

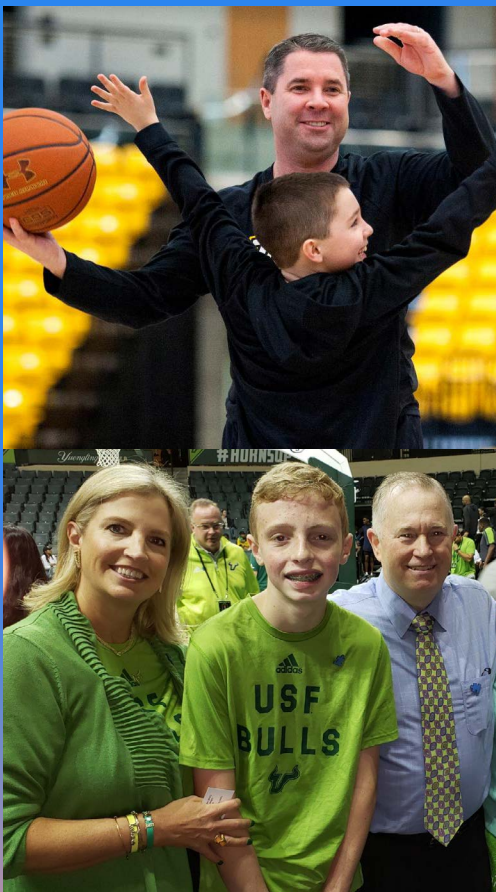
# Join us for Coaches Powering Forward for Autism

March 5-7, 2021



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*Help create a kinder, more inclusive world for people with autism.*



This autism awareness weekend for NCAA basketball teams plays a crucial role in advancing the mission of Autism Speaks – and bringing us one step closer to our vision of a world where all people with autism can reach their full potential.

NCAA Coaches Pat Skerry and Tom Herrion created Autism Speaks Coaches Powering Forward in 2014 with a mission to raise understanding and acceptance of people with autism. Inspired by their sons on the autism spectrum, the two coaches made a simple request to fellow coaches to don the Autism Speaks puzzle piece pin during the February 2014 NCAA basketball games.

**THE RESULT** – program participation has grown to hundreds of NCAA coaches, schools and broadcasters committed to creating a more inclusive world for people with autism.

*Teams can join the campaign and receive FREE pins by registering at [autismspeaks.org/coaches](https://autismspeaks.org/coaches) before February 22, 2021.*