

# NYP Autism Task Force Newsletter

2018-2019



# ACCOMPLISHMENTS

The Autism Task Force saw amazing growth and development over the past year. We hosted events that better educated the public on Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) and developed a network that continues to grow.

One of our biggest accomplishments was our **Lecture Series**. Over the year, individuals gathered on Mondays from 3:30 to 4:30 P.M. to hear various specialists speak about Autism Spectrum Disorder. Topics such as medical management of ASD, diagnosis and management of ASD, what is currently known about ASD, and how to make hospital visits with children with ASD easier were all discussed.

We also hosted a **Lunch and Learn** event during which article-based cases were presented and then discussed openly in groups of clinical providers including psychiatrists, neurologists, and pediatricians.

Finally, we are also very proud of this year's **NewYork-Presbyterian Autism Awareness Community Outreach Fair**. We achieved our goal of introducing families within our community to organizations that could provide them information and support. We managed to help provide for and strengthen connections with our community.



## OUR MISSION

*The NewYork-Presbyterian Autism task Force is a multidisciplinary team of providers from NewYork-Presbyterian, Columbia, and the Center for Autism and the Developing Brain. The task force promotes awareness and advocacy for individuals with autism and their families in the New York City area.*



# PLANS FOR THE COMING YEAR

We are very excited for the coming year and all of the developments that it will bring. We plan to host the **Lecture Series, Lunch and Learn, and Fair** again.

Additionally, in collaboration with the Autism Speaks organization, we will be participating as the NYP team in a walk on September 15<sup>th</sup> to raise money for Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD). You can find more details about the walk and how to participate by clicking this link:

<http://act.autismspeaks.org/goto/NYP>.

We will also be piloting a parent support group; keep your eyes peeled for future emails with more information.

We have also started our own donation page, which you can access via this link:

<http://give.nyp.org/goto/NYPATF>

We are proud to announce that we now have an email and an official mailing list! Email [autismtaskforce@cumc.columbia.edu](mailto:autismtaskforce@cumc.columbia.edu) if you have any questions or would like to join the mailing list.



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