Autism Plugged In Partners with edmDistrict, The EDM Network, and Mixify for Online Music Festival to Benefit OAR

On February 5th and 6th, join the party on Mixify.com and help raise money for the Organization for Autism Research. The Bass for Autism festival features over 20 EDM artists, including Dodge and Fuski, Spag Heddy, SubVibe, Barely Alive, Panda Eyes, and more. Proceeds will help fund important autism research focusing on early intervention, life skills, and the transition to adulthood for individuals with autism.

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CHICAGO — Autism Plugged In, founded by teen entrepreneur and philanthropist Jack Kieffer, is teaming up with edmDistrict, Mixify, The EDM Network, and over 20 EDM artists to hold a global online music festival. The event will raise funds for the Organization for Autism Research (OAR), a national non-profit organization whose mission is to make a difference in individual lives by funding autism research, providing timely and relevant autism information to those who need it, and funding post-secondary scholarships for students with autism.

On Wednesday, Feb. 5, from 4:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m. (EST), the “Bass for Autism” pre-party will be held on Mixify.com. The main event will be held Thursday, Feb. 6, from 5:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. (EST), also on Mixify.com. Admission is free, but donations made during the online event will benefit OAR and are greatly appreciated. To RSVP and to view the artist lineup, visit http://bit.ly/BassforAutism or contact Jack at jack@autismpluggedin.com.

Music fans can also support OAR by purchasing an Exclusive 20-Track Digital Music Compilation on BandCamp (http://bassforautism.bandcamp.com) for only $10, beginning on Feb. 5. This compilation includes several previously unreleased tracks from the event artists, including Barely Alive, Panda Eyes, Different Heaven, and more. The compilation will also be available for free download via Facebook (http://on.fb.me/1aKBqcF).

Proceeds from the online festival will help fund OAR’s programs, such as: the Operation Autism web site that directly supports U.S. military families affected by autism; the creation and distribution of Autism in the Schoolhouse resources aimed at creating school communities where students with autism are fully accepted; the OAR Scholarship Program that provides scholarships for students with autism pursuing post-secondary education; and the Latino Outreach Program, which features culturally-adapted resources available in Spanish.
“When a child is diagnosed with autism, parents need reliable information to help make the most informed choices about treatment and education – that’s where OAR comes in,” says Mike Maloney, OAR’s Executive Director. “Our mission is to use research to improve the lives of people with autism, and the generous support of groups like Autism Plugged In allows us to make an even greater impact. OAR is honored to be the beneficiary of the ‘Bass for Autism’ event.”

Autism Plugged In also supported OAR’s Scholarship initiative with a 5K event in 2013; this effort raised over $17,350 and allowed OAR to provide an additional five scholarships to students with autism attending 4-year or 2-year colleges, vocational/technical schools, or life skills programs. OAR has awarded a total of $356,500 to 116 students from across the country through this program since 2008.

**About the Organization for Autism Research (OAR)** – OAR is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization whose mission is to apply research to the challenges of autism. OAR funds studies whose results can help families, educators, caregivers, and individuals with autism find answers to their immediate questions and make more informed decisions. No other organization has this singular focus. OAR strives to make a difference in individual lives by funding research, providing timely and relevant autism information to those who need it, and creating opportunities for the autism community to collaborate and make advances together.

**About Autism Plugged In** – Autism Plugged In is a leading provider of special needs app reviews. Autism Plugged In offers global access to the latest teaching, learning, and communication technology designed to help those on the autism spectrum. Autism Plugged In’s app review site gives parents and teachers a trusted source when searching for affordable and effective special needs apps. To learn more about Autism Plugged In, visit [http://autismpluggedin.com](http://autismpluggedin.com).

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