

# DELANEY Employees Lace Up to Race for Autism

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The Race is On at Delaney and we're putting on our running shoes for the race against Autism. October 1, 2011 Delaney employees will embark on their very first team 5K in honor of a fellow Delaney employee and to benefit Autism in Georgia.

Bennett O'Bryan, son of Michael O'Bryan and employee of The Delaney Co. has worked part-time at Delaney during the summers between school sessions. After graduating last year, Bennett has come to work at Delaney on a more regular basis and his hard work and determination is admired by all.

## Georgia Race for Autism & Fall Festival



"Bennett is a great employee and we love having him on our team," says Sabina Dedic, Warehouse Manager. "He always comes to work with a smile on his face and his happiness is contagious."

To honor their fellow co-worker, Delaney employees are training for a 3.1 mile trek around the Gwinnett County Fairgrounds for the Georgia Race for Autism 5K. This will be the company's first team 5K and excitement is growing as the date draws near. To help raise money for the event and to support Autism in Georgia, Michael O'Bryan, President of Delaney and father of Bennett, has agreed to donate \$1 for every "Like" on the Delaney Facebook page.

"I think it's great that our employees are gathering around Bennett and showing their support by doing this 5K. It's a great cause and our team, which includes Bennett, will be stronger because of it," says O'Bryan. "We have a great thing going at Delaney, and sharing it with the world through Facebook will help illustrate that we're more than just a great Lock Company, we're a close-knit family doing great things for our company...and we happen to sell really great locks too."

For more on Autism in Georgia please visit [www.asaga.com](http://www.asaga.com) or visit the Autism Society of America at [www.autism-society.org](http://www.autism-society.org) to find a local chapter near you.

### Facts about Autism:

- Autism is a complex developmental disability that is defined by a certain set of behaviors and is a "spectrum disorder" that affects individuals differently and to varying degrees.
- 1 in 110 individuals are diagnosed with autism, making it more common than pediatric cancer, diabetes, and AIDS combined.
- 67 children are diagnosed per day, a new case diagnosed about every 20 minutes.
- Autism is the fastest-growing serious developmental disability in the US with a 10-17% annual growth.
- Autism occurs in all racial, ethnic, and social groups and is 4 times more likely to strike boys than girls.
- Children can not "outgrow" Autism. Early detection, however, can significantly improve outcomes.
- ASA estimates that the lifetime cost of caring for a child with autism ranges from \$3.5 million to \$5 million.



*Bennett O'Bryan, pictured left, participates in 80's Day at Delaney.*