Autism: Finding the pieces that fit, together.

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What is Autism?

- Developmental disorder

- 1 in 150 births (Centers for Disease Control Prevention, 2007)

- Interfering with the normal developmental functioning of the brain in the areas of social interaction and communication skills such as verbal and non-verbal communication, social interactions, and leisure or play activities.

- It affects each individual differently and at varying degrees
What causes Autism?

- Genetics

- Heritability rates of 75%

- For most people with ASDs, the cause is not known.
Signs of Autism.

- Lack of responsiveness
- Communication impairment
- Bizarre responses to environment: Fixation on an object
- Insistence on routines
- Repetitive body movements
- Withdrawal from social contacts
- Delay in imaginative play
- No eye contact
The faces of Autism.

Early sign of autism not responding to name
7/28/05
19 months
The faces of Autism.

- child
- adult
Who's getting involved?

• Autism Speaks was founded on February 25\textsuperscript{th}, 2005, by Bob and Suzanne Wright.

• Currently there are no Autism Awareness groups that specifically target college students.
Our Mission.

• To educate and raise awareness about Autism in neighboring communities and on college campuses.

• To promote the specialized fields of Autism research, treatment and advocacy to the future generation of professionals.
Project Details.

- Informational Literature.


- Promotion of the Walk for Autism. Sponsored by Autism Speaks.

- Raising funds for Autism research.
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Promotion for the Walk Now For Autism.
Final Thought

• Autism is simply not a challenge of society, but of mankind.

• If you don’t already know someone with Autism within the next few years you will.

• We CAN find all the pieces that fit, together.
Thank You!!!
Works Cited.
