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## The Emerge Center

Fall 2014



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### Dear Friend,

As we enjoy this Indian summer, our first fall at Emerge is off to a very busy start. We have begun key **new initiatives** and are continuing to grow existing programs! Our first Kindergarten class under Mrs. Michelle's leadership opened August 25 with 11 children. We have expanded our Psychology department to allow us to offer comprehensive Autism Diagnostic testing and consultations, feeding interventions and Social Skills training groups. Speech/Language Group therapy classes are filling up and Year Two of our Bloom Program continues to yield great outcomes for children with Autism Spectrum Disorders. We will be out in the community at local health fairs and YMCAs in October offering free hearing screenings and hearing health care information as we celebrate Hearing Health Month.

We have expanded our **team of therapists** to include: Dawn Sonnier, Occupational Therapist, Dr. Megan Hattier, Doctorate Fellow in Psychology, Nicole Stockstill, Lead Audiologist, and Jessica Langlois, LCSW.

All of this would not be possible without the support of this community. We're very grateful and fortunate to once again have the support of two key community fundraisers this fall: the 5th annual **Battle Against Autism**, and 4th annual **Angling Against Autism**.

Planning is in full swing for The **Baton Rouge Area Volunteer Activists** annual awards luncheon to be held at the Renaissance on Friday, November 7. A Wine and Cheese reception will announce the honorees on Wednesday, October 22 here at Emerge.

Finally, we're honored to be named Capital Area United Way's "**Community Investment Award**" recipients for our work this year. Our staff considers it a privilege to serve the unique population of those with communication, behavior, and development challenges, and we're honored to be recognized for our pace setting programs.

Please read on to learn more about our work, or visit our [website](#) to read up on our new state-of-the-art center for Louisiana.

Gratefully,



Melissa

### Think AmazonSmile for Emerge this Holiday Season

If you're already shopping online for gifts this holiday season, please consider making a donation to Emerge while you do! If you visit [www.smile.amazon.com](http://www.smile.amazon.com) and log in to your Amazon account as normal, you can select The Emerge Center (Baton Rouge Speech and Hearing



Foundation) to receive a donation as a portion of your final purchase! Thanks and happy shopping.

### Vote for Emerge through InRegister!

Please take a few seconds to VOTE FOR EMERGE through the InRegister's [Gift to the Community](#) fundraiser - you could help us win a \$5,000 donation!



### Staff Spotlight: Nicole Stockstill, Lead Audiologist



Nicole is a licensed Audiologist with over 16 years of experience in the Baton Rouge area. She has worked with Emerge since 2012. Nicole specializes in the diagnosis, treatment and prevention of hearing loss and auditory processing disorders. She also conducts special educational seminars for industrial, educational, and medical professionals.

***What is your favorite part of your job?*** I love being able to help people hear better so they can communicate with family and friends and have an active, social life full of laughter and fun memories.

***What's your favorite hobby?*** Cheering for the LSU Tigers and the Saints!

***What are you currently reading?*** "Good to Great." I also just finished the "Divergent" series

***What's a talent few people know you have?***

I am a pretty good car mechanic and handyman, but I love making and decorating cakes and cupcakes.

***What's your favorite place to go?***

Anywhere with my family, but usually to the camp!

### Program Spotlight: Audiology

The Audiology department at The Emerge Center can provide cutting-edge, **digital hearing aids** to individuals of all ages! Let Emerge's highly trained, compassionate professionals provide excellent care while answering questions you have about your hearing health, or that of a loved one.



Also available are:

- **hearing aid consultation**, to guarantee maximum results from your investment
- **custom hearing protection** and ear plugs optimized for hunters, musicians, and other custom-molded ear plugs
- comprehensive **hearing evaluations**, from infants to adults
- **auditory processing disorder testing** for school-aged children

Emerge's Audiology practice has doubled in size, and now operates in a state-of-the-art audiology suite, including testing booths with wireless technology and consultation rooms designed for a patient's comfort. Financial assistance programs are available, and private pay patients help make Emerge's programs accessible for all.



Individuals of all backgrounds are encouraged to call our Audiologists at (225) 343-4232 or [visit our website](#) to learn more about healthy hearing.

### Upcoming Event

2014 BATON ROUGE AREA

# Volunteer Activists

*presented by*

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The Emerge Center will host a benefit luncheon on Friday, November 7 at the Renaissance Hotel to honor winners of the 2014 Baton Rouge Area Volunteer

Activist awards. The recipients are:

**Lori Bertman**  
**Judy Foil**  
**Gwen and Todd Graves**  
**Gwen Hamilton**  
**R. Brian Haymon**  
**Janice H. Pellar**  
**Randy P. Roussel**  
**Stephen M. Toups**  
**Joe Traigle**  
**Jacqui Vines**

Margaret Neely award for service to The Emerge Center:

**Craig and Angela Bergeron**

Tickets, tables, and sponsorships are available for purchase [online](#).

These honorees and past recipients will be celebrated at a Wine and Cheese reception at The Emerge Center on Wednesday, October 22, sponsored by



### **Emerge honored with CAUW's 2014 Community Impact Award**

The Emerge Center was honored with Capital Area United Way's 2014 "Community Impact" award, the highest recognition for a community partner agency.



*L-R: Scott Berg, CAUW 2013-14 Board Chair; Melissa Juneau, Emerge Executive Director; Jean-Paul Perrault, Emerge Board Chair; Stacey Stewart, United Way Worldwide President; Darrin Goss Sr, CAUW Executive Director*



This award, which was presented at Capital Area United Way's annual meeting on July 21, recognizes a partner agency who:

- is responsive to the needs of their clients and community served through exceptional services, programs, and customer service;
- is a model organization for collaboration and best practices to enhance the quality of service and life for the community; and
- is creating lasting community impact through measured and proven results.

The Emerge Center is honored to receive this recognition and is proud to uphold these values for the clients we serve!

### Supporting Events

September was a busy month! We're so grateful to the following fundraisers, companies, and individuals who planned and participated in the

The 5th annual Battle Against Autism, presented by Robinson Brothers, kicked off Sunday, September 7 with an auction at Ruffino's and continued Monday, September 8 for the Golf Tournament at the Country Club of Louisiana.

**BATTLE AGAINST  
AUTISM**

**ROBINSON  
BROTHERS.com**

Thanks to the Robinsons, their committee, and friends, this year's events raised more than \$100,000 for The Emerge Center!



*Kim Thibodeaux, Sandi Robinson (chair), and Amy Dutruch, Auction Committee members*



*Winning Golfers with Chip Robinson, event chair*

**Angling  
Against  
Autism**

The 4th annual Angling Against Autism bass tournament, hosted by Bergeron's Boudin & Cajun Meats, was held on September 27 at Doiron's Landing in Stephenville. Fishers and community members enjoyed a wild game cook-off and after party at Stevie G's in Pierre Part.

We're so grateful to Craig and Angela Bergeron, our

parent committee, and their family and friends, for the most successful tournament yet, with over 80 boats participating.



*1st place fishers with winning catches*



*Craig and Angela Bergeron, Event Chairs*

## Board of Directors

We are so grateful to our 2014 Board of Directors, who have worked tirelessly in this transitional year:

**Verge Ausberry**, LSU Athletics  
**Marci Blaize**, Blaize Law Firm  
**Marvin Borgmeyer**, Exxon, retired  
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And to outgoing board members  
**Leslie Berg**, Junior League representative  
**Dr. Theron McCormick**, OLOL

**Our 2015 Executive Committee leadership will be:**

President: Robert Pettit  
 Vice President: Chris Odinet

Secretary: Melissa Blake  
Treasurer: Ryan Thibodeaux  
Past President: JP Perrault  
Past President Emeritus: Colleen Waguespack



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