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## Press Release

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### AUTISM SPEAKS IN SMYRNA

**Smyrna, GA** - An estimated 1.5 million individuals in the U.S. and tens of millions worldwide are affected by autism. Autism is a general term used to describe a group of complex developmental brain disorders known as Pervasive Developmental Disorders (PDD). Today, it is estimated that one in every 150 children is diagnosed with autism, making it more common than childhood cancer, juvenile diabetes and pediatric AIDS combined.

Your Cobb County Autism Speaks Representative Nikki Wilson, and President of Dream Makers Youth Foundation (DMYF) is working hard to raise money for autism research, and YOU can help! On February 15<sup>th</sup> from 6 – 8pm, DMYF, will be hosting their first-ever wine-tasting fundraiser at The Wine Cellars, located at 1295 W. Spring Street, Suite 100, in Smyrna (30080). With a minimum donation of \$20, you will experience boutique fine wines from around the world, while increasing your autism awareness.

Established in 1998, The Wine Cellars is your one-stop shop for "...all things wine," and has metro Atlanta's largest selection of fine wine accessories. Dream Makers Youth Foundation extends its sincere gratitude to Renee Rowe, owner of The Wine Cellars, who has so graciously agreed to donate 100% of all proceeds from this fundraising event.

You too can help transform a community of heartbreak into a community of hope. Join us!!

Dream Makers Youth Foundation is a non-profit organization that provides community-based educational, recreational, and therapeutic services to preschool through high school-aged children with special needs throughout the Metropolitan Atlanta area.

Autism Speaks is changing the future for all who struggle with Autism Spectrum Disorders.

If your restaurant wants to donate or participate in Autism Awareness Day scheduled for May 16<sup>th</sup>, contact your Smyrna Area Representative Nikki Wilson at [dreammakersyf@aol.com](mailto:dreammakersyf@aol.com) or 678.398.6693