helpful Tips for parents*

Dear faces,

Last week my son was ill and didn’t have much of an appetite. As a result, his seizure medication level dropped quickly and he had two grand-mal seizures in a row. We now keep his medication in chewable tablet form and rectal Valium gel in our house so we can do our best to avoid this problem in the future. Ask your doctor about special safety precautions you can take that will help you avoid emergencies.

Sincerely,

A Concerned Mom

*If you have any helpful tips that you would like to share with the faces community, please contact Melissa.
Many people with epilepsy experience memory difficulties. The symptoms are typically caused by a combination of neurobiological factors, including the underlying cause of the epilepsy and side effects resulting from treatment. Memory disturbance may become severe enough to disrupt the individual’s ability to function in the workplace or to perform common activities in the home. In these cases, a referral to a behavioral neurologist or a clinical neuropsychologist may be required to determine what is causing the problem and to establish a treatment plan.

An examination by a behavioral neurologist involves more detailed evaluation of memory than what is typically received in a routine neurological visit. In some cases, the patient is referred for neuropsychological testing, which involves completion of 4-6 hours of standardized tests. This testing provides an objective means for measuring the severity of the disorder by determining how the individual’s scores on memory tests differ from what is expected, given their age and demographic background.

Many ask the question of whether any drugs have been found to be effective for improving memory. At this time, there is no evidence of any “wonder drug” that has been found to effectively reverse the effects of memory decline. The only FDA-approved medications for memory are limited to the treatment of elderly patients at risk for developing Alzheimer’s disease. Preliminary evidence suggests that these drugs are not likely to be effective for treating memory difficulties in younger patients with conditions such as epilepsy. However, there is a possibility that other drugs, such as the psychostimulants used to treat narcolepsy and/or Attention-Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder, may prove to be more effective for treating memory disorders in younger age groups.

“Cognitive remediation” is a type of therapy emphasizing enhancement of cognitive skills and development of strategies for adapting to impairments in functions such as memory. This therapy is conducted either individually or in a group format by a neuropsychologist or another qualified health professional. Most of the existing cognitive remediation techniques have been developed for use with victims of traumatic brain injury. Very little information exists on whether these techniques are helpful for patients with other neurological conditions such as epilepsy.

Efforts are now underway at NYU to develop group remediation techniques aimed at treating the specific types of memory difficulties found in people with epilepsy. Participants are encouraged to share their experiences with memory and epilepsy. Group activities include a psychoeducational program on memory, brain functions, and the various ways that epilepsy may affect memory. The group also learns about external memory devices (notebook systems, calendars, electronic organizers, and alarms) and internal strategies, like association techniques and using imagery to help memory. Patients will receive homework assignments based on techniques learned in the group. For more information about memory groups for patients with epilepsy, call the NYU Comprehensive Epilepsy Center at 212.263.8317 or visit our website at: www.nyuepilepsy.org.
Congratulations

George Raybould, Suzanne Sidler, and Sylvia Rothbein, who have been selected as the faces Volunteers of the Quarter! Many thanks to you for all of your hard work!

Suzanne Sidler - Suzanne does projects for faces from her home and volunteers at faces events and conferences. (not pictured)

Sylvia Rothbein works on projects for faces from her home, and helped her daughter create the “Chores-For-Charity” program (see below for more information!)

George Raybould - George has volunteered at every faces conference for the past three years!

Chores-For-Charity

In the spirit of volunteerism, Ilana Rothbein, of New Jersey, has conceived an innovative program, “Chores-For-Charity.” Now, commonplace chores have escalated to a very important stature by helping to raise much needed cash contributions to Finding A Cure for Epilepsy & Seizures (faces), an organization that is dear to Ilana’s heart, because her brother has epilepsy.

Instead of being paid for babysitting, shoveling snow, mowing the lawn, etc, kids are donating their services in exchange for a donation to faces. At the same time, Chores-For-Charity is increasing awareness about epilepsy because volunteers are handing out epilepsy fact sheets prepared by faces.

This program not only helps to raise money for, and increase awareness about, faces, it may help kids fulfill their community service requirements for school, Bar/Bat Mitzvah or Confirmation preparation for their house of worship. (Please confirm with your school or house of worship).

Kids participating in the “Chores-For-Charity” program will build character, increase self-esteem, help others and help themselves. It’s a win/win situation.

If you want more information about the Chores-For-Charity program, please contact Christine Toes at 212.779.2041 or email her at facescoordinator@yahoo.com for additional information.
Faces is developing an Alternative Therapies Resource Guide. We need your help to recommend alternative therapies practitioners such as Osteopaths, Homeopaths, Chinese Herbalists, and much more. Only practitioners who have helped patients with epilepsy will be included in the guide.


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* New or used VCR to view educational videos on epilepsy
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Save the Date!

Parent Social Group
Sunday, January 11, 2004, 12pm – 2pm
Topic of discussion: Navigating the School System

Patricia Sokolow, an advocate for children with special needs will be speaking at the January 11th parent support meeting. Topics will include: how to navigate the school system, special education, Individual Education Programs (IEP) and the New York State and Federal Laws regarding special education. Please contact Melissa at NYUfaces@yahoo.com if you are interested in attending.

Refreshments will be served.

Teen Laser Tag
Wednesday, February 18, 2004, 6pm - 8pm
Lazer Park® in NYC
Details to follow!

faces Gala
Monday, March 1, 2004
NY Hilton
with Honorary Chairperson: Julianne Moore
and Emcee: Stone Phillips
Go to the Upcoming Events page of www.nyufaces.org for more information.

PARTY AT BROADWAY CITY ARCADE
Sunday, April 18, 2004, 11:30-2:30pm
IT’S ALL FUN AND GAMES!
The Broadway City event will feature unlimited video game play, great food, face-painters, balloon artists, and a special afternoon performance!
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Topic: Navigating the School System

Wednesday, February 18
Laser Tag
for Teens and Young Professionals

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