

## Belmar's Surf Camp and Beach Bash for Autistic Children: Riding Waves and Making Memories

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Beautiful skies, great waves and scores of volunteers combined on Sunday, September 13, 2009 to make Belmar's 5th Annual Surf Camp and Beach Bash for Autistic Children another tremendous event at 7th Avenue Beach. Sponsored by the Autism Family Services of New Jersey, the event included not only surfing and trophies for more than 100 participating children, but music and games and informational booths of all kind for the children and their families. The surfing party of the program was provided Surfers Healing, a California-based non-profit that works to enrich the lives of children with autism and their families by introducing them to the joys of surfing. Israel Paskowitz, the founder and President of Surfers Healing, is here in Belmar this weekend from his home in San Juan Capistrano, California, and was among the group of professional surfers from as far away as Hawaii, who gave unforgettable rides to the children, and long-lasting memories to their parents. Kudos to all the folks at Autism Family Services of New Jersey, and the countless volunteers and local residents and businesses and helped make this program such a great success. Special mention also to Fran and Jeanne Hines for all their efforts. The event continues through Monday, September 14, 2009. Check out the brief videos below, and try to stop by and experience this event yourself.

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