

It's Your Time! For Parents

Keynote Speaker:

Janice Fialka and Rich Feldman have two adult children, Micah, 25 years old and Emma, 21 years. They have written and presented extensively across the country about their experiences as parents, especially in their role of advocating for full inclusion for their son, Micah, who has a cognitive disability (also referred to as an intellectual disability). Janice and Rich will share some of the top lessons they have learned as parents, which includes: learning to listen to their children, finding humor where you least expect it, taking risks, building circles of support, and learning to ask for help. Their presentation, full of real life stories, is lively, honest, and informative. In 2009, the entire family received the Family Voices "Lifetime Achievement Award" in Washington D.C.



Kent Intermediate School District
2930 Knapp NE
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It's Your Time! A Workshop for Parents of Children with Special Needs



**Saturday
March 6, 2010
8:30 AM-3:00 PM**

**Grand Valley State University
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401 W. Fulton, Grand Rapids MI 49504

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This day long workshop is designed with parents in mind, providing overviews of popular topics and a time to recharge and relax. Participants will have the opportunity to meet other parents and service providers in our area.

The morning includes an inspiring opening session by Janice, Rich and Micah Fialka-Feldman who will focus on hope and possibilities. The seminars to follow will feature trusts and wills, positive behavior supports for children, providing support for older children with autism, low tech sensory solutions and much more.



Exhibitors will be offering information and resources from local groups including:

- The Gray Center Bookstore-
Autism Resources
 - Mary Free Bed Rehabilitation Hospital
 - Adapted Recreation Programs
 - VIP Soccer
 - Comprehensive Therapy Center
 - Developmental Toy Vendor
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- 8:30-9:00 - Registration, Continental Breakfast
 - 9:00-11:15 Opening Session, Janice, Rich and Micah Fialka-Feldman
 - 11:30-12:45 Choice of Breakout Sessions
 - 12:45-1:45 Lunch & Exhibits
 - 1:45-3:00 Choice of Breakout Sessions

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