



Autism Society Canada
Soci t  canadienne de l'autisme

ASC Today
Changing the face of autism...

Welcome to Our Newsletter October, 2006

We are very excited to be sending you Autism Society Canada's first quarterly newsletter. **ASC Today** will keep you informed about ASC's activities and provide you with current information and links to the latest Canadian ASD community news. [PDF](#)



Louise Fleming
Executive Director
Autism Society Canada

*We are working to
improve the future of
all who live with the
challenges of Autism
Spectrum Disorders.*

October is Canadian Autism Awareness Month (CAAM)

Help us to Change the Face of Autism during the month of October... Friends and colleagues across the country are joining together to raise awareness about Autism Spectrum Disorders during October, 2006. For a full listing of exciting CAAM events please see [CAAM Events](#)

During Autism Awareness Month, Autism Society Canada calls on the federal government to take a leadership role to address the growing autism crisis in Canada...[PDF](#)

ASC is pleased to be working with all of our partners from across the country to help educate Canadians about autism. Please feel free to download ASC's CAAM education pamphlet for use at your event...[PDF](#)

Check out ASC's recently launched French website

To visit our new French site, please go to: www.assc.ca

Thank You to Our Newest Supporters

TST Overland Express, a Canadian transportation company, has chosen ASC as its charity of choice this year and is holding an awareness campaign with its employees in October. The company will also be raising money for us with its 1200 employees and will match every dollar that employees raise.

Barefoot Venus Bath & Body Essentials, an Edmonton-based company, is generously donating 10% of its net profits from its limited edition Vintage Christmas Line to Autism Society Canada. The company is also providing ASC educational materials to its wholesalers for distribution in retail stores. Check out this line of bath & body collections.

Meet Autism Society Canada Board Members

This is the first in a series of ASC Board Profiles:

First, let me say that there is no universal "guide" to Autism. There are countless differing degrees of Autism and different kinds of Autism Spectrum Disorders. To truly get a

autismsocietycanada.ca, then click on "Bienvenue".

Autism Society Canada announces Dr. Peter Zwack Memorial Scholarship

In November 2005 the Canadian Autism community lost one of our most enthusiastic and hard-working supporters with the passing of ASC's sitting President, Dr. Peter Zwack. It is with great pleasure that ASC announces the introduction of a memorial research scholarship in memory of Dr. Peter Zwack and the work he so diligently championed in the ASD field. [PDF](#)

Research News

Join AutismConnects Virtual Community. Help develop a network of parents, persons on the spectrum, care providers, agencies, volunteers, professionals, and researchers, who can work together to help to those who need it, when they need it. Discussion forum and an opportunity to Celebrate the Spectrum as well. Individual memberships (each family member can have his/her own membership) and service provider memberships. All free. To help **Celebrate the Spectrum**, share your photos, drawings and websites. Membership is easy: go to www.asdcarc.com and click on AutismConnects. At the bottom of the description, you are invited to become a member.

National Institute of Mental Health (NIMH) Research Program Launches Autism Trials: [Link](#)

Book Review

[1001 Great Ideas for Teaching and Raising Children with Autism Spectrum Disorders](#) by Ellen Notbohm and Veronica Zysk, Future Horizons, December 2004. Reviewed by Maureen Bennie, Director, Autism Awareness Centre Inc.

universal understanding of Autism, you'd have to talk to thousands of individuals and families.

from [Profile of Kristian Hooker](#),
ASC Board Member

Upcoming Events



Don't miss [Geneva Center for Autism's International Symposium: Autism 2006](#)

October 25th - 27th, 2006 at Metro Toronto Convention Centre, Toronto, Ontario.

CBC Newsworld is screening *The Boy Inside* across Canada on Tues. Oct. 24, 2006, 10pm. ET/PT and repeating Sat. Oct. 28 at 10pm. ET/PT. Vancouver filmmaker Marianne Kaplan's autistic son stars in her latest documentary, [The Boy Inside](#)

See our website for [autism events across Canada](#)

Raise Awareness



[Order Your ASC Puzzle Pin Today](#)

ASC's Autism Awareness Puzzle Pins are 1 1/2 inch lapel pins with the ASC logo in the centre.

Donate Now!

ASC is committed to creating better lives and opportunities for children and adults with Autism Spectrum Disorders, their families and communities. We need your support to continue providing vital services to people affected by ASDs. You can make a difference by donating to ASC. Please help us so we can continue to help others.

[Click to donate](#)

[Visit our Website](#)

Autism Society Canada (ASC)

is a national incorporated non-profit charitable organization, founded in 1976. ASC is a federation of Canada-wide provincial and territorial autism societies or their equivalent. ASC represents the largest collective voice of the autism community in Canada. The **Provincial and Territorial Autism Societies** and their member groups in each region provide direct support to people with ASDs and their families.

More about ASC

Our Vision

That people with Autism Spectrum Disorders (ASDs) achieve their individual potential and that they and their families have universal access to the resources they require.

Our Goals

- Increase awareness and understanding of ASDs and participation of individuals with ASDs.
- Promote federal policies, programs, and legislation that respond to the needs of the Autism community.
- Promote evidence-based services/treatment, best practices and standards.
- Promote ASD research