

## *Meet –up Teen social group*

Hello everyone, My name is Jaya Pandey, board member at the Autism Resource Central, and I am mother to two wonderful boys Ajey (21) and Anand (18). Anand had Autism and in many way that one word defines our life style. Friendship and social interaction is one of them. It breaks my heart to see how difficult it is for Anand to make and keep friends. But seeing people not giving him a chance is even harder. That motivated me to start a social group for teens, we collaboratively can create and provide a platform to foster the friendship. Our kids don't understand the philosophy of initiating or maintaining a friendship. Which comes easy to us it's a learning process for them. I have been thinking about it for a long time and couldn't find a perfect solution. I have been working on building Moms Network but at the same time our kids need different kind of network too.

Today I am reaching out to all of you asking for help. Help me build a data directory of age and town and interest of our kids and see what we can do together. I am thinking of forming a structured social interaction, will be happy to coordinate the bowling, outing, dinners, lunches, walks, movies and activity they are interested.

Please reply to me with phone number, town, email and your sons and daughter's age and interest. I would to make a group of similar capabilities and interest.

Please spread the word and let the families know. We would welcome some wonderful smart role model who are interested in helping.

Hope to hear from you soon.

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