

# The Crusaders

## BOB & SUZANNE WRIGHT

Photographed by Gregory Ross

at The Colony Hotel, Palm Beach

Bob and Suzanne Wright have had an eventful year. The founders of Autism Speaks celebrated the very first World Autism Day here in Palm Beach, were honored by *Time* magazine on its list of the 100 most influential people in the world, and created Autism Speaks Middle East with the help of Sheikha Mozah, wife of the Emir of Qatar. While most people their age are enjoying retirement, Suzanne and Bob, who is the former president, chairman and CEO of NBC Universal, are busy advancing the mission of the organization they founded four years ago after their grandson was diagnosed with autism. In addition to working with President Obama to appoint an “autism czar,” they have met with Sarah Brown, wife of British Prime Minister Gordon Brown, and will mark the second World Autism Day (April 2) with an event at 10 Downing Street. The Wrights are tireless in their efforts to find a cure for autism, which affects more than 35 million people worldwide.

