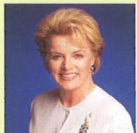
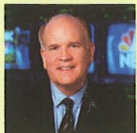


for those who can't



We are the voice for those who don't have one.



In 2004, our grandson was diagnosed with autism. That heartbreaking private moment was the beginning of a public mission. We launched *Autism Speaks* to help find a cure for autism and give hope to the almost 1.5 million individuals in this country suffering from this baffling and devastating disorder.

Too many parents go to bed each night praying that one day their child will look them in the eye, smile, and say, "I love you." Too many children spend their days aching to be understood, locked up in their own private world. *We are committed to making every one of their voices heard.*

Autism speaks...and it's time for the world to listen.

The facts speak for themselves...

Our Mission

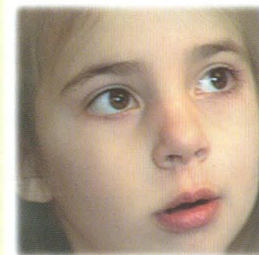
At Autism Speaks, our goal is to change the future for all who struggle with autism spectrum disorders. We are dedicated to funding global biomedical research into the causes, prevention, treatments, and cure for autism; to raising public awareness about autism and its effects on individuals, families, and society; and to bringing hope to all who deal with the hardships of this disorder.



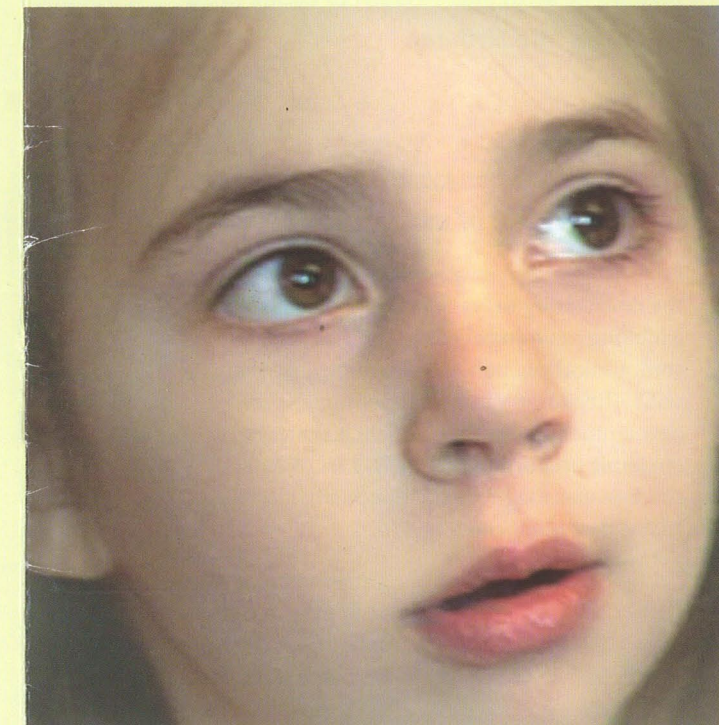
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Autism Speaks...



If Kyle **could speak** he might tell you that he is

1 in 150 children
diagnosed with autism

But he can't...

instead he struggles to learn to count to 20 before his fifth birthday.

Kyle's not alone...autism today is nothing short of an epidemic.

Every 20 minutes, another family receives the devastating news that their child has autism, a lifelong neurological disorder that impairs communication, behavior, learning, and social skills. The nation's fastest-growing serious developmental disorder, autism is reaching epidemic proportions. In 1993, 1 in 10,000 children was diagnosed with autism. Today, that number is 1 in 150.

Government statistics suggest that autism is growing at a rate of 10% to 17% per year. At these rates, the number of people with autism will rise from the nearly 1.5 million Americans affected today to 4 million in the next decade. **We will not stop until we learn why.**



If Deena **could speak** she might ask us why

autism receives significantly less research funding than many less prevalent childhood diseases

But she can't...

instead she's focused on staring into a place we can't reach.

Our world shows few signs of finding a cure.

No one knows what causes autism, and there is currently no cure. But it is a time of hope. For the first time in history, there is more good research being conducted than money to fund it. With your support, more can be done. Unfortunately, right now autism receives less than 5% of the federal funding devoted to many less prevalent childhood diseases, despite it being more common than childhood cancer, diabetes, and AIDS combined.

Autism Speaks is dedicated to uncovering the causes of autism and developing effective biomedical treatments through research funding. We are guided by an uncompromising passion to understand this complex disorder and hasten the discovery of a cure. **It's time to find some answers.**



If Bryce **could speak** he'd want us to understand that

families are spending up to \$100,000 a year raising a child with autism

But he can't...

instead he spends his days being driven from doctor to doctor looking for someone to provide direction.

Autism is financially crippling families, like Bryce's, every day.

The economic costs are staggering. Most insurance companies don't cover the costs of early intervention, which in some cases can alleviate the most serious consequences of autism. Since children with autism often require 30 to 40 hours a week of intensive, one-on-one therapy, few families can afford the level of care that can truly make a difference.

The emotional costs are just as dramatic. Few disorders are as devastating to a child and his or her family. A diagnosis of autism shatters a family's hopes and dreams for the future. Instead of soccer games and sleepovers, children with autism face endless doctors' visits and special services. And many individuals with autism will require lifelong supervision and care, further exhausting a family's physical, emotional, and financial resources.

We have no more time to lose.



If they all **could speak** they'd probably tell us...

It's time to listen.

We can do this together.

Please make a donation to Autism Speaks today.

For all the children and families stricken by this disorder – and all those who will be – the time to act is now. *Help us make a difference.*

Yes, I would like to support *Autism Speaks*. Enclosed is my donation of: \$2,500 \$1,000 \$500 \$250 \$100 \$50 \$25 Other _____

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