

Linda Walder Fiddle, Esq.

Linda Walder Fiddle is the Founder and Executive Director of The Daniel Jordan Fiddle Foundation (DJF), a 501(c)(3) national autism organization with the mission to develop, advocate for and award grants to programs that enhance the lives of adolescents and adults with Autism Spectrum Disorders (ASD), including residential, recreational, vocational, educational and family programs. DJF is a leading national advocacy and awareness organization that focuses on issues affecting the lives of adults with ASD including health and wellness throughout the lifespan.

The guiding principle of the foundation is to provide suitable and sustainable opportunities for adults with ASD to participate in and contribute to community life. This is the goal Linda had for her own son Danny for whom The Daniel Jordan Fiddle Foundation is named in memory and honor of, as he passed away at age 9. DJF is run completely by volunteers and has pioneered the development and advancement of programs for adults with autism nationwide since 2002.

Linda has received numerous public service awards for her accomplishments on behalf of the autism community. In 2009 alone she received a *Russ Berrie Award for Making a Difference*, the *Jefferson Award for Public Service*, an *Autism Family Services of NJ's Community Service Award*, and a public service award from the *New Jersey Coalition of Inclusive Ministries*. Linda also received *Redbook* magazine's 2009 "Strength & Spirit" Award, one of only five women in the U.S. to receive this special honor. She was featured, along with her co-honorees, in *Redbook's* December 2009 issue, for her inspirational leadership in opening doors for adults with ASD.

In addition to Linda's efforts directing the foundation, she is a member of the New Jersey Adults with Autism Task Force. She is a prominent advocate on the state and national levels and works closely with legislators on issues that affect adults with ASD. Ms. Walder Fiddle is a frequent contributor to autism publications including *Autism Spectrum News* and *Autism Advocate*. She is currently a member of the Advisory Boards of the Autism Center of New Jersey Medical School, Bergen County Community College Autism Center and Autism Family Services of New Jersey. She is member of the Steering Committee of Advancing Futures for Adults with Autism, a national collaborative effort of autism organizations focusing on adult issues.

Linda Walder Fiddle dedicates herself not only to those with autism but also to humanitarian projects around the world, from New Orleans to Cambodia. She recently helped open two schools outside of Phnom Penh with a group that included her 16-year-old daughter Ava. She also serves on The Board of Trustees of The Barnert Temple in Franklin Lakes, New Jersey and is currently working on social action initiatives focusing on Africa.

Linda resides in Ridgewood, New Jersey, with her husband Fred and daughter Ava.

Adults with Autism Advancing Awareness

Friday, April 30, 2010



***Bittersweet Farms
12660 Archbold-Whitehouse Rd
Whitehouse, OH 43571***

***Keynote Speaker
Linda Walder Fiddle, Esq.
Founder and Executive Director
of The Daniel Jordan Fiddle
Foundation, Ridgewood, New
Jersey***

Program Agenda

April 30, 2010

8:45 a.m. Registration and Refreshments

9:15 a.m. Opening address by
Brad Harvey
WTOL-11 News Anchor
Foundation Board Member

Welcome by Vicki Obee-Hilty
Bittersweet Farms
Executive Director

9:30 a.m. Linda Walder Fiddle, Esq.
The Daniel Jordan Fiddle Foundation
Executive Director and Founder
Keynote Speaker

Q & A session

10:30 a.m. Individuals with Autism Panel

11:00 a.m. Parent Panel

11:30 a.m. Boxed Lunch (optional)
Have lunch with a Bittersweet Farms' board or staff member, an individual with autism, or a parent of an individual with autism.

12:15 p.m. Closing remarks



Registration Card

Please respond by April 16, 2010

Please reserve _____ places for the Adults with Autism program at \$10 per person.

Optional – Please reserve _____ lunches at \$8 each

Lunch Choices:

_____ # Cashew cranberry chicken wrap, fruit, cookie, chips

_____ # Hummus veggie wrap, fruit, cookie, chips

_____ Optional Donation \$ _____

_____ Enclosed is a check for \$ _____ (made payable to Bittersweet, Inc.).

_____ Below is my credit card information.

Please charge \$ _____ for the program, lunches and optional donation.

Visa/MasterCard

Exp. _____ 3 digit code on back _____

Name and address on credit
card _____

Email: _____

Please list the names, phone numbers, and/or emails of attendees below:
