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Chapter Formation Announcement

New York Metro Chapter Of the National Autism Association

The New York Metro Chapter of the National Autism Association (NAA) has been formed.

The NAA is dedicated to educating and empowering families affected by autism and other neurological disorders; advocacy; and raising public and professional awareness.

Embracing these core principles, the New York Metro Chapter will focus on the following goals during 2008:

1. To be a resource to families, educators, and caregivers affected by Autism Spectrum Disorders.
2. To educate parents, educators and caregivers on meeting the varied needs of children with Autism Spectrum Disorders and on the many available treatments for children on the Spectrum and children with other neurological disorders.

The chapter held its first meeting on February 27, 2008. Over 40 attendees participated in the event, coming from New York City, Nassau, Suffolk, Westchester and Rockland Counties, and Northern New Jersey. Attendees included parents, grandparents, physicians, therapists, nutritionists, attorneys, and advocates. The Mission, Bylaws, Initiatives 2008, was presented, Officers appointed, and six committees established.

Chapter meetings will be held monthly. The first educational program is scheduled for April 9, 2008 from 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 pm at 408 East 79th. Street (*off 1st Ave*), New York. Julie Matthews, author of *Nourishing Hope: Nutrition and Diet for Autism*, will discuss why dietary intervention helps children with autism, and how to get started with this approach. She'll present the various diet options, foundations of good nutrition, how to begin and evolve a diet - and plenty of tips for making it work.

To become a member of the Chapter, join the NAA at:

<http://www.nationalautismassociation.org/join.php>

If you would like to be added to our e-mail contacts list to receive updates on the Chapter and upcoming programs and events, or if you have any questions about the NYC Chapter, please contact:

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