

## About Autism

Autism is a complex developmental disability that typically appears during the first three years of life and affects a person's ability to communicate and interact with others. Autism is defined by a certain set of behaviors and is a "spectrum disorder" that affects individuals differently and to varying degrees. There is no known single cause for autism, but increased awareness and funding can help families today.

According to recent studies, as many as one in every 100 children born today will be on the autistic spectrum. Autism is now the third most common developmental disorder—more common than Down syndrome, multiple sclerosis or cystic fibrosis.

The Autism Society of Maine was founded by a group of parents and professionals in 1976. ASM started as a grass roots organization and is now funded by Department of Health and Human Services, donations, and fundraising activities. ASM is the Maine chapter of the Autism Society.



### Mission Statement

*The Autism Society of Maine is a non-profit organization that serves individuals with autism and their families, professionals, and communities by providing, education, advocacy, referrals, and resource development. ASM provides current information in support of informed choice of treatments and services.*

## Please give to the Autism Society of Maine

In these difficult economic times, ASM, like other nonprofits across our state and country, needs your support more than ever to fulfill our mission and continue the many programs that support Maine families impacted by autism.

A donation at this time would help ensure that ASM's statewide programs and services continue to thrive, such as our Autism Information Specialist Program, our Family Retreat, Summer Camp, and the day-to-day assistance we offer to families in need of information and resources.

Donations can be made via the secure online link below. Please take a moment today and provide a tax-deductible, direct donation to the Autism Society of Maine. A gift of \$15, \$25, or \$50 or more will go a long way toward supporting ASM's programs for the people of Maine. Visit us online to make a donation today at:

[http://www.asmonline.org/involved\\_donations.asp](http://www.asmonline.org/involved_donations.asp)



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## 8th Annual

# Walk for Autism

## April 25, 2010



*Join the Autism Society of Maine community to support services, programs and activities for Maine people affected by autism*



### Locations:

- University College of Bangor in Bangor
- University of New England in Biddeford
- Mt. Blue High School in Farmington



# Walk for Autism on April 25, 2010!

*The proceeds from this event will help fund the Autism Society of Maine's summer camp for children with autism spectrum disorders, our autism information specialist program, and our family retreat weekend. Please help us raise awareness of autism and how it affects our friends, neighbors and family members in Maine!*



## Join our walk and build a team to support Maine families!

The prevalence of autism continues to grow. Today, autism occurs in approximately one out of every 100 births.

Join our walk and help spread awareness and bring hope and support to Maine families affected by autism. Invite your friends and neighbors to be a part of it, too! Enlist them to join your team or make a donation in support of your participation.

Hope starts with you! For more information, visit: [http://www.asmonline.org/involved\\_walkathon.asp](http://www.asmonline.org/involved_walkathon.asp). If you are unable to attend, but would like to support the Walk for Autism, mail your donations to ASM, 72 B Main Street, Winthrop, ME 04364.

**Directions to Biddeford Walk for Autism at University of New England:** Take Me Turnpike (I-95) to Exit 4 (Biddeford). After the tollbooth, turn left at the traffic light intersection onto Route 111 (Alfred Street). Staying right, follow Route 111 through the intersection of Route 1 and continue to the next traffic light. Turn right onto Route 9/208 (Pool Street). Follow Route 9/208 approximately 4 miles to the University of New England sign on your left. Turn left at sign follow signs for Walk-A-Thon.

**Directions to Bangor Walk for Autism at University College of Bangor Campus:** **If traveling from the south on I-95 North,** take exit 183 (Hammond Street/Airport). Turn left at the end of the exit ramp onto Hammond Street. Proceed to the first set of traffic lights (you will be facing the runway at Bangor International Airport). Turn right onto Maine Avenue. Travel approximately 7/10 of a mile. Turn right onto Taft Street and onto the Bangor campus. **If traveling from the north on I-95 South,** take exit 183 (Hammond Street/Airport). Turn right at the end of the exit ramp onto Hammond Street. Proceed to the first set of traffic lights (you will be facing the runway at Bangor International Airport). Turn right onto Maine Avenue. Travel approximately 7/10 of a mile. Turn right onto Taft Street and onto the Bangor campus.

**Location of Farmington Walk for Autism:**

*Mt. Blue High School  
129 Seamon Road, Farmington*



*Event schedule for  
Bangor, Biddeford, and Farmington  
locations:*

*11:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon: Registration*

*12:00 noon: Walk for Autism*

*Two-mile walk Biddeford*

*Two-mile walk Bangor*

*Face Painting*

*Refreshments*

*Entertainment*

*Fire Department both locations*

*This event will happen rain or shine.*

