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### **For Immediate Release**

## **Internationally renowned speaker to be featured at Autism Acceptance Month event**

Dr. Kerry Magro's Presentation "Defining Autism: From Nonspeaking to Professional Speaker Was Made Possible through the Collaborative Efforts of Four Organizations

**WASHINGTON, NJ, JANUARY 19, 2022** – Autism advocate and internationally renowned speaker Dr. Kerry Magro will present "Defining Autism: From Nonspeaking to Professional Speaker," at Warren Hills High School Auditorium, on April 11, 2022 at 6:30 p.m. Admission is free, and registration is available at [Defining Autism \(salsalabs.org\)](http://salsalabs.org)

The program, in recognition of [Autism Acceptance Month](#), is hosted by event sponsor [Greenwich Autism Alliance Foundation](#), [The Arc of Warren County](#), [Abilities of Northwest Jersey, Inc.](#), and Warren Hills High School.

"I am pleased to speak at this event, which is made possible by the collaborative efforts of multiple organizations," said Dr. Magro.

Dr. Magro's talk will describe his personal journey with autism. He will also offer advice on more than 50 autism-related topics, including early intervention, nonspeaking autism, toilet training, picky-eating, social skills, managing anxiety, school, the transition into adulthood, and more.



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Following his presentation, Dr. Magro will conduct a signing of his best-selling books, “Defining Autism from the Heart” and “Autism Falling in Love.”

Nonspeaking until he was two-and-a-half years old, Dr. Magro today is a business owner, award-winning professional speaker and best-selling author.

He is CEO and president of “KFM Making a Difference,” a nonprofit organization that hosts inclusion events and has given 100 college scholarships to students with autism since 2011. On his Facebook page, [Kerry’s Autism Journey](#), which has more than 214,000 followers, Dr. Magro conducts on-camera interviews highlighting people impacted by an autism diagnosis. His videos, which are designed to help break down barriers in the community, have been viewed more 35 million times.

Dr. Magro started speaking professionally 10 years ago via the National Speakers Association, after he developed a passion for theatre as a child to help with his social and communication skills. He has since spoken at more than 1,000 events and given two TEDxTalks and a “Talks at Google” presentation.

Both of his books have reached Amazon’s best-seller list for special needs parenting. Additionally, he was the autism consultant for the HBO series “Mrs. Fletcher,” which was televised in Fall 2019.

MaryLouise Rowlin, Supervisor of Special Education, at Warren Hills High School, is the master of ceremonies for the event. The Arc of Warren County CEO John Whitehead and Abilities of Northwest Jersey CEO Cindy Wildermuth will briefly discuss programs offered by their organizations. Kelly Milazzo of the Greenwich Autism Alliance Foundation will introduce Dr. Magro. The Warren Hills High School Social Media Marketing class will lead efforts to promote the event.

Dr. Magro is available to speak to groups in-person or virtually and can be contacted at [kerrymagro@gmail.com](mailto:kerrymagro@gmail.com).

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Though this opportunity is free and open to the public, attendees will have an option to donate to The Arc of Warren County and Abilities of Northwest Jersey, Inc. when they register. Attendees are required to wear masks inside of the building.

#### **About the Greenwich Autism Alliance Foundation**

The mission of the Greenwich Autism Alliance foundation is to promote local autism awareness & acceptance and grants to support teachers & families of children with autism. **The Greenwich Autism Alliance grants 100% of net fundraising** to schools, agencies, professionals and families who provide support & services for individuals with autism. For more information about Greenwich Alliance Foundation, visit [www.greenwichautismalliance.org](http://www.greenwichautismalliance.org) or find them on Facebook under Greenwich Autism Alliance (GAA).

#### **About Abilities of Northwest NJ, Inc.**

Abilities of Northwest Jersey is a non-profit organization dedicated to improving the employability and quality of life for people with different abilities by providing training and individualized services. Incorporated in 1974, Abilities works diligently to create an inclusive community where individuals with different abilities are given the opportunity to reach their fullest potential in life. Visit our website at <https://www.abilitiesnw.com/>, or follow us on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/abilitiesnw/>.

#### **About The Arc of Warren County**

The Arc is a national organization that serves individuals with developmental and intellectual disabilities and their family members since 1950. The Arc of Warren County is one of 700 chapters of The Arc and serves more than 1,100 people annually for the past 67 years. Programs include residential group homes and supervised apartments, day services, community-based supports, advocacy services, recreation and summer camp, Special Olympics training, early intervention and a wide variety of additional social services.

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