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Upcoming Hand to Hand class and Support Group

We have set the dates and location for the spring Hand to Hand class, as well as the scheduled start up of Parent Support Meetings. The Hand to Hand class will start on Monday, March 6 and will run for 9 weeks. It will be held from 6pm - 8pm at the Betty Jane Center in Tiffin.

Hand to Hand is a nine week education program designed to foster learning, healing and empowerment among families of children with emotional/mental/neurobiological disorders. Topics covered include: understanding your child's diagnosis, developing family coping skills, counseling and therapy, medications, special educational needs, juvenile justice, and child protection agencies.

At the conclusion of the classes, NAMI SSW, in collaboration with the Betty Jane Center, will be starting monthly parent support meetings. The Parent Support meetings will be the 4th Monday of each month, starting in May 2006 and will be held 7pm - 8:30pm, also at the Betty Jane Center in Tiffin.

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Autism

Autism is one of the mental, emotional, and behavioral disorders that appears in early childhood. Autistic children may have a serious lifelong disability. However, with appropriate treatment and training, some autistic children can develop certain aspects of independence in their lives. Parents should support their autistic[More Details](#)

Ray of Hope Planning

The Ray of Hope Planning Committee will tentatively be meeting on Saturday, January 7, 2006 so that we can stuff and mail the invitations for the event. Anyone that is interested in helping out is welcome to attend. We will be meeting at the NAMI SSW office, 219 S. Front Street, Fremont. If the invitations have not arrived yet, and we need to reschedule, I will announce it in the next newsletter.

In conjunction with the dinner, there will be a silent auction featuring creative and healing arts items. For this purpose, the organizers of the event are seeking donations from the general public. Whether you are interested in needlework, woodworking, cooking, writing, painting, or making jewelry, you can make a personal contribution that will benefit NAMI's extensive outreach program. If you have an item that would be perfect for a golfer, sports enthusiast, gardener, or hobbyist, please consider donating it to the auction. Gift certificates for services or tickets to events are always popular with the many guests who participate in this fun-filled evening. If you would like to make a donation or receive more information about the Ray of Hope Dinner or the NAMI SSW organization, please contact NAMI at 419-334-8021 or toll-free at 888-582-8889. One hundred percent of the profits from the Ray of Hope Dinner will be used to further increase efforts to bring support, education, and advocacy to those who are affected in any way by mental illness in the local communities.

Upcoming Events

- January 2, 7:00 PM** - Volunteer & Membership Meeting, NAMI SSW Office, Fremont
- January 5, 7:00 PM** - Wyandot Family Support Group, Angeline School, Upper Sandusky
- January 6, 2:00PM** - Fremont C.A.R.E meeting, Pontifex, Fremont
- January 7, 10:00AM** - ROH Envelope Stuffing, NAMI SSW Office, Fremont
- January 10, 7:00PM** - Fremont Family Support Group, NAMI SSW Office, Fremont
- January 10, 7:00 PM** - Survivors of Suicide Support Group, Tiffin Developmental Ctr.
- January 11, 2:00PM** - Tiffin C.A.R.E meeting, RTA Building, Tiffin
- January 11, 7:00 PM** - Tiffin Family Support Group, Community Hospice, Tiffin

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