



Helping autistic children and their families



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Dear Community Supporters,

October 7, 2014

Through the International Order of The King's Daughters and Sons, the Ottawa "Autism Circle" is hosting a **Benefit Brunch for Autism** on **Sunday, November 23, 2014** (11:30 AM-2 PM). The brunch will be held at the prestigious **Villa Marconi Centre** to raise funds for – **Children at Risk, Ottawa**, a charity that supports autistic children and their families. This charity extends services and programs to assist individuals diagnosed within the Autism Spectrum Disorders.

In addition, the Brunch includes a **Silent Auction**. We would be delighted if your business or organization could consider supporting this fundraising event! Donations of Gift Certificates, Hotel Room Accommodations, Merchandise and more will be used to build exciting Prizes for the Autism Brunch Silent Auction!!

Autism is a neurodevelopmental disorder that impairs social, behavioural and communication abilities. Autism is the fastest growing developmental disability in the world, and today affects about 67 million people worldwide. Fewer than 30 years ago, 1 in 10,000 children were diagnosed with autism; today, 1 in 88 is being diagnosed with autism, and some recent estimates are higher. Boys are four times more likely than girls to have autism: 54% of boys have some form of autism.

Community supports for an Autistic child or adult are of utmost importance! Mutual help can go a long way to ensure both businesses and organizations prosperous years in the future!! With the incidence of diagnosis of Autism now so alarmingly high, supports offered by Children at Risk are needed more than ever. This year, Children at Risk held our 4th Year of our summer day camp, **Camp Kaleidoscope** – with almost 300 weekly camp spots for children with Autism! We look forward to hearing from you at your earliest convenience regarding this donation – your contribution can help make a difference in the quality of life for these special individuals and their families!

Yours truly,

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