

# Relatively Speaking

a conference for siblings and other family members of children with special needs



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Friday, October 7 – Sunday, October 9, 2011  
Crowne Plaza, Grand Rapids

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**Children** with special needs participate in their own fun, ability-appropriate activities.

**Siblings** age six through teens share their unique concerns in fun, recreational groups led by specially trained adults.

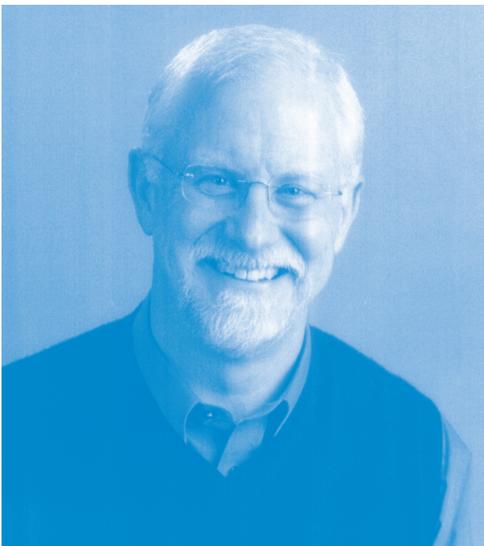
**Mothers, fathers and other caregivers** hear “in-the-know” speakers:

## Emily Holl & Tom Holl

Emily is a Senior Manager at YAI/National Institute for People with Disabilities, a New York City based not-for-profit organization. A loving sibling to a brother with developmental disabilities, she has presented nationally to academic and non-academic audiences on sibling issues.

## Nora Fox Handler & Bruce Handler

Nora is one of the founding members of SIBS Supporting Illinois Brothers and Sisters, a nonprofit support and advocacy organization for Illinois siblings. Along with her sister Margaret, Nora helped organize the first and second annual Adult Sibling Conference in McHenry, IL.



Don Meyer

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Don is the director of the Sibling Support Project, a national effort dedicated to the interests of millions of brothers and sisters of people with special health, developmental, and mental health concerns. He is also the senior author and/or editor of numerous articles and six books for professionals, family members and young readers.

Held at the Crowne Plaza  
Grand Rapids, MI  
October 7-9, 2011

Registration: \$35.00  
Lodging: \$106.02 per night  
Child care (under 6): \$30.00

Families may apply for a stipend to cover most costs.  
Please call the  
Family Phone Line at  
(800) 359-3722  
to request an application.

## Professionals please note:

Professionals are welcome  
to attend all adult Relatively  
Speaking sessions.



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