

Do you know someone on the Autism Spectrum?

Would you like to see more awareness among emergency personnel in our community and those on the Autism Spectrum?

My name is Michelle Middlemiss and I am a self advocate for autism. I've lived in Wilkins Township since 1990 and I have Autism. My project is "My Safety, My Rights" which was chosen for a nationwide fellowship from SARTAC (Self Advocacy Resource and Technical Assistance Center) and I will represent Pennsylvania for you. My project involves helping those on the spectrum be aware of their rights and Autism training for the Police.

I have been working with the acting Chief of Police Sergeant Lamb, and the Wilkins Township Police. The officers have completed my surveys showing that Autism training will be very beneficial to both the community and the police. In October we will begin training the Police about Autism and hope to include surrounding police stations.

People need to understand that each person's traits on the Spectrum are different just as people's personalities are unique. The autistic person and their special contribution to society can be overlooked by the community.

I write articles for PITTVERSE magazine which you can also read online at www.Pittverse.org. A 15 minute informative Autism documentary that I appear in called "The Rain Man Effect;" can be watched online at vimeo.com/255313642.

If you have an interest in my project or have any questions about autism, please email me at mycatthalia@yahoo.com.



Michelle with her host Brian



Michelle with Board President, Sylvia Martinelli