

*Together
we'll find the
missing pieces
of the puzzle...*



AUTISM SPEAKS™
It's time to listen.

*"I cannot accept that we have
to throw away this generation
of children."*

—Katie Wright



Letter from the Founders



Dear Friends,



Three years ago, when our grandson Christian was diagnosed, we could not have imagined that today we would be writing to you as the founders of what is now the nation's leading nonprofit organization devoted to autism.

Beginning two years ago with a handful of employees in a tiny makeshift office, we have grown up fast. Through our historic mergers with the Autism Coalition for Research and Education (ACRE), the National Alliance for Autism Research (NAAR), and, most recently, Cure Autism Now (CAN), we are now one of the largest foundations dedicated to autism in the world, with more than 130 employees and Walk chapters across the United States, Canada, and the United Kingdom. In 2006 alone, we raised over \$33 million and committed \$25 million to fund scientific research. We lobbied hard and successfully for passage by the federal government of the landmark Combating Autism Act. And we significantly raised autism's profile through our Ad Council campaign and a variety of media appearances on television and radio, and in print. These are just a few of the many accomplishments Autism Speaks had this year.

But while we can look back at the past year with pride, our focus is on the future. There is so much to do. We need to significantly increase research into both the genetic and environmental causes of this disorder, because although there is the presumption of a genetic cause for autism, there are also environmental conditions that are thought to trigger autism in otherwise normally developing children. We are optimistic that additional resources will enable doctors and scientists to discover the causes of autism, develop more effective treatments, and, one day soon, find a cure for this devastating disorder. Until that day comes, we are going to continue to drive toward our goals with all the energy and determination that we, our employees, and our thousands of volunteers and supporters can muster.

Christian's diagnosis brought us into the autism advocacy community — parents and relatives of children and adults with autism, scientists and researchers, doctors and therapists. It is a dedicated, passionate community that for too long has waged what seemed to be an uphill battle with more frustrations than victories. Now, the tide is turning. Hope is in the air, and we are confident that significant breakthroughs can be achieved.

We are proud to think that Autism Speaks has played a role in bringing hope to a community so used to heartbreak. Thank you for your support.

Sincerely,

Suzanne and Bob Wright

Letter from the President



Dear Friends,



One of our board members — a gentleman with many decades of experience leading multimillion-dollar businesses — told me recently that he has never seen any organization, for-profit or not, accomplish as much in a single year as has Autism Speaks. That's a testament to the dedication and drive of all our volunteers, employees, and directors, from our founders Suzanne and Bob Wright to the teenager from Long Island who personally helped raise \$12,000 for Autism Speaks.

Beginning in February with the merger between Autism Speaks and the National Alliance for Autism Research (NAAR) and ending in December with President Bush signing into law the landmark Combating Autism Act, this past year has been nothing short of extraordinary. All of us at Autism Speaks — both in the U.S. as well as in our international offices — are proud to have been part of history in the making.

The merger between Autism Speaks and NAAR on February 1, 2006, started a new, exciting chapter in the story of autism advocacy. Bringing together NAAR's incredible success in accelerating biomedical research with Autism Speaks' outstanding ability to raise funds and awareness, our alliance has proven to be a match made in heaven. Together, we are a much more powerful and well-funded research-driven organization than either of us could have been separately.

As this annual report goes to press, I am pleased to announce that we have recently completed a merger with Cure Autism Now, an organization that has been a leading private funder of biomedical research on autism and that counts among its many achievements establishing the world's first collaborative gene and data bank for autism and recruiting hundreds of scientists into the field of autism research. I am confident that our newly combined organization will enable us to attract even more resources and facilitate larger-scale research, and all of us at Autism Speaks are looking forward to this new chapter in our growth.

So, on behalf of the Board of Directors of Autism Speaks, I am honored to present Autism Speaks' annual report for the fiscal year 2006. As you will see in these pages, we have had an incredibly successful year, moving further and faster than we could have imagined a year ago. As fast as we have moved, however, we can't move fast enough. Today, 1 in 150 children — and 1 in 94 boys — is diagnosed with autism, compared to 1 in 10,000 just fourteen years ago. Turning the tide on this disorder will require us to be even bigger and stronger, to work harder, and to stretch ourselves even further. Based on our progress thus far, I have no doubt that we will succeed.

We have an audacious vision for this organization. In five years, our goal is to be raising \$100 million a year. We are working toward a chapter-based model with an international geographic platform, and have expanded our mission to incorporate funding and dissemination of information regarding family services. And we will continue to fund the most promising and innovative research into treatment and etiology that will lead to better lives for thousands and, eventually, a cure to this disorder.

We'll need your continued help to do this. The autism advocacy community is generous because it knows how much is at stake. Thank you for sharing our vision, supporting this cause, and helping us move toward a future where autism is nothing more than a word found in history books.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mark Roithmayr". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name being particularly prominent.

Mark Roithmayr



About Autism



What Is Autism?

Autism is a complex neurobiological disorder that impairs, often severely, a person's ability to communicate, respond to surroundings, and form relationships with others. It is also associated with rigid routines and repetitive behaviors, such as obsessively arranging objects or following very specific routines.

First identified more than a century ago, autism is part of a group of disorders known as Autism Spectrum Disorders (ASD). It is considered a spectrum disorder because symptoms and severity vary from person to person. Autism typically lasts throughout a person's lifetime, with the majority of affected individuals requiring lifelong supervision and care.

Today, 1 in 150 children is diagnosed with autism, making it more common than pediatric cancer, diabetes, and AIDS combined. It occurs in all racial, ethnic, and social groups and is four times more likely to strike boys than girls. The causes of autism are currently unknown, although there is a presumed genetic basis as well as environmental triggers in some cases of otherwise normally developing children. There are no specific medical treatments or cures.

Did You Know...

- 1 in 150 children is diagnosed with autism today, compared to 1 in 10,000 in 1993
- Autism is the fastest-growing serious developmental disorder in the U.S.
- 1 in 94 boys is on the autism spectrum
- 67 children are diagnosed each day
- A new case is diagnosed almost every 20 minutes
- Autism receives less than 5% of the research funding of many less prevalent childhood diseases
- More children will be diagnosed with autism this year than with AIDS, diabetes, and cancer combined
- Boys are four times more likely than girls to have autism
- Autism costs the nation over \$90 billion per year, a figure expected to double in the next decade
- There is no medical detection or cure for autism



Science and Research

Autism Speaks is committed to aggressively funding biomedical research that will uncover the causes of autism, develop effective biomedical treatments, and find a cure for this disorder. Our aim is to broaden the volume, scope, and depth of our scientific portfolio in order to accelerate the pace of discovery and, ultimately, improve the lives of all those who struggle with autism. We are interested in uncovering evidence-based treatments so that individuals and families affected by autism can make informed decisions. To maximize return on investment, we will continuously evaluate the success of both the grants we fund and research funded by the federal government.

In 2006, Autism Speaks committed an unprecedented \$25 million to a wide range of projects, from pilot studies and mentor-based fellowships to innovative research initiatives with the potential to radically impact treatment and therapies. Autism Speaks-funded projects cover a broad spectrum of autism sciences, including cognitive/motor processing, diagnosis, environmental factors, epidemiology, genetics, language and communication, neurobiology, neuroimaging, immunology, neuropathology, and treatment. Given the complexity of autism's scientific challenges, we believe a systematic and comprehensive approach that leaves no scientific stone unturned is the quickest route to delivering solutions to our community.

What We Fund:

Grants Supporting Scientific Innovations and Discoveries

- **Augmentation and Bridge Grants:** In light of a tight federal research budget, Autism Speaks initiated an “augmentation” funding mechanism designed to expand or enhance autism-related research projects already funded through the NIH, CDC, or other federal agencies. In 2006, a total of 11 projects, representing topic areas such as epidemiology, pharmaceutical treatment, language, and neuroscience, were allocated approximately \$1 million.
- **Pilot Research Grants:** These awards support innovative new approaches, funding an investigator's beginning explorations in autism research. This support enables an investigator to develop preliminary data for use in competitive grant applications. In 2006, Autism Speaks committed \$6.8 million to support 62 projects in this category.
- **Early Intervention and Treatment Grants:** In September, Autism Speaks expanded its commitment to early diagnosis and early intervention programs by inviting proposals to conduct research into the early treatment of children who have been diagnosed with autism or identified as being at high risk for being diagnosed. These studies will evaluate the efficacy of established interventions or develop novel interventions or treatments to improve the developmental outcome of individuals with autism. In December 2006, over \$6 million in funding was awarded to eight such projects.



Grants Fostering New Careers in Autism

- **Mentor-Based Fellowships:** In order to ensure that autism research continues to expand and grow in the future, the training of the next generation of autism researchers is essential. This program provides the necessary financial support and professional guidance for young investigators interested in focusing on autism as a career. Fellowships typically provide a stipend and professional support for two years. In 2006, 43 mentor-based fellowships were awarded — more than double the number of awards made in 2005 — totaling \$3 million.

New Grant Mechanisms Approved in 2006

In order to meet the expanding funding needs of the research community and support investigators at different levels of their careers, the Scientific Affairs Committee approved two new funding mechanisms for 2007. The request for applications was published in 2006 and Autism Speaks received letters of intent for application in November of 2006. We look forward to receiving these applications in 2007 and continuing the long-standing commitment to provide autism researchers with the necessary funding to achieve scientific discoveries.

- **Basic and Clinical Research Grants:** These awards will provide enhanced funding to researchers with existing preliminary data. This will allow researchers to conduct larger-scale discovery research to answer important questions as to the causes, diagnosis, and treatment of autism spectrum disorders.
- **Physician Beginning-Investigator Autism Research Award:** This award will encourage physicians to establish an autism research program or pursue an autism research career, and will provide research training to clinicians who will be able to make translational or bench-to-bedside advancements.

Special International Epidemiology Initiative

In 2006, Autism Speaks partnered with the International Clinical Epidemiology Network (INCLIN) and the Indian National Trust in the first-ever epidemiology study in India. Autism Speaks has committed \$100,000 over two years to this project, with an additional \$400,000 provided by our partners.

The study is expected to yield the first national estimate of autism prevalence in India and lay the foundation for future autism research in that territory. In addition, by generating valid data from India, capturing socio-cultural and geographical variability, researchers can better identify the true worldwide prevalence of autism and further quantify risk factors that may contribute to regional differences in prevalence rates.



“What’s been taken from these children is indescribable.”



Science and Research

Autism Genome Project

The Autism Genome Project is the largest research collaboration ever to focus on the genetics of autism. A public/private partnership, it includes approximately 170 of the world's leading genetic researchers from 50 academic and research institutions that have pooled DNA samples in a collaborative effort to map the human genome in the search for autism susceptibility genes — the genes responsible for the inherited risk for autism. Results from this project will allow scientists to sub-categorize children diagnosed with autism based on a genetic profile for potentially more targeted intervention.

In 2006, the Autism Genome Project completed Phase 1 of this effort by conducting the largest genome scan in the history of autism genetics. Discoveries made thus far include identifying at least three new genomic regions that might harbor susceptibility genes, providing additional evidence to support previously identified suspect regions, and devising a novel approach toward combining structural genomic information with genetic analysis. In addition, the results seem to provide support for the theory that autistic boys and autistic girls may have different genetic abnormalities. These and other preliminary results have been reported at the International Meeting for Autism Research (IMFAR) and the American Society of Human Genetics (ASHG) meetings earlier this year and have been submitted for publication.

On the strength of these initial findings, the consortium successfully applied to the British Medical Research Council (BMRC) for funding for Phase 2 of the project, with Autism Speaks committing \$5 million. In addition to Autism Speaks, joining the BMRC as funding partners are the Irish Health Research Board, Genome Canada and the Hilibrand Foundation.

High-Risk Baby Siblings Research Consortium

The High-Risk Baby Siblings Research Consortium (BSRC) is a collaboration of 19 researchers in the U.S. and Israel who study the infant siblings of children diagnosed with autism, as this population is at a higher than average risk for developing autism spectrum disorders. Researchers participating in this collaboration are working to distinguish children who have different developmental trajectories so clinicians can apply the most appropriate standards to an early diagnostic evaluation and, eventually, to developing specific interventions.

In 2006, Autism Speaks committed \$50,000 for data analysis of the consortium-wide head circumference project. Each investigator in this consortium has been collecting data on head circumference from infant siblings of children diagnosed with autism. This information will be collected and analyzed to provide insight into a possible early marker for autism.

This collaboration continues to expand globally. In 2006, a group of researchers from the United Kingdom met in London to discuss their independent research projects examining infants from this high-risk group. This international expansion of the BSRC is a reflection of Autism Speaks' mission to provide resources to scientists worldwide in researching the causes of and best treatments for autism spectrum disorders.



Autism Tissue Project

In 2006, Autism Speaks committed \$498,000 to the ongoing expansion of the Autism Tissue Program (ATP), which focuses on increasing and enhancing the availability of human brain tissue for basic research on autism by coordinating tissue donation and educating the public on the importance of this resource. Since inception of the ATP by NAAR in 1998, over 100 families have donated brain tissue. It is only through research on brain tissue that the neurobiological mechanisms by which autism is caused can be determined. This research will lead to a better understanding of the causes of autism and allow for more targeted interventions.

With seven new projects approved this year by the Tissue Advisory Board, the ATP now provides brain tissue to over 56 research projects worldwide, which will lead to important discoveries in the fields of neuropathology of autism, cell biology, biochemistry, molecular biology, and neurobiology. Of note, in 2006 these research projects led to important scientific discoveries published in the *Journal of Neuroscience*, the *Journal of Autism and Developmental Disorders*, and *Acta Neuropathologica*.

The Harvard Brain Tissue Resource Center (HBTRC) continues to serve as an important partner in this initiative, and the National Institutes of Health granted an additional \$260,000 to Autism Speaks and the HBTRC combined. In addition, the ATP has initiated a partnership with the Children's Hospital of Orange County in California. This expanded network of collaborators will increase the availability of this precious resource to even more researchers.

Because availability of brain tissue directly affects scientists' ability to conduct basic research on autism, increasing awareness about the need for brain tissue is critical. In light of this fact, the ATP initiated a program called ATP Ambassadors, which trains members of the community and Walk for Autism Research volunteers to represent the ATP and educate their local communities about this program.

As with the Baby Sibs Research Consortium, the ATP is also establishing a presence in the United Kingdom. In January 2006, a group of tissue bankers from the United Kingdom and Ireland met in London to discuss their operations and resources as well as possible hurdles in banking autism samples. The workshop resulted in the identification of multiple collection sites in the U.K., with Oxford University serving as the coordination center. Regulatory paperwork is being filed with appropriate government agencies, and the formal launch of the program in the new territory is expected in 2007.



Science and Research

Interactive Autism Network

Autism Speaks has committed \$2.26 million to develop the Interactive Autism Network (IAN), an online database that will serve as a shared resource to centralize registration of families and individuals with autism spectrum disorders and connect them with researchers, parents, and other individuals with autism throughout the world. In addition to supporting scientific investigation, it will provide individuals and families affected by autism with an invaluable sense of community and the ability to share resources, information, and experiences, while serving as an open resource for educators and policy makers as well. The first version of IAN has been developed and is undergoing extensive beta tests, and a full public launch is expected in 2007.

Environmental Sciences

To date, Autism Speaks has committed \$2.5 million to environmental science research. One example of this funding was a \$25,000 grant to the CHARGE (Childhood Autism Risks from Genetics and the Environment) Study. This ongoing project will monitor 2,000 children with differing patterns of development for a broad array of exposures, medical conditions, and physiologic factors. Support for this and other basic and epidemiological studies will lead to a better understanding of the environmental factors that may contribute to the spectrum of symptoms present in autism.

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Awareness and Fundraising

One of the cornerstones of Autism Speaks' mission is to bring autism into the international spotlight, both to engage the general public in this cause and to drive funding. In 2006, we made enormous strides in shedding light on this disorder through a variety of means, including a high-profile Ad Council campaign, extensive media appearances, retail partnerships, special events, and our Walk for Autism Research program, all of which served to bolster our fundraising efforts as well.

Ad Council: "The Odds" Campaign

In April, Autism Speaks launched "The Odds" campaign, a national public service campaign created in conjunction with the Ad Council to raise awareness about autism. The campaign has already reached millions of people through television, radio, Internet, and print advertisements.

The focus of "The Odds" campaign is to show that autism is more common than people think. Its goal is to alert parents and others to the early signs of autism so that children can be diagnosed and enrolled in early intervention services as soon as possible, thus improving their chances for acquiring developmentally appropriate social and behavioral skills.

A milestone in the history of autism advocacy, "The Odds" campaign has also been one of the most successful public service campaigns in Ad Council history. Total donated media for the first six months of the campaign came in at over \$31 million, already far exceeding the 12-month Ad Council average of \$28 million. A six-month tracking study also showed that, as a result of the campaign, general awareness about autism increased by seven percentage points during that period.



Retail Partners

An important part of Autism Speaks' awareness and fundraising activities involves partnerships with some of the nation's leading retailers, including Kellogg's, GoSmile, Build-A-Bear, ProFlowers, TJ Maxx, and Modell's. Following are descriptions of some of these initiatives.

- Autism Speaks partnered with **Kellogg's** to bring its message of autism awareness to the side panels of more than 5 million Rice Krispies cereal boxes. The special Autism Speaks cereal boxes hit store shelves in July and appeared throughout the summer.
- Autism Speaks and national retailer **TJ MAXX** partnered on a month-long fundraising and awareness program beginning in April at 800 TJ Maxx stores nationwide, where customers were invited to purchase an Autism Speaks puzzle piece at checkout for a donation of \$1. The promotion raised over \$900,000, with all proceeds benefiting Autism Speaks.
- Throughout the month of April, **Build-A-Bear Workshop** sold its special-edition Nikki III bear in more than 200 stores across the U.S. and Canada, with \$1 per Nikki III bear benefiting Autism Speaks. Stores offered customers printed information about autism, and Bearemy, the Build-A-Bear Workshop mascot, attended several Walk for Autism Research events. Over \$50,000 was raised for autism research.
- From May 28 through June 24, customers at all of **Modell's** 128 store locations throughout the Northeast were able to purchase \$1 Autism Speaks puzzle pieces at checkout, with all proceeds — over \$70,000 — being directed toward autism research.
- During Autism Awareness Month, **GoSmile** sold its special-edition Lemonade Smile toothpaste at “lemonade stands” in department stores across the country to increase awareness of autism and raise money for Autism Speaks.
- Between April 1 and May 15, Autism Speaks partnered with **ProFlowers** to raise awareness and funds for autism research. ProFlowers.com and its sister brands, SecretSpoon.com and CherryMoonFarms.com, donated \$10 to Autism Speaks from each order made as part of this promotion, which raised over \$26,000.



*"I'm never going to say,
I quit."*

Awareness and Fundraising

Special Events

Special events are an important component of Autism Speaks' fundraising arm, with seven events in 2006 bringing in over \$7 million for autism research and programs. Attracting celebrity participants and national media coverage, special events also serve to increase public awareness about autism.

March 14 - Kickoff for a Cure, Waldorf-Astoria, New York

Hosted by the NFL, the Kickoff for a Cure dinner gala raised over \$1.5 million to benefit equally Autism Speaks and The Gillen Brewer School. Over 500 guests gathered at the Waldorf-Astoria in New York City for the chance to mingle with their favorite NFL players, including Tiki Barber, Jerome Bettis, Emmitt Smith, and Cedric Jones.

March 27 - Third Annual L.A. Celebrity Golf Challenge, Riviera Country Club, Pacific Palisades, California

In addition to playing a round of golf at one of the finest golf courses in the world, guests enjoyed an evening program and live auction. Among the many stars who came out to join the drive against autism were actors James Caan, Josh Duhamel, Cheryl Ladd, Joe Mantegna, and John C. McGinley. The event brought in close to \$400,000.

May 9 - A New Decade for Autism, Pier Sixty, Chelsea Piers, New York

This special fundraising dinner was hosted by *Dateline's* Stone Phillips and featured a surprise musical performance by Tony Bennett. First Lady Laura Bush served as honorary chair for this event, which raised over \$2 million for children with autism. Proceeds were shared equally by Autism Speaks and the New York Center for Autism.

June 5 - First Annual Celebrity Golf Classic, Deepdale Golf Club, Manhasset, New York

The celebrity-studded inaugural event for this new annual golf tournament, hosted by *The Today Show's* Matt Lauer, included a daytime round of golf and an evening dinner program with a live and silent auction, raising nearly \$600,000 to benefit Autism Speaks.



July 10 - Eighth Annual N.Y. Celebrity Golf Challenge, Winged Foot Golf Club, Mamaroneck, New York

The eighth installment of this yearly celebrity golf challenge at the prestigious Winged Foot Golf Club, home of the 2006 U.S. Open, raised \$1.1 million for autism research. Among the celebrities participating in this year's tournament were former NY Giant Howard Cross, actor Aidan Quinn, and CNBC news anchor Joe Kernen.

October 20 - Concert for Autism Speaks, Mandalay Bay Theater, Las Vegas

Tonight Show host Jay Leno headlined a special night of comedy and music, raising over \$1 million to benefit Autism Speaks. Leno was joined by Grammy winner Natalie Cole and by NBC News's Tom Brokaw, who served as the evening's master of ceremonies.

November 30 – Autism Speaks Theater Gala, Westport Country Playhouse, Westport, Connecticut

This gala benefit featured a pre-show dinner reception and the theatrical performance of *A Christmas Carol*. Joanne Woodward, Paul Newman and Elaine and Christopher Plummer were honorary co-chairs of the event, which raised over \$500,000 for Autism Speaks.

Autism Speaks also benefited from a roster of other events that ranged from local, grassroots efforts to corporate-underwritten affairs. These events raised an additional \$300,000 for Autism Speaks and served to strengthen Autism Speaks' presence in communities across the country. These events included the Dennis Miller Comedy Event, the American Century Golf Championship, the First Annual DuBois Autism Charity Golf Outing, the Wiesen Family Annual Charity Event, the GE Charity Golf Outing, and Night of Too Many Stars, among many others.



Awareness and Fundraising

Walk for Autism Research

Walk for Autism Research is the nation's largest grassroots autism research walk program and Autism Speaks' signature fundraising and awareness event, taking place in communities across the United States as well as in Canada and the United Kingdom. Powered by volunteers and families with loved ones on the autism spectrum, this successful grassroots fundraising effort not only generates vital funds for autism research but also raises awareness about the increasing prevalence of autism and the need for increased research funding to combat this complex disorder.

The number of walkers participating in this year's 53 walks doubled from last year, and more than 150,000 walkers raised a record-breaking \$12 million to support autism research. Inaugural events in 2006 took place in six new locations: Palmdale, California; Orlando, Florida; Tampa, Florida; Fort Wayne, Indiana; Monmouth County, New Jersey; and Burlington, Vermont. Autism Speaks is planning to continue its expansion of the Walk program in 2007, with 58 events slated for the continental United States, Toronto, Canada, and London, England.

Walks bring together friends, families, local political figures, and celebrity guests for a day of fun and festivities in the service of a common goal. Demonstrating the power of what can be accomplished through collaboration and teamwork, Walk for Autism Research events provide families and friends of individuals with autism an opportunity to directly contribute to the cause and unite the autism community in a spirit of hope, encouragement, and friendship.



Autism Speaks Website

The Autism Speaks website (www.AutismSpeaks.org) is a key platform for creating awareness of autism, as well as highlighting the research, fundraising, and other activities of the organization. More than 1.1 million users visited the site in 2006, with the site's "Learn the Signs" campaign and "Autism Every Day" pages the most heavily visited. Upgrades to the website in 2006 included the launch and expansion of the online store, the migration of major content from NAAR's website (www.NAAR.org), and the addition of a new search function. Other new features included an expanded science section, new sections on the Combating Autism Act and the Autism Speaks family services committee, popular new "Pin Is In" and "Walks" photo galleries, and more than 136 "In the News" items.



Major Gifts

From its inception, Autism Speaks has made major gifts a priority. Major gifts, which are individual donations of at least \$10,000 and are independent of walks and special events, produced \$10.7 million in 2006, fully one-third of Autism Speaks' total revenue.

Depending on the donor's needs and wishes, major gifts may be applied to meet general operating purposes or restricted to specific initiatives in research, family services, or awareness. Donations can be paid in full at the time of the gift or paid out over several years. Major gifts can be in the form of cash or assets, such as securities or property.

Planned gifts provide yet another means for individuals to fulfill their philanthropic goals. A planned gift is a commitment made today but whose fulfillment is deferred until a future date. Bequests are the most common form of planned gifts. Annuities and charitable trusts allow unique tax advantages.

Philanthropy takes many forms, but its clearest expression is the generosity of the individual donor. Autism Speaks is grateful to the many individuals who made major gifts in 2006 and who serve as an inspiration to others.

Government Affairs

Autism Speaks' successful lobbying efforts on Capitol Hill led to outstanding progress at the federal level during 2006, with historic legislation passed that addresses years of governmental under-funding of autism research. The following achievements highlight Autism Speaks' commitment to advocating for families affected by this challenging disorder.

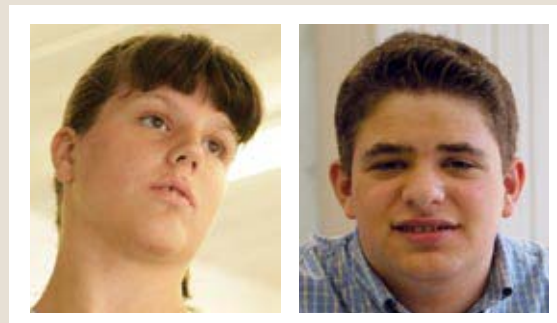
- Autism Speaks was on the front lines of successful lobbying efforts to urge Congress to pass the Combating Autism Act, which President Bush signed into law in December 2006. This landmark legislation authorizes almost \$1 billion over the next five years to combat autism through research, screening, intervention, and education efforts, in effect doubling the NIH's current autism funding. In addition, the legislation increases resources in every state for the early diagnosis and treatment of children with autism — perhaps the most important thing that could happen, short of a cure.
- Autism Speaks led the successful effort to secure \$7.5 million targeted for research on autism spectrum disorders in the Fiscal 2007 Defense Appropriations Bill. Previously, Department of Defense funded research had applied only to breast, prostate, and ovarian cancers and a handful of other diseases.
- Autism Speaks has been working closely with the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) to guarantee the success of Autism Speaks' Ad Council public service awareness campaign and the CDC's "Learn the Signs. Act Early" campaign. Both campaigns stress the importance of recognizing the early signs of autism and seeking early intervention services. While Autism Speaks' campaign focuses on increasing awareness in the general population, the CDC will intensify outreach to physicians and child care professionals who may be the first to recognize a child who may be falling behind his or her peers, and will continue to provide health care professionals with information about early screening for developmental problems.

Family Services

In June 2006, Autism Speaks formed a Family Services Committee to advise the foundation regarding its role on matters not being addressed through Autism Speaks' current efforts in research and awareness. The Family Services Committee provides information that empowers families and individuals affected by autism to make informed decisions that maximize the quality of life and development potential of affected individuals; promotes research funding that yields evidence for the best practices in the treatment of autism and associated disorders; and serves as a catalyst and advocate for the implementation by providers of best practices in autism treatment, education, and services from early intervention through adult care.

- One of the major initiatives of the committee is to provide resources to families on a state-by-state or region-by-region basis on the Autism Speaks website. Resource topics range from medical facilities where a family can get a diagnosis to hair salons that are accommodating to children with autism. The committee is also looking to provide information on a national level in the form of Tool Kits for families of newly diagnosed children and Tool Kits for professionals to foster positive interactions with individuals with autism.
- To further bolster its role as a resource for families, Autism Speaks is collaborating with First Signs and Florida State University to build a web-based video glossary that will help parents learn more about the early warning signs of autism by showing video examples of terms commonly associated with autism, like "echolalia" and "toe walking." The goal of the project is to help parents better understand some of the words and terms they might hear used in association with a diagnosis of autism. The glossary will be available free of charge to the public.

"It's very hard to maintain friendships with people that have no idea just how difficult your life is on a day-to-day basis."



February 21, 2007

Board of Directors
Autism Speaks, Inc.
New York, New York

INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

We have audited the accompanying consolidated statement of financial position of Autism Speaks, Inc. as of December 31, 2006, and the related consolidated statements of activities, functional expenses, and cash flows for the year then ended. These consolidated financial statements are the responsibility of Autism Speaks, Inc.'s management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these consolidated financial statements based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the consolidated financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the consolidated financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall consolidated financial statement presentation. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

In our opinion, the consolidated financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the consolidated financial position of Autism Speaks, Inc. as of December 31, 2006, and the changes in its consolidated net assets and its consolidated cash flows for the year then ended, in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Elliot Horowitz & Company, LLP

New York, New York



CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION - DECEMBER 31, 2006

ASSETS	
Cash and cash equivalents	\$16,889,570
Marketable investment securities	1,049,816
Pledges receivable, net	2,077,644
Prepaid expenses	97,677
Other assets	82,873
Computer software (net of accumulated amortization of \$212,032)	302,032
Equipment and property, net	204,538
TOTAL ASSETS	\$20,704,150
LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS	
Liabilities	
Grants payable	\$6,132,317
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	1,188,486
TOTAL LIABILITIES	7,320,803
COMMITMENTS (NOTES 7, 8 AND 13)	
Net assets	
Unrestricted	11,305,703
Temporarily restricted	2,077,644
TOTAL NET ASSETS	13,383,347
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS	\$20,704,150

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES - YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2006

	Unrestricted	Temporarily Restricted	Total
PUBLIC SUPPORT AND REVENUE			
Walk program/Retail partners	\$13,663,851		\$13,663,851
Major gifts and other contributions	11,940,649	\$1,768,240	13,708,889
Special events	5,552,803		5,552,803
Interest income and other	454,634		454,634
Total public support and revenue before release of restrictions	31,611,937	1,768,240	33,380,177
Net assets released from restrictions	650,526	(650,526)	
TOTAL PUBLIC SUPPORT AND REVENUE	32,262,463	1,117,714	33,380,177
EXPENSES			
Program services	24,124,239		24,124,239
Supporting services			
Management and general	1,906,336		1,906,336
Fund-raising	6,032,699		6,032,699
Total supporting services	7,939,035		7,939,035
TOTAL EXPENSES	32,063,274		32,063,274
INCREASE IN NET ASSETS	199,189	1,117,714	1,316,903
NET ASSETS – JANUARY 1	11,106,514	959,930	12,066,444
NET ASSETS – DECEMBER 31	\$11,305,703	\$2,077,644	\$13,383,347

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF FUNCTIONAL EXPENSES – YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2006

	Program Services			Supporting Services			2006 Total Expenses
	Awareness	Research	Total	Management and General	Fund-raising	Total	
Salaries	\$1,115,458	\$902,191	\$2,017,649	\$400,284	\$1,550,750	\$1,951,034	\$3,968,683
Benefits	106,763	103,360	210,123	41,508	165,185	206,693	416,816
Payroll taxes	95,706	76,896	172,602	32,932	132,816	165,748	338,350
Recruiting	7,430	40,257	47,687	36,529	105,174	141,703	189,390
Research and fellowship awards		13,982,851	13,982,851				13,982,851
Advertising	1,140,610	31,203	1,171,813	3,397	49,197	52,594	1,224,407
Marketing	249,729		249,729		5,561	5,561	255,290
Video production	124,144	2,079	126,223	2,079	39,052	41,131	167,354
Postage	153,679	45,059	198,738	28,205	212,852	241,057	439,795
Meals, lodging, travel, and transportation	158,832	434,699	593,531	58,647	221,139	279,786	873,317
Printing	578,791	32,334	611,125	13,935	492,713	506,648	1,117,773
Telephone, internet, and web	44,827	53,937	98,764	33,856	74,050	107,906	206,670
Supplies and equipment	189,546	114,904	304,450	99,198	320,055	419,253	723,703
Professional services	1,125,270	948,719	2,073,989	578,631	479,746	1,058,377	3,132,366
Conferences, meetings, and sponsorships	588,648	180,471	769,119	65,577	126,462	192,039	961,158
Premiums	168,461	7,363	175,824	5,270	193,943	199,213	375,037
Catering	91,603	13,128	104,731	2,943	104,855	107,798	212,529
Special events – venues and services	205,996		205,996		823,984	823,984	1,029,980
Credit card and bank fees	137,989	6,024	144,013	6,024	144,883	150,907	294,920
Legal fees	1,615	176,557	178,172	176,557	152,950	329,507	507,679
Insurance	2,875	30,157	33,032	30,157	31,461	61,618	94,650
Audit, licensing, and filing fees	39,181	31,997	71,178	48,159	87,177	135,336	206,514
Administrative services	54,135	88,976	143,111	63,851	137,846	201,697	344,808
Occupancy	119,239	136,871	256,110	136,871	261,396	398,267	654,377
Depreciation	71,100	42,799	113,899	37,448	39,998	77,446	191,344
Other	48,758	21,022	69,780	4,278	79,454	83,732	153,512
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$6,620,385	\$17,503,854	\$24,124,239	\$1,906,336	\$6,032,699	\$7,939,035	\$32,063,274

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS – YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2006

CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES:

Increase in net assets	\$1,316,903
Adjustments to reconcile increase in net assets to net cash provided by operating activities:	
Depreciation and amortization	191,344
Unrealized loss on marketable investment securities	4,086
Donated securities	(1,053,902)
Increase (decrease) in cash flow from:	
Pledges receivable, net	(1,117,714)
Prepaid expenses	50,924
Other assets	(5,918)
Grants payable	1,522,313
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	826,049
Refundable advances	(200,000)
Deferred revenue	(46,750)
NET CASH PROVIDED BY OPERATING ACTIVITIES	1,487,335

CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES:

Redemptions of investments	3,069,008
Purchases of equipment and property	(156,576)
Purchases of computer software	(72,137)
NET CASH PROVIDED BY INVESTING ACTIVITIES	2,840,295
NET INCREASE IN CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS	4,327,630
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS – JANUARY 1	12,561,940
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS – DECEMBER 31	\$16,889,570

NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

1. NATURE OF ORGANIZATION

Autism Speaks, Inc. (AS) is a not-for-profit corporation formed in 2005 that is dedicated to increasing awareness about the growing autism health crisis and raising funds for critical autism research. AS is committed to aggressively funding global biomedical research into the causes, prevention, treatments, and a cure for autism; raising public awareness about autism and its effects on individuals, families, and society; and bringing hope to all who deal with the hardships of the disorder. AS obtains financial support from the public via walks, special events and general contributions.

Canadian operations are incorporated as a separate entity, which is controlled by AS, under Canadian law. The financial statements of this separate entity have been included in the accompanying consolidated financial statements with all inter-organizational transactions eliminated.

2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of Accounting

The consolidated financial statements have been prepared on the accrual basis of accounting and conform to accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America as applicable to not-for-profit organizations.

Net Assets

The classification of AS's net assets and its support, revenue, and expenses is based on the existence or absence of donor-imposed restrictions. Accordingly, net assets and changes therein are classified and reported as follows:

Unrestricted

Net assets that are either not subject to donor-imposed stipulations, or have been reclassified from temporarily restricted net assets because donor restrictions have either expired or been met.

Temporarily Restricted

Net assets that carry donor-imposed restrictions that expire upon the passage of time or upon occurrence of a stated event as specified by the donor. Net assets released from restrictions represent the satisfaction of the restricted purpose.

Functional Allocation of Expenses

The cost of providing AS's programs and supporting services has been summarized on an individual basis in the consolidated statement of activities. Accordingly, certain costs have been allocated among the programs and supporting services benefited in ratios determined by management.

Use of Estimates

The preparation of consolidated financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the consolidated financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

Cash and Cash Equivalents

For financial reporting purposes, AS considers all money market funds and highly liquid investments, with maturities of three months or less when purchased, to be cash equivalents.

Marketable Investment Securities

Donated securities are initially recorded at their market value at the date of gift. It is management's policy to sell donated securities upon receipt. As of December 31, 2006, investments consisted of donated marketable equity securities with a market value of \$1,049,816. These securities were received in the last few days of December 2006 and were sold as soon as possible in January 2007.

Pledges Receivable

Unconditional promises to give that are expected to be collected within one year are recorded at estimated net realizable value. Unconditional promises to give that are expected to be collected beyond one year are recorded at the present value of estimated future cash flows. The discounts on those amounts are computed using the risk-free interest rates applicable to the years in which the promises are received. Amortization of the discounts is included in contribution revenue. Conditional promises to give are not included as support until the conditions are met. Payments received on fulfilled conditional promises are recognized as unrestricted net assets.

AS uses the allowance method for uncollectible unconditional pledges receivable. The allowance is based on management's analysis and evaluation of specific promises made. While management uses the best information available to make its evaluation, future adjustments to the allowance may be necessary if there are significant changes in economic conditions.

Computer Software

Computer software costs, consisting primarily of website costs, have been capitalized and are being amortized over the estimated useful lives of the assets of three to five years.

Equipment and Property

Equipment and property are stated at their costs at the dates of acquisition for purchases of \$1,000 or greater. Computer hardware and equipment and furniture and fixtures are being depreciated using the straight-line method over the estimated useful lives of the assets of three years and seven years, respectively. Leasehold improvements are amortized over the term of the lease or the useful life of the improvement, whichever is shorter.

Grants Payable

Research grants and awards are recorded as an expense and liability subsequent to reviews by AS's Scientific Advisory Board and final approval by the Board of Directors. Grants and awards generally cover a period of one year, subject to renewal for additional years after certain conditions are met.

Refundable Advances

Assets received by AS in accordance with conditional promises to give are accounted for as refundable advances on the consolidated statement of financial position until the underlying conditions have been met or waived. No refundable advances existed as of December 31, 2006.

Deferred Revenue

Amounts received in support of a special event not yet held are accounted for as deferred revenue, if the gift is refundable, until the special event is held.

Revenue Recognition

Contributions are recorded as revenue upon the receipt of cash, securities, gift, or unconditional pledge. Contributions received are recorded as available for unrestricted use, unless specifically restricted by the donor in which case they are classified as temporarily restricted. When a donor restriction expires, that is, when a stipulated time restriction ends or purpose restriction is accomplished, temporarily restricted net assets are reclassified to unrestricted net assets and reported in the consolidated statement of activities as net assets released from restrictions.

AS splits revenue and expenses on certain fund-raising events with partners. Two such events occurred in 2006. Revenue and expense shown in the consolidated financial statements reflect AS's share (50% for both 2006 events). The "New Decade for Autism, Changing the Future Together," event had net proceeds of \$1,831,000, 50% of which were shared with the New York Center for Autism (NYCA), the co-founder of which is an AS Board member. Additionally, AS contributed \$5,000 to the NYCA.

Donated Goods and Services

Donated goods and services that meet the requirements for recognition are recorded as revenue and expenses in the accompanying consolidated statement of activities. For the year ended December 31, 2006, the value of contributed services meeting the requirements for recognition in the consolidated financial statements was \$1,150,000. Many volunteers have made significant contributions of time to AS's program and supporting functions. The value of these contributed services do not meet the criteria for recognition and, accordingly, is not recognized in the accompanying consolidated financial statements.

Income Taxes

AS is exempt from Federal income taxes under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code and from state income taxes under comparable laws. The Canadian entity, exempt from Canadian income taxes, is organized without share capital under the Canadian Corporations Act. In the fourth quarter of 2006, the IRS conducted a limited examination of AS to determine whether AS intervened or participated in a political campaign. The IRS has not issued a final report, however, AS does not expect any unfavorable outcome.

3. CONCENTRATION OF CREDIT RISK

Financial instruments which potentially subject AS to concentration of credit risk consist primarily of cash and cash equivalents. AS has cash deposits at financial institutions which exceed the Federal insurance limits, however, management does not believe there is any significant risk of loss on any uninsured amounts.

4. PLEDGES RECEIVABLE

As of December 31, 2006, unconditional promises to give consisted of the following:

Gross amount due in:	
Less than one year	\$2,038,343
One to five years	61,500
	<u>2,099,843</u>
Less: allowance for doubtful pledges receivable	15,000
	<u>2,084,843</u>
Less: discounts to net present value	7,199
Net unconditional promises to give	<u>\$2,077,644</u>

The discount rate used on long-term promises to give was 5% in 2006.

As of December 31, 2006, there were also outstanding conditional promises to give of approximately \$13,333,333 that are not recognized as assets in the consolidated statement of financial position as the promises are conditional on the donor maintaining membership on the Board of Directors and its executive committee.

5. EQUIPMENT AND PROPERTY

As of December 31, 2006, equipment and property consisted of the following:

Computer hardware and equipment	\$337,867
Furniture and fixtures	77,891
Leasehold improvements	32,722
	<u>448,480</u>
Less: accumulated depreciation	243,942
	<u>\$204,538</u>

6. TEMPORARILY RESTRICTED NET ASSETS

As of December 31, 2006, temporarily restricted net assets of \$2,077,644 consisted entirely of time restrictions.

7. GRANTS

Obligations for research grants and awards were \$6,132,317 as of December 31, 2006. The grants and awards are generally payable within one year. In addition, certain research grants and awards of approximately \$16,980,000 are subject to discretionary renewal as described in Note 2 (Grants Payable), pending the satisfactory progress of research and the availability of funds. If satisfactory progress is achieved and funds are available, payments, including grants payable at December 31, 2006, are scheduled as follows: \$12,031,317 in 2007, \$7,114,000 in 2008 and \$3,967,000 in 2009.

Three members of the AS Board of Directors also hold positions at institutions which received funding from AS. At December 31, 2006, AS had grants payable and commitments to these institutions totaling \$354,000. During the year ended 2006, AS's expenses included \$2,510,000 related to research awards granted these institutions. Two board members received \$1,000 each for participation in evaluating various research proposals in 2006. Certain members of AS's Scientific Advisory Board, which makes recommendations as to which research proposals are to be funded, are also associated with institutions that receive funding from AS.

8. COMMITMENTS

AS entered into a sublease for office space in New York City through August 30, 2010 for minimum annual rent of \$206,700 per annum, plus additional rent for operating expenses. The Chairman of the Board of AS was chairman of the sublessor at the time the lease was consummated. Either party upon six month's notice may terminate the sublease at any time after July 1, 2007. AS obtained an independent appraisal validating that the minimum annual rent was at market value. AS also leases office space in various cities across the United States requiring minimum annual rents plus additional rent for operating expenses.

In addition, AS has equipment and automobile leases expiring through July 2011.

As of December 31, 2006, future minimum rental payments required under operating leases that have initial or remaining noncancellable lease terms in excess of one year are as follows:

Years ending December 31,	
2007	\$624,909
2008	393,962
2009	311,126
2010	101,483
2011	2,743
	<u>\$1,434,223</u>

For the period ended December 31, 2006, rent expense was \$654,377.

Employment Agreement

AS entered into an employment agreement with an officer for a term of five years expiring June 30, 2010. Under the terms of the agreement, the officer will receive a base salary of \$300,000 per annum, during the first three years of the agreement and at the discretion of the Board of Directors is eligible for an increase in base salary during the last two years of the agreement. The officer is also eligible for an annual bonus up to \$50,000 to be determined by the Board. The officer will also receive customary health, life, and disability insurance. The officer is entitled to one year severance if the agreement is terminated without cause by AS or with good reason by the officer.

9. ALLOCATION OF JOINT COSTS

AS incurred joint costs of \$7,172,151 to expand autism awareness, to inform the public of the autism health crisis and other activities that included fund-raising appeals. Of those costs, \$4,367,073 was allocated to fund-raising expenses and \$2,805,078 was allocated to program expenses.

10. AFFILIATES

To expand AS's presence internationally, AS has an affiliate relationship with Autism Speaks U.K., a not-for-profit entity under the United Kingdom's Charity Commission. In 2006, AS provided funding of \$248,221 to Autism Speaks U.K.

11. RETIREMENT PLAN

During the first nine months of 2006, former National Alliance for Autism Research (NAAR) employees (see Note 12) participated in a Savings Incentive Match Plan for Employees ("SIMPLE"). Under this plan type, NAAR contributed 2% of eligible employees' salary into Individual Retirement Arrangements ("IRAs"). Employer contributions to the SIMPLE IRA were \$25,611. The plan was discontinued effective September 30, 2006. AS implemented its "Autism Speaks 401(k) Plan" effective January 1, 2007. Under the AS 401(k) Plan, AS will make annual contributions ranging from 3% to 8% of an employee's salary to individual employee accounts for eligible employees. Eligibility and the percentage contribution are based on years of service. Additionally, employee contributions to the Plan will be matched by AS up to 1% of salary.

12. MERGER OF AS AND NAAR

On January 31, 2006, a merger of AS and NAAR was consummated. The merger was accounted for as a pooling of interest, and as such, the accompanying consolidated financial statements include NAAR's financial results as if NAAR had always been a part of AS. Expenses relating to the merger were expensed as incurred.

13. SUBSEQUENT EVENT

On February 1, 2007, Cure Autism Now (CAN) amended its bylaws to make AS its sole member with authority to appoint the Board of Directors of CAN.

The merger will be accounted for as a purchase of assets. CAN will merge its operations into AS, making a contribution to AS of approximately \$1.5 million. As part of the merger, AS agreed to fund CAN's existing obligations and committed to fund certain research projects and other programs over the next five years totaling \$40 million.

Also, in conjunction with the merger AS entered into employment agreements with three of CAN's senior executives. Under the terms of the agreements, the three employees will receive annual salaries totaling \$488,000 for each of the next two years, or if asked to relocate, three years. The employees will also receive customary health, life and disability benefits and be eligible for an annual bonus, the amount at the discretion of AS. Each employee will be entitled to one year severance if their agreement is terminated without cause by AS.

The IRS is conducting an examination of CAN's Form 990 for the years ended 2006 and 2005. CAN's management does not expect any unfavorable outcome from this examination.

About Autism Speaks

In February 2005, a year after their grandson was diagnosed with autism, Bob and Suzanne Wright founded Autism Speaks out of a passionate commitment to stem the growing tide of autism by making funding for autism research and awareness a national priority.

Since its launch, Autism Speaks merged into its structure three other leading autism organizations — the Autism Coalition for Research and Education (ACRE), the National Alliance for Autism Research (NAAR), and Cure Autism Now (CAN) — creating one of the largest foundations dedicated to autism in the world, with offices, chapters, and affiliates across the United States, Canada, and the United Kingdom.

Our Mission

At Autism Speaks, our goal is to change the future for all who struggle with autism spectrum disorders.

We are dedicated to funding global biomedical research into the causes, prevention, treatments, and cure for autism; to raising public awareness about autism and its effects on individuals, families, and society; and to bringing hope to all who deal with the hardships of this disorder. We are committed to raising the funds necessary to support these goals.

Autism Speaks aims to bring the autism community together as one strong voice to urge the government and private sector to listen to our concerns and take action to address this urgent global health crisis. It is our firm belief that, working together, we will find the missing pieces of the puzzle.

Autism Speaks. It's time to listen.

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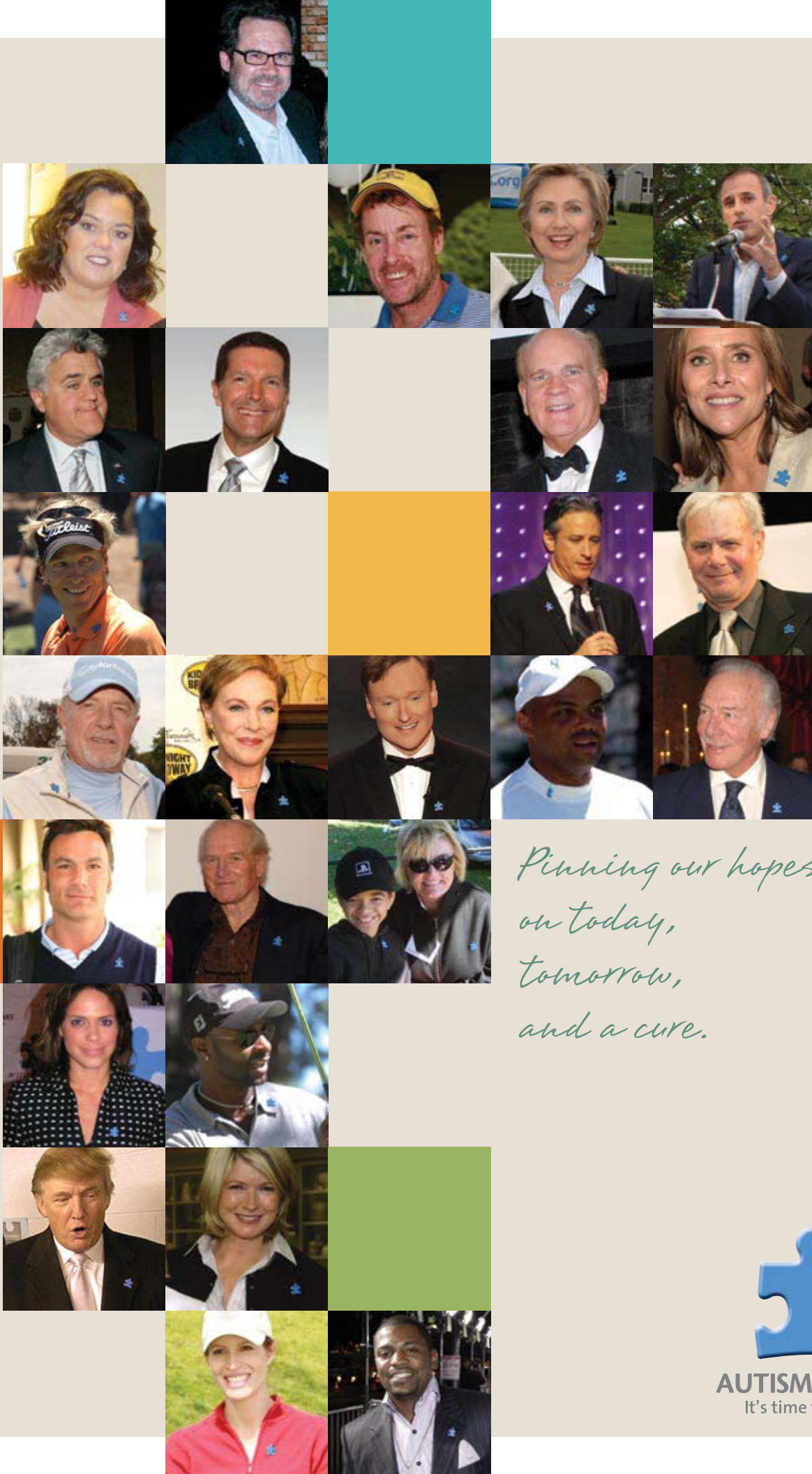
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