

Letter From The Publisher

Welcome to the 3rd Issue of our third year of *The Autism Perspective - TAP* magazine...

The mission of the organization has remained true to our purpose of presenting options and perspectives about autism without taking sides.

In this issue we feature President and CEO of The Help Group, Dr. Barbara Firestone, and her new book highlighting a cross section of families living with autism from a different perspective, as heroes. On a personal note, my beautiful sister Cathy, brother-in-law Jim Gott and Danny Boy are one of the families featured in *Autism Heroes*.

As always, we will continue to bring informative, heartfelt and meaningful articles to the readership of TAP. We continue to feature articles about new ways of understanding different approaches for unique types of treatment.

If you haven't already had an opportunity to view our TAP Boutique On-line Store, we encourage each of you to log on and support autism awareness! <http://www.TapBoutique.com>

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As always, we want to thank our subscribers for supporting our efforts and helping to broaden awareness about TAP to your friends, family and co-workers in the autism community.

...and finally, this magazine is dedicated to my sweet Danny Boy,

With Gratitude,

Nicki Fischer



L to R - Danny Boy (and his dog "Ace"), Cathy and Jim Gott at Dodger Stadium for Canine Companion Night of Support.