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Hello!

I hope that you found the January KY PLANS materials to be of great help to you. I am enclosing your monthly materials for February. Your challenge for next month is to **increase awareness** of autism within your community. The materials will help you in planning for April-Autism Awareness Month.

If you are planning on sponsoring a community-wide event, please let me know! I would love to get your events on the KATC listserv as well as on the KATC Facebook page.

As you will see, I have included a draft of a press relief for you to submit to your local media outlet in April. I will be sending you an electronic copy over the listserv of this so you will not have to retype the entire thing as you include all of the great information about your support group. In addition, I will be sending you a link for a very brief survey to complete regarding your use of the monthly packet of materials for January. **PLEASE** complete this survey by **February 7**. Your feedback is essential throughout this process!!

I have also enclosed a couple of DVDs for you. "Autism, My Own" is Walter McFolley's story about moving through school to work, his family, and the future of his own autism. "Something to Contribute" is a panel discussion about living with autism by five individuals on the autism spectrum. These DVDs can inspire you as you consider your challenge to raise awareness of autism within your community.

Thanks for all that you do for the families in your community! As always, let me know if there are any ways that you think I could be of help to you. Happy February!

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