

#### Anne Davalla

Anne Davalla has worked with children and adults with severe developmental challenges including those associated with autism since 1992. After beginning her career as a Speech-Language Pathologist, she began working for the Positive Education Program (PEP). She held many positions throughout her career at PEP including a member of the multidisciplinary team, Case Manager and Program Coordinator. Before retiring in 2013, Davalla was responsible for oversight of educational and mental health services for over

ninety students at the PEP Prentiss Autism Center. With a team of clinical psychologists and educational administrators, she supervised teachers, case managers, therapists and paraprofessionals to teach young people new ways of communicating and behaving using a positive, non-aversive developmental approach. She collaborated with instructors from Cleveland State University and Case Western Reserve University to provide opportunities for teachers in training to observe instruction in classrooms. In the larger autism community, Davalla has been a supporter and contributor of Autism Speaks and Milestones. She has attended multiple Milestones Conferences and has supported PEP's participation. Davalla has served as a volunteer for Girl Scouts, multiple PTA groups, Ss. Cyril and Methodius PTU. Currently, she's an Eucharistic Minister at Transfiguration Parish, secretary of the Parish Pastoral Council and a volunteer with the Community Food Pantry. Davalla resides in Lakewood with her husband Larry.



#### Steven Fox

Steven Fox is a self-advocate who was diagnosed with Asperger's at the age of 60 after seeing a clinical social worker to help him deal with his mother's death. He has spoken on Milestones' Straight from the Source: Panel of Adults on the Spectrum at the Milestones Consortium for Autism Professionals and at the 2014 Milestones Conference. He volunteered as a Jewish Big Brother for 20 years with one match lasting for 14 years with a young man who had an intellectual disability. Fox is currently retired after a long, successful

career with the United States government working in Information Technology. He resides in Beachwood with his wife Wendy.



## Joseph Kraft

Joseph Kraft, Director and Senior Investment Consultant for Robert W. Baird & Co., Inc., has attended numerous Milestones Conferences and has contributed to Milestones' fundraising events as the father of a son with autism. Kraft says his son has benefitted tremendously from the relationships introduced through Milestones. At Baird, Kraft focuses on developing risk and asset management strategies. With a consultative approach,

he delivers wealth management solutions for individuals, families, business owners, corporate clients, endowments and institutions. Kraft also supports and volunteers for Autism Speaks and Westlake City Schools and has served on the Hattie Larlham board. He resides in Westlake with his wife Jacki and three sons where they raise and breed top-quality alpacas.

#### Debra Greene

Debra Greene is a parent of two adults diagnosed with autism and an active community volunteer. She has served on Milestones' Conference and Award Selection Committees and has volunteered in the Milestones office and at the conference. She has also attended the Milestones Parent Empowerment Network workshops. She served on the Fundraising Committees for Achievement Centers for Children, Autism Speaks, WCRF Radio and various committees for Beachwood Schools. Greene has volunteered for Cedar Hill Baptist Church, Dublin's school library and as an Ohio Reads tutor. She resides in Beachwood.



### Tracy Masterson, Ph.D.

Tracy Masterson, Ph.D., is a tenured Associate Professor of Psychology at John Carroll University (JCU) and is a licensed clinical psychologist with a specialization in pediatric psychology. Throughout her clinical and academic training, Dr. Masterson has received specialized training in working with individuals with developmental disabilities and autism spectrum disorders. She has extensive clinical experience in working with children with ASD in a variety of clinical settings and hopes to combine her clinical knowledge, research skills

and teaching experiences to inform students about ASD and facilitate student interest. At JCU, she solidified an internship at the Cleveland Clinic Center for Autism with her students that has broadened to the Monarch Center for Autism, developed coursework in autism spectrum disorders and serves as the faculty advisor for the Autism Speaks U Chapter. The Autism Speaks U chapter alongside the Beta Theta Pi Fraternity has developed and maintained the Blue and Gold Buddies, social/recreational program with young adults with ASD in conjunction with Milestones. Dr. Masterson is a regular speaker at the annual Milestones Conference and served as the Conference Committee Co-Chair this year. She's won several regional and university-based awards including the David Hoch Memorial Award for Service and the Curtis Miles Award for her service. Dr. Masterson resides in Olmsted Falls with her husband Christopher, daughter Layne and son Graham.



# Aletta Sinoff, Ph.D., CCC-SLP, BCBA-D

Aletta Sinoff, Ph.D., CCC-SLP, BCBA-D, has been involved in the autism community for many years. First, as a parent raising a child with autism, she was part of the founding group of parents whose energy paved the way for the creation of the Cleveland Clinic Center for Autism. Professionally as a Speech-Language Pathologist and then a Behavior Analyst, Sinoff devoted her career to working predominantly with children and families who live with

autism. In 2002, she was hired to create and develop the center-based Early Childhood Program at the Clinic's Lerner School, which grew into a highly successful program. As Assistant Director and then Director of the Lerner School, she was involved with training and mentoring many interns and staff as they embarked on their careers in the field of ASD. After attending the first Milestones Conference, she has presented various times and she co-chairs the Milestones ABA Professional Group. Sinoff was awarded the 2012 Milestones Professional Excellence Award. She was on the founding board of Segula and served on the board of Special Education Services, has sat on a variety of committees at her synagogue and volunteers for the Autism Speaks Walk. Sinoff resides in Beachwood.