



**Middle Tennessee State University  
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# Welcome to Sibshops!!!



# Fall 2011 Sibshop Facilitators.



# We CELEBRATE family!

- \* Sibshops are fun, relaxed, recreational workshops for siblings of children with special needs. We celebrate family!

# We CONNECT!

- \* We gather in order to discuss common joys and concerns with other siblings of children with special needs. We connect!



# We SUPPORT!

- \* Sibshops provide brothers and sisters with an opportunity to learn how others handle situations commonly experienced by siblings. We support!

# Waiting for the kids to arrive!



“I like the games we play and eating snack together.” ~Participant age 8



# Sibshop treats 😊



# What people have said...

## From a parent

- \* “I like how Sibshops give my child attention; he says he wishes he could go every week!”

## From facilitators

- \* “It is amazing to watch the children bond and support one another. I love it!!”
- \* “You just need to go and experience it, then you will understand.”

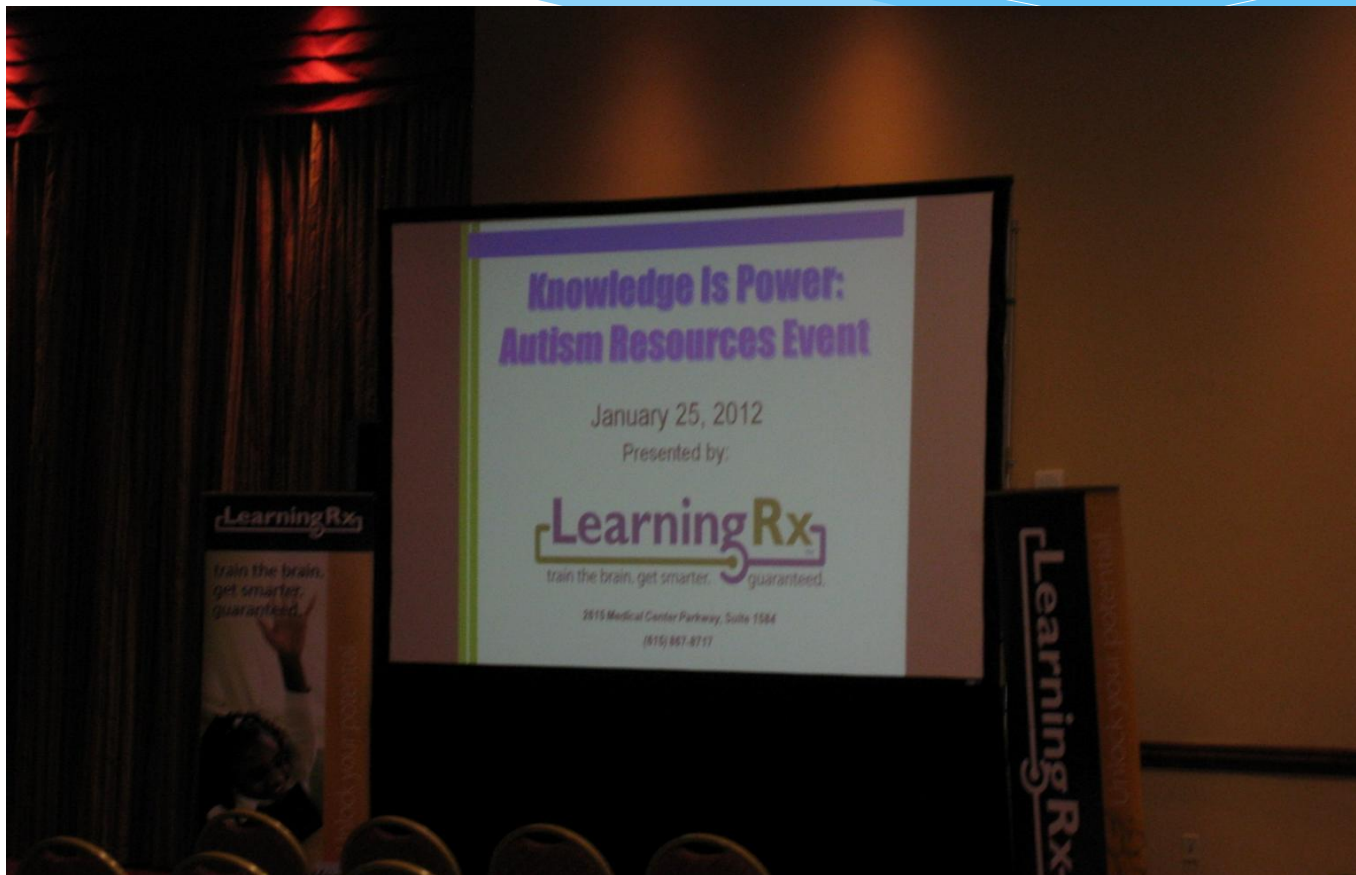
We hope you will join us!!!



# Promoting Sibshops in Schools

- \* Permission to promote Sibshops through CDC and Resource classrooms in Murfreesboro City Schools was given by Priscilla Van Tries, Director of Special Education.
- \* Flyers were given to classrooms at Northfield Elementary, Siegel Elementary, and Scales Elementary
- \* Additional flyers were delivered to Project HELP, Special Kids, and River Oaks Learning Center.

# Knowledge is Power: Autism Resources Event



# Promoting Sibshops in the community

- \* Sibshops were a featured service provider at an Autism Resources event held at Embassy Suites on January 25, 2012.
- \* Miss Westmoreland and 2 MTSU students presented the Sibshop model while visiting with parents of children with autism.



# Keynote speakers: Amy & Phil Parham from Season 6 of the Biggest Loser

