



Dear Family and Friends,

As most of you know we are the happy Grandparents of 2 ½ year old twins - David and Elena. What you may not know is that back in April, David was diagnosed with Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD). Thankfully it seems to be a milder form -- he's not real verbal and his motor skills lack somewhat -- but he says "hi and bye" to everyone; he's counting, loves music, books, and being chased, and has the GREATEST smile!

Earlier this summer while participating in an Autism Awareness Walk at the Rosamond Gifford Zoo, we noticed t-shirts that read "Solving the Puzzle - One Piece at a Time". We learned that it is the theme of a national fundraiser - THE MILLION DOLLAR PUZZLE - sponsored by the Autism Research Institute (see attached). We decided to get involved by reaching out to you. We're not "fundraiser" people - we'd rather give than ask for money - but it's with David in mind so it's a little easier.

If you would like to help raise some money for autism research please consider purchasing one (or more) 6" x 6" puzzle pieces for \$1.00 each. Please make your check payable to Autism Research Institute and return your donation to: Rick & Ginnie Russo, 216 Parsons Dr. Syracuse, NY 13219. (We will forward our personal check to cover any cash donations.)

Dave and Mary are wonderful parents and even Elena seems to watch out for her brother. Whether or not you are able to donate please keep them in your thoughts and prayers --- research may help David and others in the future but prayer is now and personal and wraps God's arms around them even more tightly.

Thanks so much,

Rich + Ginnie

____ Please send ONE puzzle piece for EACH \$1.00 donated (\$1 = 1 piece, \$5 = 5)

____ Please send ONE puzzle piece to represent my TOTAL donation

Name _____