

Letter From The Publisher

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

Throughout my life, and especially since the inception of this magazine, I've had the pleasure of meeting so many people with ASD. All have touched my heart in some way. I've met people from what seems like every part of the spectrum. It is my belief that people with autism have unique perspectives to offer us and unique ways of looking at life.

I chose to put Johnny Seitz on the cover of this issue because he, like so many other individuals with autism, has been able to impart some of his talents and make a noticeable contribution to others. Even though his gift has garnered visibility, gracing two covers of magazines, we must never lose sight of the small, gentle gifts that others contribute to those around them—from the meaning of life and love, to reminders of life's simple pleasures—and remember the ripple effects that are set in motion when one is touched by those with special challenges. Autism has many faces, and we want to educate people about this fact.

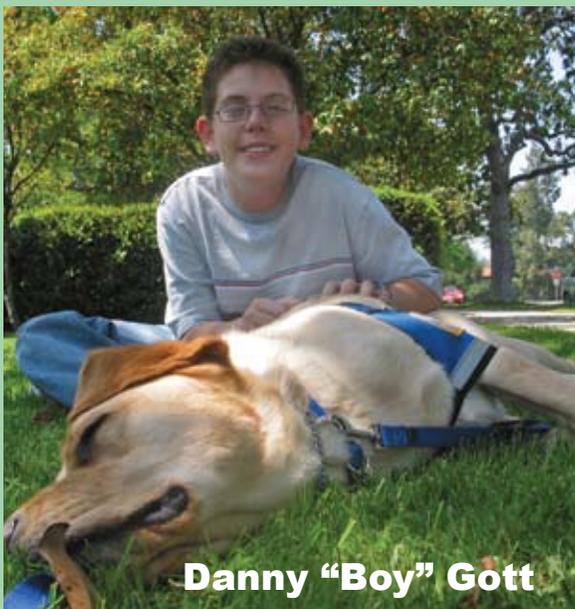
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As always, we want to say an extra special thank you to the subscribers for supporting our efforts. We hope you continue to support us this year as we continually work on providing you with a publication worthy of your time.

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

With Deepest Gratitude,

Nicki Fischer



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