

The Stories of Millionaires' Row



Dan's stories for our autism fundraisers include:

- Millionaires' Row ~ Euclid Avenue
- The Famous Whites of White Sewing Machine and White Motors
- The Great Estates of Wickliffe ~ Millionaires' Mile
- The Francis Drury Story, Drury Theater and The Cleveland Playhouse
- The John D. Rockefeller Story Myth Verses Fact
- The Theatrical, a Very Famous Cleveland Landmark

"Dan's programs have been exciting and educational. His relaxed style of storytelling allows his audience to listen to history as if they are living it!"

Katherine Malmquist

Gates Mills Branch Mgr.

Cuyahoga County Public Library



CLEVELAND HISTORY LESSONS

Willoughby Rotary Autism Project fundraisers feature

DAN RUMINSKI, STORYTELLER



Dan Ruminski creates spellbinding entertainment experiences at our WRAP fundraisers.

"Dinner and a story" feature the Storyteller in his chair, sharing unique tales of Cleveland's spectacular past.



Willoughby Rotary Autism Project (WRAP)



Providing iPads to individuals with autism to:

- enhance communication
- learn new skills
- provide the means to have fun, be creative, and feel good about themselves

The Willoughby Rotary Autism Project is supported by the Willoughby Rotary Foundation, and fundraising by Cleveland History Lessons, featuring Dan Ruminski, Storyteller.

About Autism

The basic facts on autism are staggering:

- Autism affects 1 in 88 children
- Autism affects 1 in 54 boys, and boys are four times more likely to have autism
- More children will be diagnosed with autism this year than with cancer, diabetes and AIDS combined
- Autism is the fastest growing serious developmental disability in the U.S.
- Autism costs the nation \$137 billion per year
- Autism causes receive little organized funding support
- The average person is not aware of the extent of this epidemic, or how people with autism can be helped
- There is no cure for autism

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Why iPads?

Research has determined that autistic children who have difficulty communicating can have their communication skills improved dramatically with iPads.



Older tools such as cards or even regular computer screens are limited in keeping the autistic user interested. The touch screen and layout make the iPad easier to use for individuals with coordination or learning difficulties. Typing is not required, as many apps feature bright, colorful icons that are manipulated by tapping and sliding. The iPad can help individuals with autism improve basic social, fine motor, language and communication skills. Users learn to communicate and express themselves with their iPad without the frustration they commonly experience.

The Willoughby Rotary Foundation's Plan

The Willoughby Rotary Foundation is a 501(c)3 charitable organization that has contributed over \$250,000 to Rotary International humanitarian programs and more than 30 Ohio charitable causes since 1998.

Our members voted to help families in our community affected by autism by providing iPads and information on appropriate apps.

To provide a unique way to generate awareness and revenue, Rotarian Dan Ruminski volunteered to lead our efforts. Dan is "Cleveland's Storyteller," educating people on the rarely known but spectacular history of Cleveland, Ohio.

His series of "WRAP Cleveland History Talks" feature dinner and spellbinding stories, have attracted sponsors, and raised thousands for autism.

Event Information

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