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## **Currier Plastics Supports First Walk for Autism Awareness Cayuga**

**Auburn, NY** Currier Plastics participated in this milestone event as an event sponsor of the E. John Gavras Center's First Walk for Autism Awareness held on April 20, 2013 at Hoopes Park in Auburn, New York.

One in 88 children are diagnosed with autism spectrum disorder, now the fastest growing developmental disability in the country. Early intervention is key to diagnosis and treatment of this disorder. Autism not only affects individuals diagnosed but also their family, friends, co-workers and communities. "The walks' mission is to promote understanding and knowledge of autism and to raise necessary funds for autism related services. This, our first ever walk for autism, raised over \$16,000 and we couldn't be more pleased." says Nancy Tehan, Community Relations for E. John Gavras Center.

Around the park, signs were placed with educational notes about autism along with messages of support. Despite the chilly weather, the event had over 400 walkers. The money was raised will help to support such programs as the Cornerstone Program for parents of children with autism. The Cornerstone Program is designed to meet parent's needs in assisting their child learn skills needed to be successful and independent in everyday activities.

The Mission of the E. John Gavras Center is to provide the highest quality Educational, Habilitative and Therapeutic Services in Cayuga and surrounding counties to help children, families and individuals grow as independent, healthy and productive citizens. The E. John Gavras Center is a key provider of services for autism in Cayuga County and all funds raised by the walk will stay in Cayuga County.

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