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World Autism Awareness Day

03/04/2017 – Ottawa, Ontario – April 2nd marks World Autism Awareness Day. Ms. Ruby Sahota, Member of Parliament for Brampton North, rose in the House of Commons today during Statements by Members to raise awareness about autism.

Autism continues to be a major health crisis here in Canada and around the world. Awareness days such as this highlight the struggle many families face when it comes to accessing resources to help those with autism. By raising awareness, more resources are directed toward research, treatment and diagnoses. Early intervention can change their ability to integrate into society and their quality of life.

“Nina Jain, a mother of an autistic child, faced this same challenge and started an online resource called Autism Wisdom that can be found at Able2Learn.com.” said MP Ruby Sahota “I would like to commend her hard work and dedication on this important day.”

Able2Learn.com has 900 products and over 30,000 pages of material that provides a free inclusive educational resource, with a special focus on Autism and Learning Disabilities for anyone. The resources available are developed in line with the Ontario Curriculum taught in schools and are helping thousands of families raise their children with support and guidance.

Through Able2Learn.com Nina’s son, Niam gained the ability to be independent – a struggle many autistic children face as they get older. Niam uses art as a form of expression and has sold his artwork, earning himself over \$100,000. Check out this CBC article:

<http://www.cbc.ca/news/thenational/teen-with-autism-becomes-art-sensation-1.3755641>.

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