



Adults Independent and Motivated

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October 23, 2018

Annual Membership Meeting & Info Session

Please join us on Sunday, November 11th at 4pm, for our annual membership meeting and information session at the Travis County Community Center at Oak Hill, 8656 TX-71, Austin, TX 78735. We will provide a general overview of our program and answer any questions that you might have.

Tutus and Ties Fun Run was a Huge Success

Thank you to the more than 100 people who joined us on October 7th for AIM's 2nd annual Tutus and Ties Fun Run, to our generous sponsors, and to our fun run committee, led for a 2nd year in a row by Michelle Riggs (who also came up with the idea for this awesome fun run) and committee members Julie Buchanan, Ronda Phillips, Kim Eudy, and Ashley Sanchez.

Despite a brief thunderstorm early in the morning, by race time the weather had cleared, resulting in a fun time for racers who sported a tutu or tie and chose between a self-timed 5K or getting their Passport to Fun stamped at 6 fun activity stations along a 1.2-mile loop through the park. Activity stations included basketball free-throws, jump ropes, and an obstacle course. Check out our Facebook page for pictures of all the fun and at the following link:

https://www.facebook.com/pg/AIMATX/photos/?tab=album&album_id=704332776597620

We are proud to announce that AIMers took an active role in helping their own community by making various items for the silent auction as well as tutus for the runners. In addition, 100% of AIMer families, either individually or through their business, sponsored the event.

Our goal was to raise \$10,000, and we beat our goal by more than 50%, raising over \$15,000. Plans are to use those funds to purchase a gently-used vehicle to get AIMers to work and AIM activities.

Thank you to everyone who made our event such an incredible success and please support the sponsors of our event (a list can be found on page 3)!

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Participants Corner: A Community of Support...in Good Times and in Sad



Earlier this summer, Alicia's dog, Abby, had to be put to sleep. Naturally she was heartbroken, but her AIM friends rallied around her and supported her. As the dog was going to the vet, Alicia contacted one of her AIM friends and asked her to come over to be with her. Abby died on a Monday, the night when AIMers meet weekly with facilitator Erika Musick for a lesson. That Monday, the girls suggested that they forgo their lesson, meet in Alicia's apartment, and comfort her. They chipped in for a flower arrangement, loaned her a battery-powered back massager, painted her toenails, and made plans to spend time with her over the following days.

In a message to parents that night, Erika observed, "Independently, these remarkable young women came up with the right words and caring suggestions for how to step in for their friend in need. Although our hearts ache for Alicia, I can't express enough how touching it was to be a part of this evening."

We thank our AIMers for their compassion, and we thank Erika for the guidance she provides which strengthens their relationships with one another.

AIM Core Principles

1. Safety
2. Employment or Meaningful Regular Activity Away from Home
3. Lifelong Learning
4. Healthy Living
5. Social Activities
6. Family Engagement and Family Commitment
7. Increasing Independence
8. Continuity

Documentary Screening

On September 17th, Mark Baird offered a sneak peek of the documentary that he is making about the AIM community at a screening at the Alamo Drafthouse on South Lamar. It was a joy-filled evening as AIMers and their supporters exulted at seeing their accomplishments highlighted on the big screen. We also marveled at the amount of time that Mark has dedicated to this film, and we are so incredibly grateful to him!

Mark is hard at work on the final cut, and we can't wait to share it with you.

Grant from the Anderson Foundation

AIM extends our heartfelt thanks to the Carl C. Anderson Sr. and Marie Jo Anderson Charitable Foundation. They have given AIM a \$2,000 grant in support of the work we do. These funds will be very helpful as we launch our transportation program.

The Search is on for a Vehicle

The success of our fun run means that we are hoping to purchase a vehicle to get AIMers to and from work and AIM activities. Please let us know if you are selling a low-mileage vehicle that is no more than 3 years old. Vehicles that seem like good options include Hyundai Elantra/Sonata/Santa Fe, Honda Accord, Toyota Camry, Kia Sedona, and Chrysler Pacifica.

AIM Socials

AIM has socials for people who are taking the next step in exploring whether AIM is the right fit.

The socials in June, July, August and September included: 4th of July Picnic, HCI Socials x 15, Party Barge, and a Pool Party





Tutus and Ties 2018 Fun Run Sponsors

Please support these amazing organizations who sponsored our 2018 fun run. Their help was a crucial component in making our event such a success, and we are very grateful to them all.

Platinum Sponsors:



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