



# In Touch

With Sensory Research Center

A 501(c)3 NonProfit Organization



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## Providing Hope & Help in a Sensory Overloaded World

Treating children & adults with Autism, ADD/ADHD, Cerebral Palsy, Down syndrome, Fibromyalgia and Brain Injuries



## Night of Laughter A Benefit for Children



headlining **comedians**

Kerri Pomaroli  
& Ron McGehee

as seen on...



## Friday, April 16th

5:30 to 10:00 p.m.

### Delzano's By the Sea in Redondo Beach

179 North Harbor Drive Redondo Beach 90277

Join us for a hysterical night of comedy, fabulous food, raffles & a shopping boutique featuring unique, reasonably priced items!

Tickets \$35, \$40 @ the door

### To Purchase Tickets:

Contact Jennifer Hoffiz at 310.698.9008  
or visit [www.sensoryresearchcenter.org](http://www.sensoryresearchcenter.org)

Your participation in this event will help to provide treatments for children with Autism & other sensory related disorders.

## Alex's Road to Recovery

Alex Alvarado is a 5 year old boy diagnosed with moderate/severe Autism. Alex, who was a recipient of a partial scholarship lives with his mother and two siblings, one of whom is also diagnosed with Autism.

When Alex first came to the Sensory Research Center he had no verbal language. The only word he could say was "Mama". Alex also struggled with following directions. He was totally prompt dependent, needing verbal reminders to complete even a one step direction. Alex had a very difficult time sitting through a therapy session, such as speech therapy or occupational therapy due to his hyperactivity and difficulty focusing. The sessions were not very productive because of the sensory overload and deregulation going on in his body and brain.

Alex also had a tremendous amount of self-stimulatory behavior such as hand flapping and would not make eye contact. Alex had tactile sensitivities as well, which made it difficult for him to wear things on his head.



Four months after Alex completed the ISP Program, his mother Olga is happy to report that she has seen tremendous improvement in many areas. (See p.2)



The Remedy Pharm is a unique Compounding Pharmacy that specializes in the highest quality of whole food & pharmaceutical-grade nutritionals as well as nutritional services and analyses. Their nutritionists and staff are trained to work with patients with special needs and their doctors, if needed, to get them on their way to a healthy and vibrant lifestyle.

The Remedy Pharm will be contributing 2% of every Nutritional product sold in the month of April in order to provide a scholarship and assistance to someone in need of the Sensory Research Center. Please check out their website and come in for specials and discounts in the month of April. [www.theremedypharm.com](http://www.theremedypharm.com)

## Alex's Road to Recovery (Cont'd)

Most importantly Alex can sit still for periods of up to 45 minutes while working which makes his therapy sessions much more productive now. His speech has improved and is now able to say the beginning sounds of words. Alex no longer engages in self-stimulatory behavior such as hand flapping and is able to make eye contact. Alex's thoughts seem to be more organized and he is now completing three step directions without prompting. Alex's tactile sensitivities have subsided, he can even wear a hat now.

The ISP Program, which is a neurosensory approach to treating children and adults with sensory problems, continues to make subtle and sometimes large changes in the brain for 9 months. Once someone undergoes this treatment, they will continue to see improvements, as in the case of Alex.

To make a difference in a child's life by giving them the opportunity to receive the ISP program please visit [www.sensoryresearchcenter.org](http://www.sensoryresearchcenter.org) and make a donation to our scholarship fund. Your help is greatly appreciated.

## How You Can Help

Come join us for our 2nd Annual Fundraiser. This is a wonderful opportunity to support our center and help children who have been waiting patiently for scholarship funding for much needed services.

We would like to tell you about a few families who are waiting. The first is a single mother of four children, one of whom has Cerebral Palsy. This little girl is three years old and has been waiting for six months for funding for her therapy. When she came to our center and went on the treatment table for just a few minutes, she had such an amazing response which sparked hope in her mother.

We have another single mother who received a scholarship for one of her twin sons. Both boys have severe Autism and had never received any type of outside help until coming to our center. The son who received treatment has shown such wonderful progress and the mother would love to get her other son therapy.

We have many other families who are relying on people like you to support this great event. Not only will it be fun, but it will help those children who would never get help otherwise. If you cannot come, please consider making a tax-deductible donation online. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

## FREE Seminar Sponsored by SRC "Changes in the State Budget and it's Impact on Family Services"

Presented by Mark Woodsmall of  
Woodsmall Law Group

April 2010  
Date and Time TBA

Located at Rhemedy Pharm  
23811 Hawthorne Blvd.  
Torrance, CA 90505

RSVP to Jennifer at  
310.698.9008

*Space is limited, so please call our office  
to register*

Mark Woodsmall is an Attorney who has dedicated his practice to Special Education and representation before the Regional Center. His son is also diagnosed with Autism. He is a frequent lecturer on parents rights under IDEA Section 504 and the Lanterman Act. He was also a guest speaker at the 2005 National Downs Syndrome Congress.

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