



## What's New at FAP

- FAP-Pizza Post Day – September 26, 2011. Pizza Post donated a percentage of their sales. In spite of the night being quiet, Pizza Post generously donated \$500.
- FAP and SES (Special Educational Services, Greenwich) co-host a coffee meeting for parents in January 2012 to initiate the collaboration between the two organizations.
- FAP collects signatures and presents a petition to Jim Himes regarding a project to get Federal recognition for the needs of adults with autism.
- Per the recommendation of Congressman Himes, FAP became a member of the CAAC (Connecticut Autism Action Coalition).
- FAP participates in the First Annual Summit of the National ACAA (Agricultural Communities for Adults with Autism) at the oldest farm for adults with autism in the USA, Bittersweet Farms, Ohio. The farm was founded by a parent and the land was donated by caring citizens who wanted to ensure that adults with classic autism can lead lives with purpose. FAP is a charter member of ACAA.
- FAP applies and gets preapproved for a major HUD grant for a sustainable and replicable farm academy for adults with autism, but loses to a large hospital in the county that has an even further reaching project.
- FAP exhibits at the ASCONN (Autism Society of America, Connecticut Chapter) Annual Conference in Hartford.
- FAP participated in celebrating Autism Day on April 2<sup>nd</sup> at the State Capitol as a member of CAAC, contributing materials for the attending parents and legislators. FAP received recognition for its contribution to the event.
- First Selectman Peter Tesei of Greenwich proclaims April as FAP Autism Month for the Town (April 18, 2012). FAP and SES proclamations were read.
- FAP in collaboration with GEG (Greenwich Education Group) holds Legislative Forum with Congressman Jim Himes at their Stamford Campus (April 29, 2012).
- Invited by a Stamford Nature Conservancy and in collaboration with Easter Seals, FAP starts planning a raised bed horticultural therapy project for adults with autism.

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