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Enabling Devices Spotlights Autism Products

Hastings-On-Hudson, NY – July 29, 2008 – Enabling Devices announced today that its Fall catalog will feature products for people diagnosed with autism spectrum disorder (ASD). Steven Kanor, Ph.D., President of Enabling Devices, says “with the explosive growth of diagnosed cases of autism, we wanted to identify products that meet the diverse learning needs of people on the autism spectrum. For more than 30 years we have worked with special education teachers, occupational therapists, speech therapists, and parents to develop products for people with special needs, including autism. Now we’ve created an 8-page Insert in our upcoming catalog that highlights more than sixty products that are helpful learning tools for people with ASD.

Gail Cocciardi, Director of Product Development, says that “since the needs of people with ASD are so diverse, we chose a wide range of products that would be helpful to people with varying types and degrees of impairment. We’ve included communicators, schedulers, picture exchange systems, sensory products, toys to improve fine motor skills, toys for adaptive play, and timers.”

The **communicators** include wall mounted single message communicators (Put-Em-Arounds); simple yet sleek 2, 3 & 4 message communicators (Talkables); a recordable Photo album; and versatile communicators that grow with the child as skills increase (Choice 4). For **scheduling**, products include six different wall mounted picture schedulers (Go! Boards), two of which allow for message recording. To help with **sensory integration**, Enabling Devices offers massagers and vibrating pens, pillows and tubes. A variety of puzzles improve **fine motor skills**. Many of these puzzles are also communicators or switches that provide rewards such as music and lights upon puzzle completion.

About Enabling Devices

Enabling Devices is a company dedicated to developing affordable learning and assistive devices to help people of all ages with disabling conditions. The company specializes in creating custom devices for individuals with severe disabilities. Founded by Steven E. Kanor, Ph.D. and originally known as Toys for Special Children, the company has been creating innovative communicators, toys, and switches for people with special needs for more than 30 years.

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