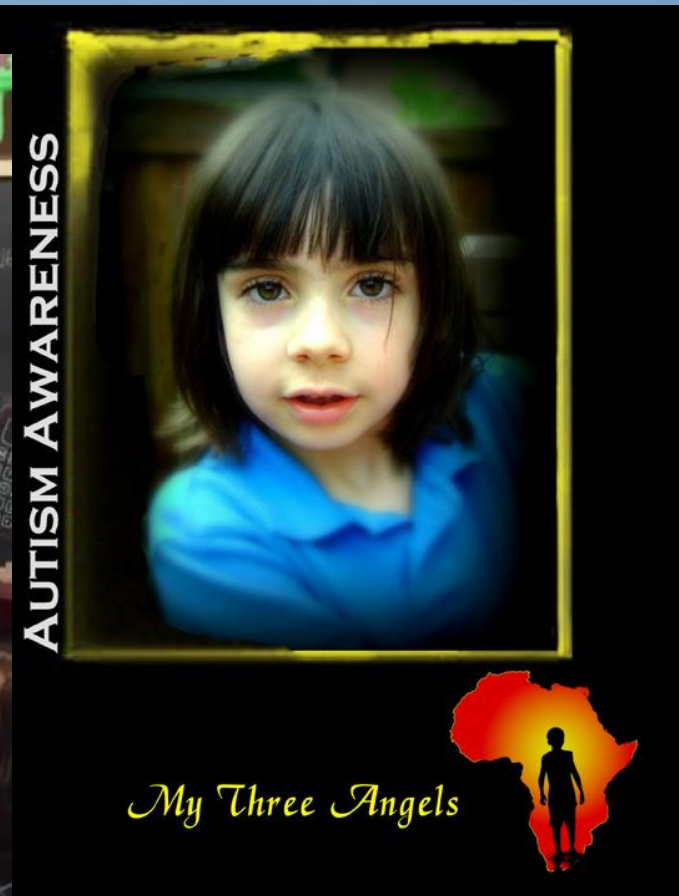
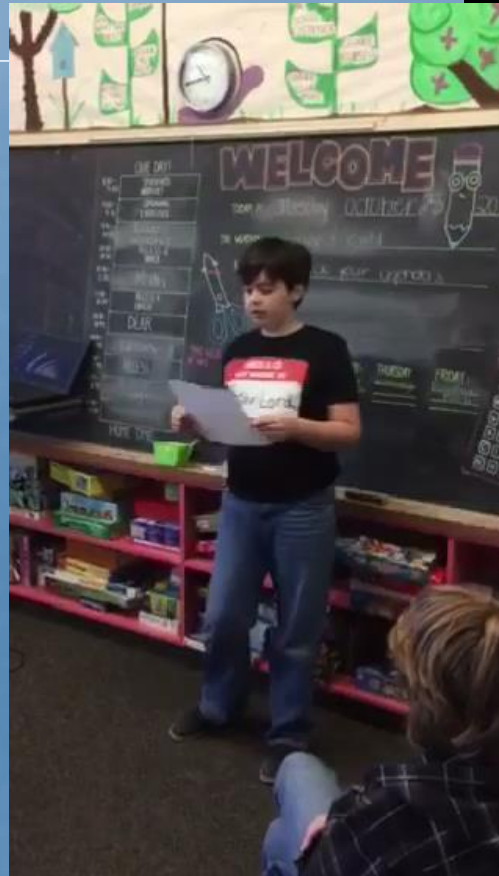


# *The* **MANY** **FACES** *of* **AUTISM**



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The trailer would slowly fade in a room full of people talking about autism and continuing to get louder and louder. Finally, the screen fades to black and a boy's face emerges into focus. It's Michael and he says "Now it's our turn to talk". "What happens when I get older?" Then for pitch dialogue goes into Karen's story...Revealed is Michael speaking to young kids.







I am 4 Autism to help fund documentary film

Karen Whitell with her son Michael (at left) and Nadine Chaahan with her son Kareem are organizing I am 4 Autism a fundraising event that will host the production of a documentary film aimed at raising awareness of the neuro-developmental disorder.

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## OPENING NARRATION

About 6 or 7 years ago, I rarely heard the term Autism in my circles and then I met Michael. Karen and Michael changed me. Michael was barely able to speak, it was not many words or sentences. Today, Michael is like an encyclopedia with questions, I will never forget the day Karen called me to say Michael says he loved me. I witnessed once again the strength of the human spirit and now have met many others just like them. But the familiar concern seems to be what happens as they get older. As I delve into the world of Autism., the hope is to create awareness while educating, to encourage and to empower, leading to acceptance thus creating change. Let's keep this important conversation going!

- Unique incredible stories inspired by true events. No other project on autism has worked with autistic individuals to create produce and contribute to the documentary – as artists. This will be used to create excitement and interest. The public is fascinated with the uniqueness of autistic individuals and their abilities to thrive with their gifts that are apart of who they are.

themes within the Doc:

- Bridging the gap
- Unifying theme
- Make general person accept and understand
- Adult's with ASD – what's happening
- Separate ASD into what makes sense
- Which part of my child is autism, which part of my child is his personality
- Its not a personality but a gift
- One facet of the person, not the only thing

**\*\*Narrative**

0-4 years old

4-19 years old – school age

20+ years old –no functional programming, left on own, not social entities or members of society

- difficulties in the workforce and keeping a job
- full-fledged adults in society
- This is a real issue – lack of resources
- Given up on these children as adults. Funding for children and school-ages
- Hearing the real fears of the parents



## COLIN, DAVID & ADAM ON INCLUSION AND ACCEPTANCE IN THE WORK PLACE



Within the Documentary, we will take a look at life on the spectrum as we follow Colin, the cameraman, Artists and musicians David & Adam Beresford. David does caricature art and Adam does stand up comedy that they do alongside their music band.

With previous footage from a mini doc, shot by Colin, featuring David, we will include it as well as have them at Magda Cafe in Hamilton discussing their challenges for acceptance in the workplace, working in the most social environment and how they navigate and overcome.



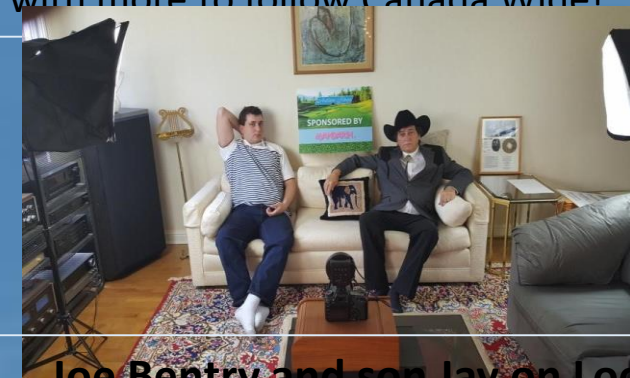


# Autism Sings

**"LET'S BUILD A BETTER WAY."**



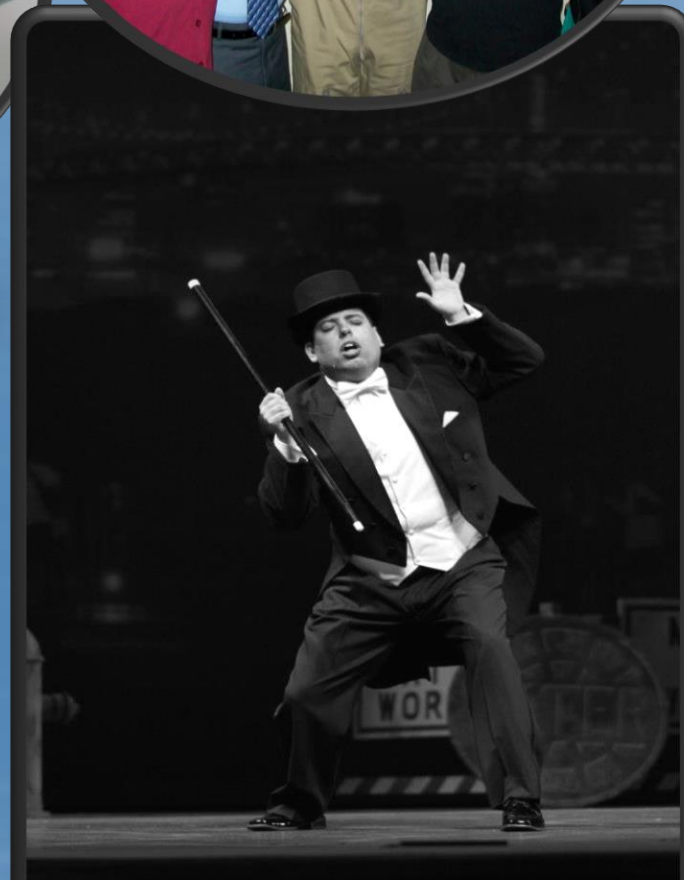
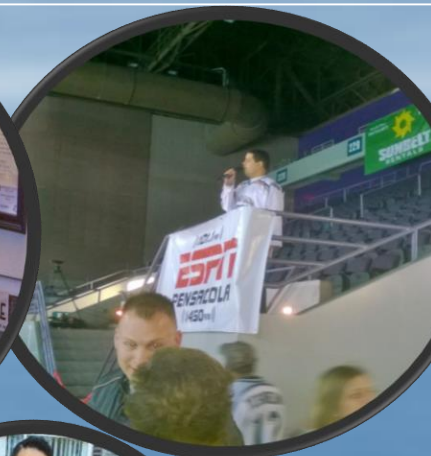
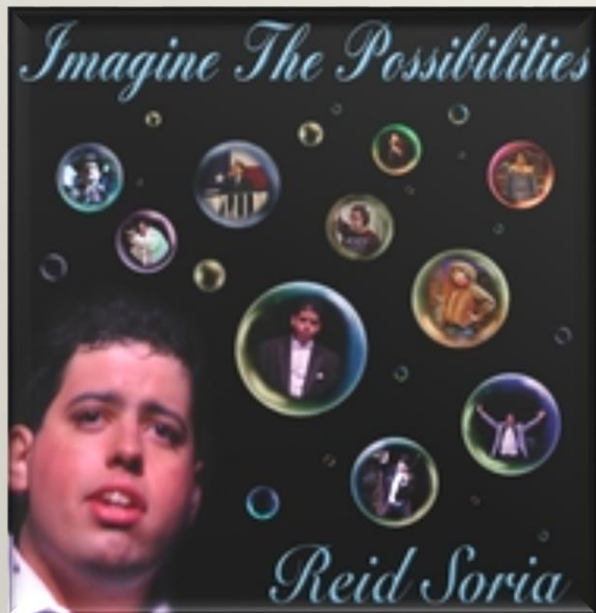
Encouraging a united effort by people from all walks of life who will support Relief for Autism, and recognize the growing need for respite/permanent integrated retreat centers to help shelter all the soon to be homeless autistic children that are destined to become homeless autistic adults. Autism Sings wishes to invite the whole world to join "the cause" and support Relief for Autism! Autism Sings has many fundraising initiatives planned and ALL proceeds from these will go towards supporting people living with special needs. With enough funding and seed money in place, and government approval, we plan to build permanent retreat centers - you can read more about Our Mission. "HOME ON THE RANGE" will be the first of its kind proposed for construction in southern Ontario, with more to follow Canada Wide!



**Joe Bentry and son Jay on Location**



Imagine the possibilities. Meet the Reid Soria and the family who are nurturing him to his dreams and inspiring others along every step



**“The Many Faces of Autism” a worldwide multimedia awareness campaign, which includes a feature- length Documentary about the journey of many children and adults dealing with the disorder. Showcasing the many triumphs as well as concerns, this picture will inspire and educate those who are affected and will bridge the gap to a better understanding of Autism and the 1 of 68 children being diagnosed with the disorder.**

***To focus on the social safety net created to nurture and educate children into adulthood and then what happens to the care, housing and employment of the adults***

**"Life is not easy for any of us. But what of that? We must have perseverance and above all confidence in ourselves. We must believe that we are gifted for something, and that this thing, at whatever cost, must be attained." - Marie Curie**



## **THE REALITY GOING ON IN SOME OF OUR HOMES**

I met with a family Jeanette & Jacques who is taking care of their grand daughter Allie.

As their daughter got burnt out and could not do it anymore, they took over now in their 70's they love their granddaughter but are now close themselves to being burnt out.

If they knew there was a place that she would be well taken care of they would do it tomorrow. It has of course taken over their lives, have lost many friends and are worried for the future.

They love their granddaughter but as they get older, it gets harder.  
How can we assist these situations?



For more than two decades, Guy has been involved in raising funds and organizing events for various charities through his workplace and social clubs. His favorite was always the Ontario Special Olympics. In addition, together with his son, he has sponsored a child in Malawi, Africa for over a decade.

Guy's involvement in the Giving Dreams Foundation arose from his many years of fundraising and organizing events for youth and adults with developmental disabilities. Seeing the smiles and hearing the chuckles of so many exceptional youth and adults at the various social activities he organized, as well as being inspired by the cognitive and social gains of his daughter through years of providing her with various kinds of socialization opportunities, catalyzed the formation of the Giving Dreams Foundation.

Combining his business talents and connections with his wife's expertise and experience guiding and advocating for their daughter's overall development, Guy expresses his gratitude for the blessings in his life by giving and doing from his heart in order to advance and better the lives of youth and adults with disabilities who otherwise would not have such opportunities.

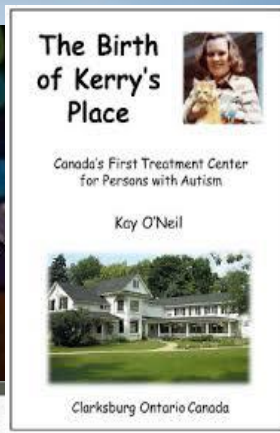


Elaine Peters, Hon. Ph.D., M.Sc. Ed., Co-Founder, Vice-President, and Social Outings Co-ordinator of the Giving Dreams Foundation: Elaine resides with her husband, Guy Peters, and their two children in Caledon, Ontario. Retired since 2008 from her entrepreneurial business in which she specialized for 12 years in Litigation Support Software as a value-added reseller and Platinum Certified software trainer.

Elaine was awarded the Big Brothers Big Sisters of Canada and Big Brothers Big Sisters of Peel ten year award and certificates in October 2012 for providing dedicated community service as an In-School Mentor and Jump Math Tutor. In addition, she has been a volunteer literacy coach for primary grade children in several Peel schools, and has sponsored several children through World Vision for more than a decade.

Furthermore, Elaine has been an active school council member throughout her children's elementary and secondary school years holding co-chair and chair positions for 7 out of 10 years. Elaine's involvement with the Giving Dreams Foundation arose from her very personal experience of learning to advocate on behalf of her own child with a disability for inclusion in all facets of social and educational life experiences. An egalitarian at heart, Elaine learned to "walk the walk and talk the talk" of social equity for children and adults with physical and/or cognitive disabilities.





Kay is one of Kerry's elder sisters. After attending Teacher's College she began her career in a one-room schoolhouse in Weybridge, Ontario. When her little school closed she moved to Brampton where she raised her two sons while teaching elementary school for the Peel Board. Her career was varied as she specialized in Primary Methods and Special Education alternating between classroom and withdrawal settings throughout the years. Upon retiring she returned to Clarksburg to assist her sisters with the care of her aging father and Kerry. She now resides in the town of Meaford, Ontario.



Kerry's Place Autism Services has been committed to enhancing the quality of life of persons with Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) since 1974 by being leaders in developing and providing evidence-based supports; and by building capacity by sharing our knowledge.

We are Canada's largest service provider for children, youth and adults with ASD and serve more than 8,000 people with ASD and their families each year.

With the number of individuals with ASD diagnosis growing at an alarming rate each year, the need for more supports and services continues to rise. Through collaborative efforts and a dedicated staff, we provide assistance to enable communities to increase their capacity which has resulted in the growth of services available to people with ASD and their families.

Joe Bentry with son Jay & Kay with Kerry O'Neil on Location



## SOUTH ASIAN AUTISM AWARENESS CENTRE

### Mission

SAAAC was created with the intention of inspiring families in need of access to autism services, with a special focus on the cultural elements in the South Asian community that pose particular challenges.

We will be also focusing on the work they do with the police, and how it helps going forward as many situations out in the public can be improved.





Pennyhooks Farm is a beautiful, small organic beef farm situated on the Oxfordshire and Wiltshire border that has been owned by the Otter family for over 60 years.

We provide a unique experience for young people and adults with Autism Spectrum Condition (ASC).



We provide young people with ASC the opportunity to live purposeful lives and to improve their life chances by developing their work skills within a structured and supportive farming environment.



Since 2001 Lydia Otter has developed a centre of learning for young people with ASC at the Farm. There are now over 60 students whose time is spent learning and working in farm based activities.



We will be looking Internationally at other Organizations such as Penny hooks Farms In London, as well as France, Scotland, Germany, etc.



## It Begins

With the groundbreaking in December 2016, First Place AZ is ushering in a new era of housing for individuals with autism and neuro-diverse abilities in "the most autism-friendly city in the world."

[LEARN MORE](#)

## First Place: Vision & Mission

**We** have an unprecedented opportunity to pioneer innovative housing and community development across North America.

Together, we can build a new market that transcends old ways of thinking and that ensures *housing options for people with autism and other special abilities are as bountiful as they are for everyone else.*

**Backed** by 17 years of research, support from the Urban Land Institute and 80 collaborators, First Place® AZ is positioned for transformational impact on how society approaches housing and community development for individuals with autism and other special abilities. It represents new residential prototypes--allowing greater choice--based on individual needs and interests.







**Monique Taylor**  
MPP, HAMILTON MOUNTAIN

To Whom It May Concern

Re. My Three Angels Pictures

I write today to offer my support for the application for funding from My Three Angels Pictures Inc. to support their production of a documentary regarding the lives of people with autism and their families.

As the NDP critic for Child and Family Services in the Ontario Legislature, I have had the pleasure to meet with many autistic individuals, their families and their service providers. I can confidently say that, although public awareness about autism has been rising for a number of years, there is still very much to be done.

My experience has shown me that every person with autism is different, with their own distinct abilities and challenges. With the right services and encouragement, they are able to overcome many of their obstacles and accomplish incredible things. One thing they have in common is the challenge to be accepted and respected for who they are.

I have been overwhelmed by the love and incredible dedication demonstrated by the families of children with autism. Faced with what the rest of us would think are impossible circumstances, these families will go to the ends of the earth to do what is right for their children. They laugh and smile but often, they cannot help but break down in tears as they think of their situation. Sadly, sometimes it does just get too much for them and marriages can end as a result.

My work has allowed me to gain a much greater appreciation for those living with autism and it is my hope that others can gain a similar understanding.

I believe the documentary proposed by My Three Angels Pictures will be an important tool in that regard, serving a very useful public service.

Having met with Tyrone Greenidge, who is spearheading the project, I was struck by his enthusiasm for the subject matter. I was impressed with the level of detail he provided regarding the content and structure of the documentary. I look forward to seeing the finished article.

Sincerely,

Monique Taylor, MPP

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July 7, 2017

Tyrone Greenidge  
Email: [ty@m3apictures.com](mailto:ty@m3apictures.com)

Dear Mr. Greenidge:

I received your email to the Honourable Michael Coteau, Minister of Children and Youth Services, regarding the documentary "The Many Faces of Autism". As Director of the Specialized Services and Supports Branch in the Ministry of Children and Youth Services (MCYS), I welcome this opportunity to respond.

Thank you for sharing information about your documentary and your efforts to raise awareness about autism. I noted that your material includes information about challenges that young people with Autism Spectrum Disorders (ASD) and their families experience, while also highlighting examples of community resources and promoting acceptance and inclusion of people with autism by directly involving individuals with autism to tell their own unique stories.

Thank you again for writing, and I wish you continued success with your documentary.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Jane Cleve".

Jane Cleve  
Director  
Specialized Services and Supports Branch



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