

# Letter From The Publisher

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

Life is such an incredible journey! Even though my goal in creating this magazine is to help other people learn and broaden their awareness of what is available for them, never did I expect that I would also be the recipient of so much insight. Lately I've learned that dreams really can come true. It has been my intention to bring *The Autism Perspective* magazine to all parts of the globe and it is finally going to become a reality. Autism Today will be acquiring TAP Magazine and, given their extensive outreach and innumerable resources, they will be able to launch the magazine into the next phase of its growth. This is very exciting for all of us at the magazine. We've worked hard to have it become a reputable publication and feel very fortunate that it is being recognized as such. Most people won't realize the change of hands because most everything about the magazine will remain the same. For more information, we have included an interview in this issue of me and Karen Simmons, founder of Autism Today, discussing this topic.



As usual, this issue also contains many informative, heartfelt and resourceful articles. We are also pleased to have Barb Rentenbach on the cover showing another side of ASD. Her cover story gives up an in-depth look at autism from the inside. She also reminds us how important it is to never give up hope on those who appear to not be making progress.

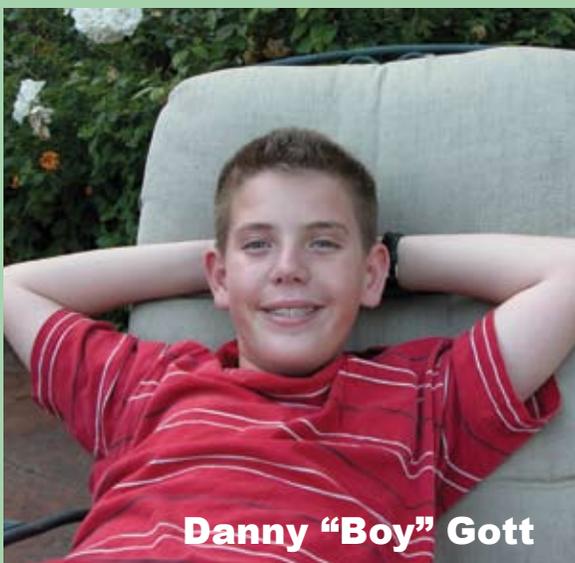
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As always, we want to say an extra special thank you to the subscribers for supporting our efforts. We hope you continue to support us this year as we continually work on providing you with a publication worthy of your time.

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

With Deepest Gratitude,

*Nicki Fischer*



**Danny "Boy" Gott**