

**Parents Run AMOC and Mental Health Association in
Orange County Sponsors DisABILITY Awareness Fair
*AUtism Move-A-Thon is Celebrating 13 AUsome years!***

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

Sunday, October 9, 2016

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For Immediate Release:

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

A family fun day in the park; join us to walk/bike/scoot/stroll honoring families affected by autism.

Parents Run AMOC (Autism Move-A-Thon of Orange County) in partnership with Mental Health Association in Orange County, Inc. is hosting the **13th annual Move-A-Thon on Sunday, October 9, 2016 from 10 am to 3 pm at Thomas Bull Memorial Park**, in Montgomery. This event educates, entertains and supports families who are living with autism.

The registration fee is only \$8 per person. Individuals with autism are FREE. The first (75) people to pre-register will receive a free T-shirt. Free continental breakfast. Lunch, T-shirts, and other autism-related items will be available for sale. Following the one-mile walk, there will be activities including sensory activities, bounce houses, Lego table, arts & crafts, DJ & Live music, "Fun & Fitness Zone" and more. There will be a giant raffle with over 50 items and gift certificates to win. Information about programs and services in Orange County for individuals with autism spectrum disorders will be available in the resource tent.

Autism is the fastest growing developmental disability in the United States. About 1 in 68 children have identified with Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD). 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 to support individuals and families living with 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, art, music, theatre, social skills groups and more. AMOC raises 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 raffles. **For additional information about AMOC and services for individuals with autism, contact Parents Run AMOC at 845-342-2400 Ext. 1307**

Registration forms are available online at www.mhaorangeny.com/amoc

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