



## Autism Awareness Month - April 2024

Autism Awareness Month, recognized globally every April, originated in the 1970s as an initiative by the Autism Society of America. Established by the society's then-president, Bernard Rimland, the month was designed to promote public understanding of autism and advocate for inclusivity. Over the years, Autism Awareness Month has evolved into a crucial annual observance, featuring various campaigns and events that highlight the diverse experiences of individuals with autism, emphasizing the importance of acceptance, and fostering broader societal support.

### HOW CAN WE CELEBRATE?

- **Wear blue on World Autism Day** which takes place on **April 2nd**
- **Reduce the stigma** and enact positive change to **increase acceptance**
- Listen to individual's **Ted Talks** and learn from their stories (**ex. [www.bit.ly/autism\\_tedtalk](http://www.bit.ly/autism_tedtalk)**)
- Visit **[www.autismspeaks.org/](http://www.autismspeaks.org/)** to learn more about autism