Autism around the Globe Consent Form

You are being asked to contribute written and/or graphic materials (including photographs) to Autism around the Globe (“AATG”), a project of the Nancy Lurie Marks Family Foundation (“NLMFF”). AATG is an interactive, human interest website project that is designed to raise public awareness of how autism affects those residing in different regions of the world. The primary focus of AATG is to collect, organize, and present a variety of personal accounts of autism from around the world. Your participation in this project will help create a vital resource for researchers, clinicians, and other members of the autism community.

Please note that if you are under age 18, a parent or guardian must sign this consent form on your behalf. Similarly, if you are age 18 or older but have a legal guardian, then your guardian must sign this consent on your behalf. NLMFF believes that children, adolescents, and persons who have legal guardians have particularly valuable stories to share concerning autism, but we need to ensure that any consent is legally binding.

If you wish to remain anonymous in the event that your material is published on the Internet or in other media, you must check the following box: [___].

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3. The material you submit must protect the privacy of all persons you discuss, including any individuals with autism and their family members. If you are a researcher or clinician who submits an account of your interactions with autism patients, you must either use a pseudonym or obtain express written permission from each individual referenced in your material. Releases in the form provided by NLMFF must be obtained from all identifiable individuals pictured in photographs you submit. Although NLMFF will not knowingly publicize any material that violates anyone’s privacy or publicity rights, you are responsible for ensuring that your material complies with all applicable privacy laws and regulations of the jurisdictions in which the individuals featured in your materials are located. Unless you have checked the box above indicating that you prefer not to be identified as the author of the material you submit, NLMFF reserves the right to use your name whenever it publishes your material on the Internet or in any other medium.

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7. NLMFF will send you an e-mail acknowledging receipt of your contribution to AATG. NLMFF cannot guaranty the return of any material you submit to us, so be sure to keep a copy.

8. You acknowledge that you will receive no monetary payment or other consideration from NLMFF in exchange for the rights to use your material.

9. Except as required by law or as provided in the privacy policy published on the AATG web site (as amended from time to time), NLMFF will not share your email address or any of the other personal information accompanying your submission with commercial vendors or other third parties. Consistent with its privacy policies, however, NLMFF may provide such third parties with aggregated data that contains no personally identifiable information.

10. This Consent Form may be translated into other languages for your convenience, but the English version will control in the case of any discrepancies. A photocopy, PDF, or other facsimile version of a signed copy of this Consent Form will be enforceable as though it is an original.

If you are unclear about any aspect of this Consent Form, please contact NLMFF at judy@nlmfoundation.org for clarification. Signed Consent Forms may be returned to NLMFF by mail, fax, or e-mail to:

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Signature                                      Date

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Name (printed)                                Name of Parent/Guardian (if applicable)

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