

Town of Winchester

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The Town of Winchester Celebrates

Autism Awareness Month



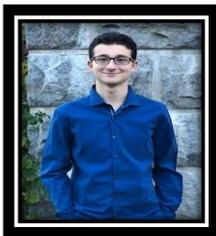
Light It Up Blue - Autism Awareness Event

Tuesday, April 2, 2019 @ 7:00 PM

Lynch Elementary School, 10 Brantwood Road, Winchester, MA

Sponsored by the Winchester's Disability Access Commission

- ❖ **April is Autism Awareness Month and April 2nd is World Autism Awareness Day.** This community event promotes and celebrates autistic people as family members, friends, classmates, co-workers, and community leaders who make valuable contributions to our world. This year's event emphasizes education and awareness.
- ❖ **Autism Awareness Activities:** Blue stones, painted by Lincoln School 5th graders will be available to participants to decorate with something positive or an inspirational saying. We asked that the Bluestones be hidden throughout the town by students during the remainder of Autism Awareness Month in order to promote education and awareness. Music and videos along with a blue lighting ceremony will happen during the event.
- ❖ **Winchester High School Octets:** To perform during the blue lighting ceremony.
- ❖ **Photo Booth:** A photo booth will be set up at the event for entertaining picture taking.
- ❖ **Special Guest: John Miller**



John is a 19-year-old young man, who wrote and illustrated his first book when he was 17. John has recently completed his second book (*The Magical Heart of Handom*). John, who has autism, is currently attending Northern Essex Community College where his major is Childhood Education. John's vocational goal is to become an educator/teacher. Currently, he is an inspirational speaker discussing his books and his journey. Lauren Miller, John's mom, will address the promise and potential in all children on the autism spectrum. John's book will be available on the night of the event for purchase and signature.

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- Facebook page, Land of Handom
- YouTube page at <https://www.youtube.com/.../UCHXlwLa80Aen9KaHYvFncrg/featured...>