



# **OUR STORY**

Learn about KultureCity® and why we work so hard to make a change for people living with special needs.



**Autism**, you see, is "invisible" to the general public in the sense that many autistic individuals look normal... just like you and me. Despite autism being one of the most common developmental disabilities, many professionals in the medical, educational, and vocational fields, are not aware of how autism affects people.



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was one thing but the screaming was piercing and at the top of his lungs. He was upset because he was getting his haircut. Months later, I would find out that the sensation of hair falling down on his shoulders were akin to multiple paper cuts all at once.



In the middle of this meltdown, all of the sudden, a woman there grabbed my son and shook him, yelling at me in the process:

It was at that moment that then I realized, that what we as a community needed was not awareness but acceptance.

You see, there is a fundamental difference between awareness and acceptance.

Awareness always gives you an out. Acceptance does not.

### That was the birth of KultureCity®

A movement born in cities and towns throughout the United States when parents of children with autism began to fight against the exclusion and segregation of their children.

KultureCity® owes its birthright not to any one person, or any few, but to the many thousands of people who make up the KultureCity® family – families who have worked tirelessly for acceptance and a better future for their children with autism. Families who have fought school systems for their children to be educated, doctors for their children to be treated, establishments for their children to be attended to. These families are the backbone of KultureCity®.





Isolation, unemployment, and lack of education have been assumed to be inevitable consequences of the limitations imposed by autism itself. This is simply not the entire truth. The inferior economic and social status of people with autism is not a consequence of the disability itself, but rather the result of societal barriers and prejudices. As with racial minorities and women, only true acceptance can change this landscape.

**KultureCity** ® **is asking for that acceptance.** Little by little, we are changing kulture, and pushing boundaries.

You see for decades, the focus has been on seeing the children as severely handicapped and mentally disabled.

Today however, we are hearing more and more amazing stories about child on the spectrum displaying talents and skills no one believed possible. Some develop computer applications, some play music with amazing talent and some non-speaking children display writing abilities that show a deep understanding of language and life.

None of the above means that raising a child on the spectrum is smooth and easy. The children do present difficulties in a range of areas including medical care, sleep patterns, eating disorders – to cite just a few.

The challenge that our society now faces is helping families capture the array of abilities and talents that the children have while enabling them to cope with the special issues that so commonly mark the children's lives. It can be done.





# Learn

Our Sensory Inclusive™ Certification is available to venues, organizations, small businesses or caring individuals who want to learn more about sensory needs and how to better engage with individuals with sensory needs.

### Why Learn About Sensory Needs?



- Creates acceptance and inclusion for ALL.
- Since 1 in 6 individuals in the USA has a sensory processing need, this helps you understand and accept this growing community.
- Teaches you how individuals with sensory needs view the world.
- Promotes the freedom for everyone to be included in all activities everywhere.

Learn Now





# Sensory Inclusive™ Certification



Becoming Sensory Inclusive™ certified helps your business become more accepting and inclusive to ALL and also helps open up your business to a brand new community.





### **Sensory Inclusive™ Certification**

Over 550 locations across the USA and the world have worked with us to become certified with our continuous training, sensory bags and app integration.

**Apply Now** 

#### Why become certified:

- It caters to everyone with sensory needs not just autism. This includes military vets with PTSD, adults with dementia, Parkinson's disease, stroke patients just to name a few.
- It is also easy to execute with staff training, and simple yet impactful modifications made to the location. The location will then always be Sensory Inclusive™.
- Sensory Inclusive™ ensures daily accessibility not limited by time and location thus creating an accepting and inclusive community.