



## HOW YOU CAN HELP

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Just imagine if there was a place and an event where parents and caregivers of children with autism spectrum disorders could learn about effective interventions while enjoying a breathtaking mountain setting. That place and event exists. It is in Park City, Utah, and the event is the US Autism and Asperger Association (USAAA) National Conference, August 10-13, 2006.

With over 25 speakers, USAAA has assembled leading experts who focus on ways to improve the quality of life for affected individuals and their families/caregivers by conducting presentations in the areas of biomedical interventions, research, adjunct therapies, diet and nutrition, and family issues. There will be a workshop each for moms and for dads on relaxation, as well as a lecture for moms on how to balance it all. Enjoy a leisure evening with a book discussion group.

Parents can choose between a dip into the mysteries of methylation or a dip in the pool - a fresh breath of mountain air or a lecture on hyperbaric oxygen - a view of the pristine mountains or a new perspective on primitive reflexes. And USAAA is fortunate that the renowned National Ability Center will have experienced staff available to accommodate 50 children with autism (ages 5 and older) whose parents choose to bring them to the conference and who would like their children to participate in programs at the NAC.

## Your Generosity Makes It All Possible

The USAAA national conference is possible in large part because of you - your membership or donation, along with conference exhibitors and corporate sponsorship will make this a reality in the beautiful mountains of Utah.

Annual membership is \$35 individual; \$55 family; \$75 professional; \$100 non-profit corporation; and \$250 corporate. Individual, family, and professional memberships receive 10% off of conference registration and exciting discounts on interventions available via the USAAA website at [www.usautism.org](http://www.usautism.org). Approved corporate or non-profit members receive 10% off a vendor exhibit booth\* (purchase of an exhibit booth includes 2 complimentary three-day registrations for exhibit booth vendor) and exciting discounts on interventions available via the USAAA website.

Memberships for individual, family (individual + spouse or grandparent), and professionals between now and January 15, 2006 will be entered into a drawing for 50% off the three-day conference registration (a full 3 day registration value for a non-member is \$275 for individuals, \$420 for a family [individual + spouse or grandparent], and \$310



for professionals). Approved corporate or non-profit members between now and January 15, 2006 will be entered into a drawing for 50% off a vendor exhibit booth\* (a full price non-profit table value is \$375 and a full price corporate table value is \$975)!

There will be 5 drawings for the individuals/families/professionals category and 2 drawings for the corporate/non-profit category. Results will be posted on the USAAA website by February 1, 2006.

The USAAA mission is to enhance the quality of life of individuals and their families/caregivers touched by autism spectrum disorders by providing educational and family support through conferences/seminars and published and electronic mediums. USAAA distributes information with regard to biomedical treatments/adjunct therapies and research to parents, practitioners, students, and teachers who are associated with the autism and Asperger communities.

### The Next Step

By considering membership or donation, you are taking a step towards enhancing the quality of life of individuals and their families/caregivers touched by autism spectrum disorders. The next step is to join as a member and receive member benefits or to make a tax-deductible donation now by going to the web site at [http://www.usautism.org/how\\_you\\_can\\_help.htm](http://www.usautism.org/how_you_can_help.htm) and then click on Online to make a secured online donation with your Master Card, Visa or an electronic check. You may also join or donate by calling 1-888-9AUTISM or mail a check or your credit card information to US Autism and Asperger Association, Inc., P.O. Box 532, Draper, UT 84020-0532.

THANK YOU for your support and we hope to see you at the USAAA 2006 National Conference in Park City, Utah next August.

Sincerely,

Larry Kaplan, Ph.D., Executive Director and Teri Small, Associate Director

\*subject to availability

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