



September 15, 2021

## Dear friends of Autism Speaks:

On October 10, Autism Speaks will partner with the Palisades Center to host Autism Speaks Greater Hudson Valley Walk at the Palisades Center in Lot 5. This incredible event draws more than 500 teams and participants, which includes children and adults on the autism spectrum, their families, and loved ones as well as the medical and corporate communities.

We hope you will support this important event by creating your own Walk team HERE or making a donation by visiting HERE. We are also looking for volunteers to assist on Walk day. Autism Speaks Walks are the world's largest autism fundraising events dedicated to improving the lives of those with autism and providing solutions across their life spans. Autism Speaks carries out its work through advocacy and support; increasing understanding and acceptance of people with autism; and advancing research into causes and better interventions for autism spectrum disorder and related conditions.

The Greater Hudson Valley Walk brings our community together for an Inclusive day of kindness, learning, encouragement, and love. Nationwide, more than 1 million Autism Speaks champions in over 76 locations work together to fund our mission. Our autism family truly empowers positive change! With their support Autism Speaks has achieved success, which include providing tool kits to over 1.3 million families that offer critical information and support, direct assistance via phone, email, and chat to more than 460,000 people, and investing \$222M in scientific grants, and \$14.2 million in local grants and scholarships.

We hope you will join us to support the autism community that rely on Autism Speaks for important support and services. Please do not hesitate to contact <a href="mailto:Edward.Russo@AutismSpeaks">Edward.Russo@AutismSpeaks</a>.Org or (914) 714-5632 with questions.

Thank you for your consideration, we look forward to seeing you on October 10!

Sincerely,

Eddie Russo Manager, Field Development - Greater Hudson Valley Autism Speaks