

**The National Autism Association New York Metro Chapter  
Invites you to join us to commemorate  
World Wide Autism Awareness Month**

Tuesday, April 5, 2011, 6pm - 7pm

Steps of New York City Hall

Come hear from families directly affected by autism and join us in honoring Mary Holland, Esq., a tireless autism advocate, with our second annual "Spirit of Hope" award

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**Some Facts about Autism Spectrum Disorders**

- The Centers for Disease Control in 2010 announced that 1 in 110 children in the United States have a diagnosis of autism spectrum disorder (ASD) (based on 2006 data)
- More children are diagnosed with autism than the combined number of children diagnosed with pediatric cancers, juvenile diabetes, and pediatric AIDs
- A study published in *Pediatrics* in 2009 reported that 1 in 91 children has an ASD and that, for boys, the number was 1 in 58
- A study published in 2007 estimated the lifetime cost to care for an individual with an ASD at \$3.2 million.

**About The National Autism Association New York Metro Chapter ("NAA- NY Metro")**

NAA - New York Metro is 501(c)(3) serving New York City, Nassau, Suffolk, Westchester and Rockland Counties. Founded in February 2008, NAA NY Metro is an all-volunteer organization led by parents, grandparents, caregivers, and professionals working with children affected by autism spectrum disorders. The Mission of the NAA - NY Metro is to educate and empower those in the autism community. We will never give up in the search to help affected individuals reach their full potential. NAA - NY Metro's activities include:

- Several monthly educational programs in Manhattan, Westchester and Staten Island
- Monthly Parent Network Exchange Meetings
- Monthly Professionally-Moderated Parent Support Groups
- Workshops and Family Events
- Annual Autism/Aspergers Conference
- Helping Hand Grants for Families
- Summer Program for Children
- Advocacy for rights of families affected by ASD
- Community outreach.

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