



Peoria Regional Chapter of Autism Society of America

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Gateway Building - Peoria Riverfront
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April is Autism Awareness Month and the Peoria Regional Chapter of the Autism Society of America has scheduled a walk to increase awareness and to show support for the many families who are challenged by this disability, which affects nearly 1 in 150 children. This 501(c)(3) not-for-profit organization is hosting the Second Annual Peoria Autism Walk on April 27, 2008 at 2:00 P.M. at Festival Park near the Gateway Building on the Riverfront. We invite you to attend this event and ask for your support as the Regional Chapter works to spread awareness and to provide support and information.

Furthermore, we are asking you to consider supporting this worthwhile organization with a monetary donation. By sponsoring The Autism Walk, you will help someone you know such as a fellow employee, business associate, friend or family member who is touched by Autism in some way. Our group is committed to supporting children, parents, caregivers and educators by bringing the best practices in the field to our area. We are working to provide multiple trainings, consultations and workshops for family members and professionals. Your support will provide early intervention which research indicates has beneficial life long effects with children who have autism. One mother states, *"As the mother of a child with Autism, I know the struggles of raising a daughter who, without help and resources, has a future filled with uncertainty. With therapy available to my daughter, she is now functioning at a high level and I have great hope that she will make a difference in this world."*

Interested sponsors should register by March 28, 2008. Please complete the enclosed form and mail along with a check to: Peoria Regional Chapter of Autism Society of America, 507 E. Armstrong, Peoria, IL 61605.

On behalf of the Peoria Regional Chapter of Autism Society of America, THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT. Please feel free to contact us if you have any questions about sponsoring the local Autism Chapter.

Thank you for your time and consideration,

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EVERY 20 MINUTES A CHILD IS DIAGNOSED WITH AUTISM!