

## **Autistic Father of 3 Kids with Autism Starts Kickstarter Project for Autism Documentary in Nevada**

<http://www.kickstarter.com/projects/1456183616/documentary-about-autism-in-las-vegas-and-music-th>

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July 22, 2013 (FPRC) -- Founder of [www.technewszone.com](http://www.technewszone.com) goes on the record to talk about himself: Apserger's ., Army veteran, native Las Vegas, father of three children with autism – a girl, 10, and twin 14-year-old boys on the autism spectrum.

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LAS VEGAS, Nev. --David Berkowitz took a few years to get his pet project off the ground. The founder of TechNewsZone.com ([www.technewszone.com](http://www.technewszone.com)) had more than a few challenges to overcome: to be specific, he is an Apserger's brainiac whose accomplishments brought him within shot of an M.B.A. and Army service.

The native Las Vegas is also a father of three children – a girl, 10, and twin 14-year-old boys with their own challenges somewhere on the autism spectrum.

According to Berkowitz, 'I have been in and around the tech industry for most of my life. I have been in and around the worlds of autism and Special Olympics since my twins were born in 1996. My kids are all verbal; two are educationally delayed by about years, lack coordination, and one has a few more complexities – educationally delayed, verbal, and in a self-contained classroom.'

In regards to starting the Web site, Berkowitz says he had thought about getting started for many years, but with the start of the new decade, and his 42nd birthday, 'I decided to finally do it. I want to pay it forward and make a difference for autism.' We are therefore engaged in a kickstarter project to do a documentary on autism.

Berkowitz points out that the Web site's focus is on Autism news and resources, and on fundraising to help autistic people and their families. The documentary will be about life with autism, autism organizations that are helping people with autism, and arts and music approaches to help autism.

Learn more at TechNewsZone.com (<http://www.technewszone.com>) or the kickstarter project at <http://www.kickstarter.com/projects/1456183616/documentary-about-autism-in-las-vegas-and-music-th>

We are currently in the process of doing a kickstarter campaign to do a documentary movie on autism, the people, the programs and the arts to help people with autism in Nevada initially and nationally as time goes on.

- See more at: <http://technewszone.com/>

A summary-->

Our goal is to make a documentary about autistic people in Las Vegas, what is being done the programs, people & results, real life.

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I met Temple Grandin a couple of times and she says that arts saved her life. I was in band for 7 years myself and it certainly helped me.

In regards to the documentary it consists of:

1) A overview on some of the autism for profit and nonprofit in the Las Vegas especially the ones that are focused around the arts, music, technology and music therapy as well as respite programs. It will detail what is being done now as what will be done in the next 12 months to improve the lives of people with autism.

2) Interviews with 10+ families that have been affected by autism and their stories especially ones that have experienced beneficial programs involving music and the arts and what can be done to improve them as well as what has been effective.

3) Information on my experience with autism and that of my family as well as my intentions as far as trying to help people with autism via tech, music and the arts. I will elaborate as to our initial plans and long term goals to help autistic people via technology, music and the arts and what it will take to make it happen and the impact on the local autism community as well.

We plan to do local interviews with autism programs that are involved with tech music and the arts. We will talk to families of people with autism, their friends, if we can we will talk to the people with autism as to their thoughts and opinions of the benefits that the arts, autism programs and music have added to their lives and quality of life.

This film explores and will show how art, music and technology can help individuals with autism communicate and express themselves. We will also illustrate the benefits that the families of the folks with autism have as a form of respite and culture too.

We need your help to illustrate how the arts, music and tech have and can improve the lives of those with autism as well as their families.

The following is what we need help with:

We want to get our message out there to as many people as possible. Our intent is to submit the film produce a finished DVD for sale, on the web and maybe a film festival as well.

In order to do the film we need:

- Equipment to film the movie
- Equipment or outside services to edit the film
- Help to review, and make changes to improve the film
- Audio Editing and subtitling
- Final Color Correction
- Audio Mixing
- DVD Replication and Packaging
- Digital Cinematic Package production to screen in cinemas and festivals
- Festival submission costs

We're asking for the minimum it will cost to get all this done, but every dollar we receive will help us accomplish our goal and distribute the film.

Please,

- Give what you can
- Tell everyone you know
- Help us spread the word

Thank you and we hope you love the film as much as we do.

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