

# Letter From The Publisher

Welcome to the second year of publication of *The Autism Perspective* magazine!

We are so pleased and proud to have completed two years publishing *The Autism Perspective* magazine. It continues to be a rewarding journey being able to interact with individuals and families across the globe, who share a common bond of knowing, working with and/or loving someone with autism. Some of the most gratifying aspects of publishing this magazine are the letters and emails we receive from our subscribers, especially from those who feel alone and find a sense of comfort in knowing that there are other people out there who feel the same way they do. The TAP staff will keep striving to be a source of support to those living with some form of autism in their lives.

This issue, as always, contains many informative, heartfelt and resourceful articles. We are pleased to have Peter Yarrow on the cover. His organization, Operation Respect, educates our youth about the importance of respecting one another and embracing our differences. We also focus on our older ASD population in this issue by looking at ways to ensure their success in the future.

Publication could not have been possible without the generosity and kind cooperation of so many people... I'd like to thank the amazing all-volunteer Advisory Board members, our advertisers, Janine Wolf, Janice Mathieu, Paul Larriviere, Sharon Hensel-Cohen, Denise Cavanaugh, Karen Simmons Sicoli, Peter Yarrow, Elizabeth Kolodny, Bill Stillman, Carolyn Krugman, Hillary Manning, Doug Merrill — David Grace — Christina Liu of The Law Firm of Loeb & Loeb LLP, David Nadel, ColorFX, Inc., Sonia Cabrera, Rhonda Brunett, Maggie Everts, Lisa Iland, Kim Schnepfer, G. Alexander Doman, Kim — Alex — Courtney Stanley, Arlene Maidman, Marion Blank, Pamela Mari, Jeffrey Strully, Andrew Shahriari, Karra Barber, Diana Nielander, Cheryl Raver, Johnny Seitz, Eric Chesson, Michele Ialtonardi, Jill Bullwinkle, Stanley I. Greenspan, Serena Wieder, Cris Rowan, Caiseal Mar, Ken Dailey, Joseph Abueg and Kate Goldfield.

As always, we want to say an extra special thank you to the subscribers for supporting our efforts. The first issue of TAP 2007 will feature Donilee McGinnis who is crowned Miss Oregon. Her part of autism is in honor of her brother David who has autism. She will be competing in The Miss America Pageant in January 2007. We hope you continue to support our efforts by subscribing to TAP 2007 using the form included in this issue, or by going online at [www.theautismperspective.org](http://www.theautismperspective.org).

...and finally, this magazine is dedicated to my sweet Danny Boy

With Deepest Gratitude,

*Nicki Fischer*



Danny "Boy" Gott and Auntie Nicki