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## Literary Women



**Summer 2013**



### **Autism & Authors: Autism's Impact on Families**

Fundraising Event to Benefit Cape Cod Village, Monday, August 12, 10 am

Although several hallmarks of autism include difficulties with communication and social interaction, it did not stop these two women from the Lower Cape from making a special connection. Lisa Genova, Ph.D of Chatham and Lauren Jones, M.S.W. from Orleans met recently to talk about something for which they both have tremendous passion... AUTISM. Lisa is a New York Times best-selling author and published a novel in 2012, about anthony about autism. Lauren is a Clinical Social Worker at Orleans Psychotherapy Associates and the mother of a 24 year old son with autism.

Together, these two women are planning a retreat/conference in August to address the issues that impact families who have a child with a diagnosis of autism. In 2011, Lauren and her husband, Bob, founded CAPE COD VILLAGE, INC., a nonprofit organization to develop campus style housing for adults with autism. CCV is currently looking for land to build a "community" with 4 houses and a "commons" building for 16 adults with autism that is integrated into the larger Cape Cod community.

Both Lisa and Lauren attested to the huge number of "children" with autism who are now reaching adulthood. Lauren added "we need to provide quality housing opportunities for these young people. They are our family members and neighbors. They are part of our community."

Lisa Genova, and 3 other authors who have written about autism and have Cape Cod connections, are generously donating their time and talents to present their unique perspectives about how autism affects families. The other authors are Susan Senator, Arthur Fleischmann, MBA, and Stephen Shore, Ed.D. The event is being moderated by Mindy Todd, the host and producer of WCAL's "The Point."

**AUTISM & AUTHORS: Autism's Impact on Families** is the title of the fundraising event for Cape Cod Village to be held on August 12, 2013 at Craigville Retreat Center, a charming and soulful setting overlooking Nantucket Sound.

Contact [www.capecodvillage.org](http://www.capecodvillage.org) for more information.

