



Autism Society Canada celebrates its 35th Anniversary

For 35 years, the provincial and territorial member societies of Autism Society Canada have been actively partnering with their provincial and territorial government representatives to advocate for services and supports for individuals living with an Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD).

Autism Society Canada is a national voice for autism that supports provincial/territorial member societies, and gathers information from across Canada to help reduce the impact of autism spectrum disorders on individuals and their families. Our mandate is to raise public awareness, provide information and referrals, as well as provide direct support to our regional societies.

There are vast inequalities in services and supports across all age groups and across the country. Today, Autism Society Canada calls upon all Canadians to work with the provinces to break down the silos and duplication that exist across the country. Together, we can ensure that the same services and access to best-practice treatments are available to all Canadians living with an autism spectrum disorder.

In commemoration of Autism Society Canada's 35 years of experience in the autism community, ASC has launched an awareness campaign aimed at providing individuals on the spectrum and their families with a platform to share their stories. We aim to educate the Canadian public by removing the many stigmas associated with autism. We sincerely hope that by reading these stories about autism, Canadians will understand that the time is now to build a Canadian Autism Strategy to support these individuals and their families.

During the month of October we celebrate Canadian Autism Awareness Month. Join us by wearing your signature puzzle patterned ribbon. This symbol reflects both the complex nature in which autism spectrum disorders are expressed, and the vast diversity that exists within the autism community.

The time is now for a Canadian Autism Strategy. Canadians must be involved in the dialogue that reminds all governments to work together to establish a Canadian Autism Strategy so that the same services are available to all individuals living with an ASD throughout their lifespan.

Canada needs a ***Canadian Autism Strategy*** today. Let's not wait another 35 years.