

The real world of Autism from a parent's perspective

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Many a parent knows the public humility it takes to have a tired or cranky child have a meltdown in the middle of a store. For most parents, these so called 'tantrums' are typical of toddlers and even some school-aged children. When the meltdown occurs, most parents want to hide their heads in shame, but all too soon, these children grow and their antics become a thing of the past. This is not necessarily so for parents that have children that have been diagnosed on the Autism Spectrum. So, why is it that once our child is over the 'bad' years that we forget how to empathize with the parent whose child has been diagnosed on the Spectrum?

When people don't feel comfortable with a scenario, they typically either ignore or speak out to the contrary about what is happening – even though a few years back they may have been in the same scenario with their younger child. Perhaps it is the fact that the child is older or appears to what society deems as "normal" that gets to them.

No matter how the parent or grandparent of a child with Autism tries to ready for the situation, it can occur. That is why **Spreadshirt** wants to be a part of the solution by helping loved ones raise awareness of Autism in a fun, playful, but thought provoking manner.

On Sunday, June 21st, we celebrated **International TShirt day**, so in honor of that occasion, Spreadshirt created creative, compassionate, Grandma passionate t-shirts to help spread the word about Autism; about who each person caught up in the world of Autism is going through and allowing them the right to perfectly express their personality – even if it is in public. One grandmother began her movement and now everyone can follow using the power of Spreadshirt whose tagline is SPREAD IT WITH SPREADSHIRT.

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The power of suggestion is easier to grasp when it is boldly displayed on the front of a t-shirt. The hope is that the dirty looks, whispers and outright magnitude of hatefulness will stop once the witness to the situation becomes aware that the person acting out is struggling with a horrible disorder that no one would choose to have. Unfortunately, one in 68 children are now being diagnosed on the Spectrum. People can either get on the bandwagon and feel some compassion or they can perpetually be in a bad mood when out in public.

