

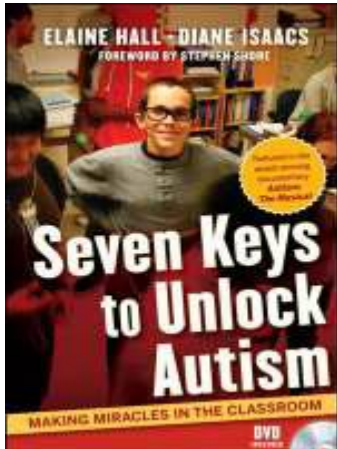
# Westchester Warmly Welcomes Elaine Hall and Diane Isaacs

Sunday, February 12, 2012

6:30 p.m. Dessert Reception - sponsored by  
Building Communities – One Lecture at a Time

7:00 p.m. Presenting an illustrated talk on their  
book

This program is FREE and subject to last-minute change or cancellation.



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**“...is extraordinarily rich in wisdom and honest, practical advice. Welcome this book into your home and you will be inspired. Miracles are never easy, but they are closer than you think.” —Harvey Karp, MD, FAAP, creator of the DVD and book *The Happiest Toddler on the Block***

This visual lecture offers the audience strategies for creating a personal skill set to make their encounters with autistic children as successful and rewarding as possible. The authors outline seven integrated keys for educators and parents to make meaningful connections with children on the autism spectrum. These strategies developed by Elaine Hall are based on her unique approach used to train staff and volunteers at The Miracle Project, a musical theater program, a musical theater program for children with autism and their peers and siblings. *The Miracle Project* integrates traditional and creative therapies in an interactive, social dynamic. This presentation shows how to apply these effective strategies at school and at home to nurture kids' self-expression and social skills.

Website: [themiracleproject.org](http://themiracleproject.org)

**Elaine Hall** (“Coach E”) is referenced by the *New York Times* as



“The Child Whisperer.” When traditional therapies failed to help her son, Neal, adopted from a Russian orphanage as a toddler and later diagnosed autistic, she trained creative people – actors, writers, and teachers – to work with him. These methods resulted in The Miracle Project - - a theater and film program profiled in the HBO Emmy Award documentary, ***AUTISM: The Musical***. She is developing curriculum for The Miracle Project to have locations in every city,

starting with the 92nd Street Y in New York City! She has been featured on CNN, CBS, NPR, Oprah Radio, and has received awards from Autism Speaks, The Mayor of Los Angeles and Holly Robinson Peete. Her first book, ***Now I See the Moon: a mother, a son, a miracle***, was chosen by the United Nations for World Autism Awareness Day. She is a regular Huffington Post blogger, a professional acting coach and she co-created Nes Gadol, a Bar/Bat Mitzvah program for children/teens with autism at Vista Del Mar in Los Angeles. She is a keynote speaker and leads workshops nationally and internationally.

**Diane Isaacs**, a successful film producer, is the former president of



Green Moon Productions, which she co-founded with Antonio Banderas and Melanie Griffith and now Creative Director of The Miracle Project. She experienced The Seven Keys to Unlock Autism methods first hand when her son, Wyatt participated in The Miracle Project classes and was profiled in ***AUTISM: The Musical***. She produced The Miracle Project benefit album, ***Fly*** with artists including Stephen Stills, Jack Black and Chaka Khan and directs The Miracle Project Fly Singers who performed at

Carnegie Hall. She also directed and co-produced with Elaine Hall the DVD series, ***Unlocking Autism: Seven Keys to Being Miracle Minded*** for medical professionals. She is a world class tri-athlete and has developed Miracles 360 with Elaine Hall to bring Mind/Body Awareness to families with autism. She leads The Miracle Project at The Help Group in Los Angeles and is committed to helping expand The Miracle Project nationally and internationally.

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