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Never Leave a Loved One Behind

It has been two years since I began this journey. I honestly did not anticipate sharing so much of my soul. As I reflect-I am sure COVID had a huge impact on my willingness to open up. So many people have either called to thank me for explaining complex issues related to persons with Autism Spectrum Disorder, ("ASD") or called to share they have children with ASD or expressed gratitude for providing resources.



These newsletters helped heal me because sharing our family's experiences and resources blessed others. There is simply not enough time to provide pro bono services or to advocate for families when you are experiencing similar issues. It is our family's sincere hope that we EMPOWERED fathers, mothers, sisters and brothers, grandparents, aunts, uncles, god-parents, extended family and friends to learn how to support persons with ASD and to accept them as they are.



A new friend of mine, Terri Marks shared that she was watching a new Netflix series-

Extraordinary Attorney Woo. I receive many subtle suggestions on programs with Autistic leads to watch - but Terri was consistent. "Kim, #EAW"

I never have time on my hands so on a plane ride I began binge watching the show. It is beautifully written and explores the joys and pains of a South Korean young lady with ASD entering into the world as a professional and exploring adult relationships. We are close to entering this space so EAW is that much more impactful!

Without sharing too much about EAW I will share what I believe is the essence of the series- Never leave a loved one behind.

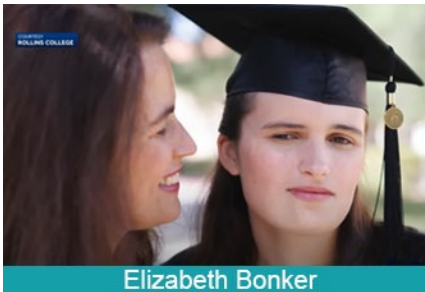
Connection -no matter who we are is powerful.



Extraordinary Attorney Woo

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All Voices Matter



Elizabeth Bonker

Advances in technology help us all thrive but for non-verbal persons with Autism Spectrum Disorder technology transforms lives. This past month i attended a LIFT awards celebration and had the pleasure of meeting Elizabeth Bonker, a Rollins College "super" graduate who delivered an amazing speech through the use of this technology.

Elizabeth was confident and shared her passion for helping others who have similar challenges. What I loved about her speech is that she acknowledged her journey and expresses gratitude for this technological tool that helps her communicate. Elizabeth reminded me first that autism is a "SPECTRUM" disorder and uniquely impacts individuals. Secondly, that ALL voices matter. It is a reminder to never make assumptions about someone's capability to communicate.

Promoters of neurodiversity for improved learning.

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Rollins College valedictorian with nonverbal autism delivers moving graduation address.

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Look Back

A friend shared that they were not aware of my autism advocacy and/or newsletters and then asked why do I do them. I paused because



frankly people ask me this question often and I said "Quite simply, if someone had done this for us, if OUR family knew we were not alone, if we just had someone to help analyze, navigate and address the multitude of issues confronting our daughter and family daily. it would have lightened our spirit. "

We have so much LOVE around us. So many people stepped in the gap but meeting families like ours expanded our concept of possibilities.

If you have not had an opportunity -please take a look back at my publications:

Monthly Newsletter	Weekly Blogs	Monthly Podcasts
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The birthday section! Each monthly newsletter is packed with the latest trends and happenings about Autism.

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