

**For Immediate Release**  
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**Parents Run AMOC (Autism Move A Thon of Orange County)  
in Partnership with Mental Health Association in Orange County, Inc. (MHA)**

**Hudson Valley Moms Club (HVMC)  
Honors Parents Run AMOC with 2015 Fundraising**

**AMOC proudly accepts donation of \$900.00**

**Hudson Valley Moms Club raised \$900.00 in 2015** that will help (6) families through Parents Run AMOC Autism Spectrum Fund in the form of a stipend of \$150.00 per family affected with autism. The HVMC was established over 15 years ago. HVMC raises funds through tag sales, raffles, a Father's Day picnic, and an annual holiday craft fair. The Club meets monthly and plan social outings for families. AMOC thanks the current HVMC Board Members Ariana Bath, Robbin Colandrea, Wendy Forte, Jamie Jackson, Neeki Jackson and Megan Matthews for selecting Parents Run AMOC to be the HVMC 2015 recipient.

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, Inc. to pay for therapies, conferences, camp fees, medical interventions, art therapy, activities and supplies, theater tickets, music therapy, activities and lessons, social skills groups and more. AMOC raises awareness and understanding about autism and related disorders through community outreach, parent trainings, sensory friendly events and education.

*Parents Run AMOC is currently seeking sponsors, donations and volunteers  
for the upcoming 2016 events*

**For additional information about AMOC and services for individuals with autism and other developmental disabilities, please contact**

**MHA in Orange County, Inc. at 845-342-2400 Ext. 307, 241 or 253.**

**SAVE THE DATE**

**Sunday, April 3, 2016 AMOC 5K/2K/1K Race/Walk at Orange County Airport**

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

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Mental Health Association in Orange County, Inc. &  
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