



The DoD CDMRP Autism Research Program Recognizes
WORLD AUTISM AWARENESS DAY April 2, 2010

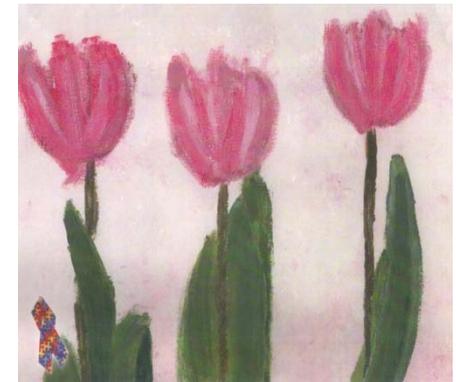


“Autism, once considered a very rare disorder, is now anything but. World Autism Awareness Day invites the world to recognize the frequency of autism spectrum disorders and challenges those who work with autism to think in new ways in order to maximize the quality of life of those affected by this disorder.”

~Dr. Deb Darnley-Fisch, FY10 Consumer Integration Panel Member

“April 2 is World Autism Awareness Day. If the number of Autism Awareness magnets on cars around town is any indication, quite a few people are aware of autism (because quite a few people are affected by autism). We absolutely need to continue to raise community awareness of autism facts, but in seeing this ribbon of multicolored interlocking puzzle pieces on my daily commute, I have started to look on it as a symbol of many different parts fitting together, another layer of autism awareness. Those touched by autism - families, doctors, scientists, teachers, etc. - have very different perspectives. We need to create awareness and understanding of all these perspectives to work together to achieve our common goal of making life better for individuals with autism now, and for future generations.”

~ Dr. Cynthia Molloy, FY10 Integration Panel Chair (“Pink Tulips” by Richard B., an artist with autism)



"World Autism Awareness Day reminds us all that autism is a global challenge. This important day of recognition and awareness also sends a message to citizens around the world living with and affected by autism that governments, policy makers, scientists, practitioners, advocacy groups, and other concerned people around the globe are listening and working tirelessly to shine a spotlight on their inspiring journey and their growing needs."

~Dr. Michael Alessandri, FY10 Integration Panel Member

