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Autism Live Premieres Three New Shows in Collaboration with Top Autism Charities

The shows, “On the Spectrum with Matt Asner,” “Talking with TACA” and “The Future is Bright,” offer insight into various topics affecting the autism community.

LOS ANGELES (July 7, 2015) – Autism Live today announced the premiere of three new shows on its network that will cover topics of interest to families and others in the autism community. The three shows, “Talking with TACA,” “On the Spectrum with Matt Asner,” and “The Future is Bright,” will teach viewers about different aspects of autism spectrum disorder (ASD) and will provide support to individuals with ASD and their families. New episodes will air each month at www.autism-live.com.

“On the Spectrum with Matt Asner” features autism dad, brother, friend, advocate and Autism Speaks’ director of corporate development, Matt Asner, sharing uplifting interviews and inspirational insights from the autism community. The first show will air on Monday, July 13, 2015 at 9:00 a.m. PDT / noon EDT and will feature Jonas Rivera, the producer of Disney/Pixar’s hit film Inside Out and Navah Paskowitz, the director of The Friendship Circle of Pacific Palisades. The hour-long show is provided in collaboration with Autism Speaks.

“Talking with TACA” includes real TACA parents providing helpful and supportive information to empower parents who need real help now. TACA founder, Lisa Ackerman and others cover topics from biomedical interventions to finding employment.

“The Future is Bright” features *The Apprentice* winner Stefani Schaeffer joining the Autism Society of America to provide information, resources and hope to individuals with ASD and their families.

“The new shows are an exciting step in the right direction to raise autism awareness and provide help to those living with autism now,” said Shannon Penrod, host of Autism Live.

“Autism Live is a valuable resource for families and professionals alike looking for information on autism and the new shows will only enhance our mission.”

Penrod, mother to a 12-year-old son with ASD, hosts Autism Live’s interactive web show. Autism Live provides resources to parents, teachers and practitioners working with individuals with ASD. Autism Live airs every Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 10:00 a.m. to noon PDT at www.autism-live.com.

Like Autism Live on Facebook at www.facebook.com/autismlive and sign up for the free newsletter at www.autism-live.com/join-our-email-list.aspx. Autism Live is a production of the Center for Autism and Related Disorders (CARD), headquartered in Woodland Hills, Calif. with treatment centers nationwide. For more information on treatment for individuals with ASD, visit www.centerforautism.com or call (855) 345-2273.

About Autism Live

Autism Live is a network featuring free, interactive web shows providing support, resources, information, facts, entertainment, and inspiration to parents, teachers and practitioners working with individuals on the autism spectrum. Viewers are encouraged to participate by asking questions of experts, offering suggestions for upcoming topics, and sharing their children’s progress. Autismo y Familia, the Spanish language version of Autism Live hosted by Juan Ronderos, is accessible on the Autism Live YouTube Channel and the Autism Live app, which is available free on Google Play and the App Store. For more information, visit www.autism-live.com. Free podcasts of the show are available at www.youtube.com/autismlive as well as on iTunes, Stitcher and Roku.

About Autism Society of America

The Autism Society of America is dedicated to increasing public awareness about autism and the day-to-day issues faced by individuals with autism, their families and the professionals with whom they interact. The Autism Society and its affiliates share a common mission of providing information and education, supporting research, and advocating for programs and services for the autism community. For more information, visit www.autism-society.org.

About Autism Speaks

Autism Speaks is the world’s leading autism science and advocacy organization. It is dedicated to funding research into the causes, prevention, treatments and a cure for autism; increasing awareness of autism spectrum disorders; and advocating for the needs of individuals with autism and their families. Autism Speaks was founded in February 2005 by Suzanne and Bob Wright, the grandparents of a child with autism. Mr. Wright is the former vice chairman of General Electric and chief executive officer of NBC and NBC Universal. Since its inception, Autism Speaks has committed more than \$550 million to its mission, the majority in science and medical research. Each year Walk Now for Autism Speaks events are held in more than 100 cities across North America. On the global front, Autism Speaks has established partnerships in more than 60 countries on five continents to foster international research, services and awareness. To learn more about Autism Speaks, please visit AutismSpeaks.org.

About TACA

Talk About Curing Autism is a national non-profit organization dedicated to educating, empowering and supporting families affected by autism. TACA's aim is to shorten the cycle from the suspicion of autism, to diagnosis, to effective treatments, thereby creating the best future possible for individuals living with autism. The organization currently serves almost 45,000 with an average of 600 new families joining TACA each month looking for support and best practices in autism. For more information, visit www.tacanow.org.

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