

**Parents Run AMOC and Mental Health Association in  
Orange County Sponsors DisABILITY Awareness Fair  
*Autism Move-A-Thon is Celebrating 11 Ausome years!***

*If you could raise awareness for those with a lifelong disability by walking just one mile, would you?*

**Sunday, October 12, 2014**

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**For Immediate Release:**

You can make a difference by being part of the Autism Move-A-Thon of Orange County.

Please come out to walk/stroll/scoot/bike and have fun with your neighbors.

Parents Run AMOC (Autism Move-A-Thon of Orange County) in partnership with Mental Health Association in Orange County is hosting the **11<sup>th</sup> annual Move-A-Thon Family Day on Sunday, October 12, 2014 from 10 am to 3 pm at Thomas Bull Memorial Park**, in Montgomery. This event educates, entertains and embraces those in the community who are living with Autism.

The registration fee is only \$7 per person. The first (100) individuals to pre-register will receive a free T-shirt. Participants are encouraged to get sponsors who may donate any dollar amount to their symbolic one-mile walk through the park. Attendees can enjoy a free continental breakfast including some gluten free/casein free items. Lunch, T-shirts, and other autism-related materials will be available for purchase. Following the one-mile walk there will be a variety of activities for children including bounce houses, face painting, petting zoo, costume characters, drums to play, pumpkin painting, a lego table, arts and crafts, sensory activities, DJ & Live music, hula hoops and more. There are also fabulous raffle prizes. Information about programs and services in Orange County for individuals with autism spectrum disorders will be available under the resource tent.

Autism is the fastest growing developmental disability in the United States. As of April 2014, the Autism rate is now 1:68 children. It is a life-long disability with no known cure. Autism affects a person's ability to communicate, interact socially, and take part in play/leisure/life skills. Parents run AMOC raises funds at events throughout the year to support individuals and families living with Autism Spectrum Disorders (ASD) in Orange County. Families may apply for a fiscal stipend through Parents Run AMOC in partnership with Mental Health Association in Orange County to help pay for therapies, conferences, medical interventions, clothing, and more. AMOC aims to raise awareness and understanding about autism and related disorders through community outreach, parent trainings, events and education.

We are currently seeking sponsors and vendors for our event. We are also accepting donations of products, services and gift certificates for our raffle prizes. **For additional information about AMOC and services for individuals with autism**, contact **Parents Run AMOC** at **845-342-2400 Ext. 307 or 241**

Registration forms are available online at [www.mhaorangeny.com/amoc](http://www.mhaorangeny.com/amoc)

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