Laura Brunetti’s The Caring Canvas, with its home in Asbury Park, New Jersey, is a free traveling art program that mentors, inspires, and gives hope through art expression. Laura, with her signature Caring Canvas Art Kit and her volunteers travel to locations throughout the tri-state area, and in June they came to visit us. Bringing with them an abundance of art supplies, they use art as therapy, sparking imaginations, inspiring self-confidence, and igniting hope. The Caring Canvas exists to change lives...one stroke at a time. We thank The Caring Canvas and New Life Crisis for bringing an Artfully Fun Friday to Alternatives For Children Southampton.

Kara Hahn, who represents the Suffolk County 5th Legislative District, which includes Setauket, East Setauket, South Setauket, Stony Brook, parts of Port Jefferson Station, Terryville, Coram, Centereach, and the villages of Belle Terre, Old Field, Port Jefferson, and Poquott, took time out of her busy schedule to visit with the children and staff of Alternatives For Children East Setauket.

Ms. Hahn, who took office in January 2012, is Vice Chair of the Suffolk County Legislature’s Human Services Committee. This committee has jurisdiction over the Office of Family and Children’s Services, which oversees child day care programs across Suffolk County. The Office of Family and Children’s Services, together with child day care providers like Alternatives For Children, provides programs for typically developing children and their families. The Human Services Committee also has jurisdiction over all day care initiatives in the county.

“I am truly impressed by the caring, nurturing and innovative services that Alternatives for Children provides for its students every day,” said Legislator Kara Hahn. “This facility fosters an individualized approach to learning that allows each child to develop and meet his or her unique needs.”
Alternatives for Children

Mission Statement
To provide the highest quality special and regular education programs and services to children with disabilities and typically developing peers. Education, medical, pediatric rehabilitation, and support services are integrated to ensure the comprehensive needs of the child and family are met.

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Celebrates 25 Years & Begins the Future

I can hardly believe that in September Alternatives For Children will begin its 25th school year. I am proud to say, that because of the dedication through the years of the Board of Trustees, administrators, the educational and therapeutic staff, our wonderful parents and enthusiastic financial supporters, Alternatives for Children has become a leader in providing quality care to all children, but especially to those who need it most, at the most critical time in their development.

In 2005, the Board of Trustees of Alternatives For Children undertook a $2.3 million Capital Campaign committed to raising significant philanthropic support to fulfill several short and long term goals. These goals included:

GOAL ONE - Acquiring the property outright. The land on which Alternatives For Children is built was leased. By raising additional funds, aside from general operating, Alternatives For Children would safeguard its long-term future by providing a permanent home through the purchase of the property.

Primary Goal: $ 1.3 million

GOAL TWO – To raise funds for a special redemption of up to a $1 million, reducing our principal debt on the IDA Bond for the construction of the East Setauket facility. This reduction in debt service would go a long way in establishing a firm financial footing for Alternatives For Children.

Secondary Goal: $ 1 million

In 2010 through prudent financial planning and fiscal responsibility, GOAL ONE was achieved and final payment was made to purchase the land on which Alternatives For Children East Setauket is located. Ongoing efforts of the Capital Campaign Committee and its chairperson Michael Russell are dedicated to achieving GOAL Two. Additionally, as we begin our 25th year, the Board of Trustees and the Capital Campaign Committee are reexamining the goals laid out in 2005, instituting new goals, and moving forward with a long-range plan to assure the financial stability and viability of Alternatives For Children.

We hope that you will find merit in our Capital Campaign by making a multi-year pledge of support. Although dollars are important, please know that whatever you feel you can afford to give us is deeply appreciated. Equally important is your willingness to help us seek the support of others whom you feel would be receptive to making a pledge to our Capital Campaign.

For more information about our Capital Campaign, or if you have any questions about Alternatives For Children or would like to see how you can Make a Difference, please call 631-331-6400 x229.

I consider myself so privileged to have been a part of the family at Alternatives For Children; a wonderful school, but more important than that, a place and a people that has been there for so many families. The simple words “Thank you” do not even begin to express what I would like to say to all those many people who have shared the vision of what Alternatives For Children could be and has become. None the less, I send my thanks, along with the appreciation of the Board of Trustees, as Alternatives For Children

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With tremendous gratitude,

Marie E. Ficano, Ed.D.
Executive Director
During the Week of the Young Child the children at Alternatives For Children East Setauket had the opportunity to MOVE! incorporating Earth Day activities with First Lady Michele Obama’s LET’S MOVE initiative.

Our Therapeutic Teams are the BEST! They make learning FUN!

Miss Angelique, Miss Kerri, and Miss Joleen are three of the kindest, most patient people I have encountered as a parent and as a professional in the special education field. Thank you for all of your hard work! I know it’s not always easy, but your energy and spirit is greatly appreciated.

The Shea Family

Words cannot express how grateful we are for all your help. Kaitlyn is developing into the little girl that we knew she had the potential to become. Thank you for your patience, wisdom, and advice.

P.S. - Fran - Can I call you when she is a teenager? Please?

The Minton Family

Shortly after Tyler started at AFC he told us he loved his new school and teachers, and that his old school scared him. It makes us so happy to know how happy he is here. And, we are so glad he is in the supportive environment he needs. We have seen many improvements and know he will continue to grow with all your help and support.

The Gleason Family

AFC Dancing With The Stars! We sure had FUN!

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  ● Eight tickets to the reception at the Belle Terre Center

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  ● Acknowledgment in event program
  ● Four tickets to the reception at the Belle Terre Center

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Enter a car: $135 by August 30th  
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