We all know of someone touched with Autism. The ratio of 1 in every 150 births means that it can happen to anybody and any family. Autism is a developmental disability that changes a child's life forever. There is no known cause or cure. Parents often hope for the best.

My email to you is to seek support for the EJ Autism Foundation. The mission of this non-profit\*, is to support Autism based programs on Long Island so that children on the spectrum receive the services they need. Currently, these programs struggle to meet the needs of these children. A child with Autism must be in a 1:1 learning environment in order to progress. This ratio is not financially supported by the government forcing Autism based programs to rely on funding from small non-profits like the EJ Autism Foundation.

Every child deserves the opportunity to learn. Help me support Autism and Awareness by making a donation. If you're hesitant to donate because it's not happening in your backyard, be grateful and help support those who struggle everyday. Opening your heart and supporting a child with a developmental disability gives parents hope and a child a future.

Feel free to browse <a href="www.ejautismfoundation.org">www.ejautismfoundation.org</a> for a personal and informative look at Autism. Their motto" Fight the Mystery," is intended to inspire anyone who works, teaches, lives, or parents a child on the spectrum. Thanks for your support.

All the best,

\*EJ is a 501 (c) (3) charity eligible for matching funds.