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**The New England Center for Children (NECC®)
Hosts 3rd Annual 5K Walk/Run for Autism**

The New England Center for Children will host its 3rd annual **5K Walk/Run for Autism** in Southborough, MA on **Saturday, May 9, 2009**. This event is being organized and managed by a committee of NECC staff.

The race begins and ends near Pilgrim Church, next to Southborough Town Hall located at 17 Common Street in Southborough, MA. Registration will begin at 8:30 a.m. and the professionally timed race will begin at 10 a.m.

Last year's event attracted nearly 900 walkers and runners and raised over \$160,000 for NECC's Annual Fund. All money raised from this event will go directly toward the Annual Fund, which funds much of the equipment, renovations and supplies our students need to thrive. The Annual Fund also allows more opportunities for kids to just be kids, whether they are swimming or playing, by providing safety equipment and supplies for our new aquatic center and new recreational equipment for our playgrounds.

To register for this event, please visit <http://necc.kintera.org/5K>. If you are interested in sponsorship opportunities, please contact Amy Atwell at aatwell@necc.org or Jennifer Eames at jeames@necc.org.

The mission of The New England Center for Children is to provide state-of-the-art education and individualized treatment, with care and respect, for children with autism and other disabilities.

For 34 years NECC has maintained a steadfast dedication to helping individuals reach their potential and live productively; to minimizing dependence and maximizing independence; and to eliminating isolation and increasing social, educational and employment opportunities through integration into all aspects of community life. We open doors to bring out human potential and create productive lives.

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