



**COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH AUTHORITY**  
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Dear Potential Sponsor:

As you know, the Community Mental Health Authority of Clinton, Eaton, and Ingham Counties (CMHA-CEI) has, for forty plus years, provided a wide range of high quality mental health, substance abuse, and developmental disability services to the residents of the tri-county area. We have been able to provide these services through partnerships with organizations such as yours.

I am, today, asking you to join us as a partner in another endeavor –co-sponsorship of CMHA-CEI's event on Friday, March 19<sup>th</sup>, 2010 to further educate ourselves and our communities on Autism. This event provides CMHA-CEI and its stakeholders, with an opportunity to experience first hand a mother and son who have accomplished together many things despite of the fact the son has Autism. Keri Bowers and her son Taylor Cross will share a message on what it is like to live with Autism and what one can accomplish even with support.

This event will draw several hundred friends of CMHA-CEI, and others around Michigan, including consumers, families, elected officials, mental health professionals, educators, health care providers, law enforcement and judiciary personnel, and community leaders. It is scheduled for Friday, March 19<sup>th</sup>, 2010 and is to begin at 9:30 am. Breakfast will be served to all who attend.

Keri Bowers and her son Taylor Cross will come from California to share with us. They travel world wide and have been called upon many times to present to the military families. In addition to their presentation, we will host an art exhibit of local artists who have Autism. Following the morning activities, there will be workshops in the afternoon.

Attached (if e-mail) or enclosed (US mail) is a sponsorship form and information brochure. Please fill out the form and mail it back as instructed in the brochure. Please note that if you are a gold sponsor, you will also become a sponsor of the other two upcoming events on Autism: February 4<sup>th</sup>, "Autism: The Musical"; and February 23<sup>rd</sup>, "The Sandwich Kid". As soon as your sponsorship has been received we will include it in all advertising and press releases.

If you have any questions related to this event or co-sponsorship, do not hesitate to contact Judy Hazle at 517-346-8238.

I want to thank you, for your support of CMHA-CEI in advance. If you cannot sponsor this year, we do invite you to join us and attend the events.

Sincerely,

Robert Sheehan  
Executive Director