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Special Needs Neighborhood.com launches

Website created by two moms allows Austin disability community to connect

AUSTIN, TEXAS – May 1, 2008 – A new website, created by two Austin moms, launches today to allow caregivers of children and individuals with special needs a place to connect and share resources in more than 22 categories, including where to find an advocate, information on support groups and schools and physician listings. Along with a resource list, the site offers social networking features like a user-built events calendar, a community Q&A forum and a blog written by the site's co-founder who has a son affected with autism.

The site is free, completely user built and open to caregivers who need information about special needs services in the Central Texas region. Since March 18, 2008, the site has been available through word-of-mouth and has received more than 75 listings from Austin-area parents and grandparents.

The Special Needs Neighborhood.com site is set up for the entire disability community, seeking to draw caregivers and resource listings that cross diagnosis categories. The site is targeted to a broad audience that includes caregivers of children and individuals with developmental, physical, emotional or cognitive differences that live in Central Texas.

"Today we invite the entire Central Texas disability community to log onto www.specialneedsneighborhood.com and find a new resource, share a resource, or comment on an existing resource," said René Craft, co-founder of Special Needs Neighborhood.com and the mother of a child with autism. "Special Needs Neighborhood.com welcomes parents and caregivers who share our unique journey of raising a child with special needs."

www.specialneedsneighborhood.com was created by Kim Webb and René Craft (two moms) to provide the Austin-area special needs community a place to share information about special needs resources and information. The site draws together the collective wisdom of the Central Texas disability community into one easy-to-use, free, user-built site.

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