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**AWE-TISM**  
Advocates





# THE AUTISTIC DAD

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# THE AUTISTIC DAD : HELLO THERE!



## THE AUTISTIC DAD : CAREER HIGHLIGHTS



- MULTI-PLATINUM GROUP SELLING OVER 3M ALBUMS WORLDWIDE.
- MULTI-AWARD WINNING GROUP.
- NUMEROUS APPEARANCES ON TV SHOWS SUCH AS 'TOTP', 'CDUK', MTV ....
- FEATURED IN HOLLYWOOD MOVIES INCLUDING 'SCOOBY DOO 2'.
- 'GIVING UP THE WEED' CHANNEL 4 DOCUMENTARY 2006.
- SIGNED NEW CONTRACT WITH CHAMPION RECORDS AS 'PARTY DARK' 2007.
- MUSIC INDUSTRY SONGWRITER/PRODUCER, ARTIST DEVELOPMENT.



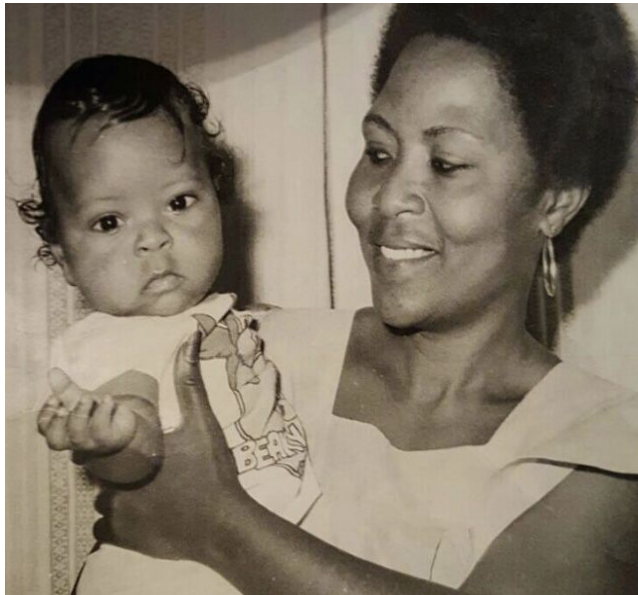
# THE AUTISTIC DAD : FAMILY GUY



- I WAS BORN IN GHANA IN 1978
- MY FAMILY MOVED TO AMERICA THE SAME YEAR.
- I WAS THE LAST BORN OF 7 CHILDREN
- GREAT MEMORIES OF CHILDHOOD
- I ALWAYS WANTED TO HAVE A FAMILY OF MY OWN.



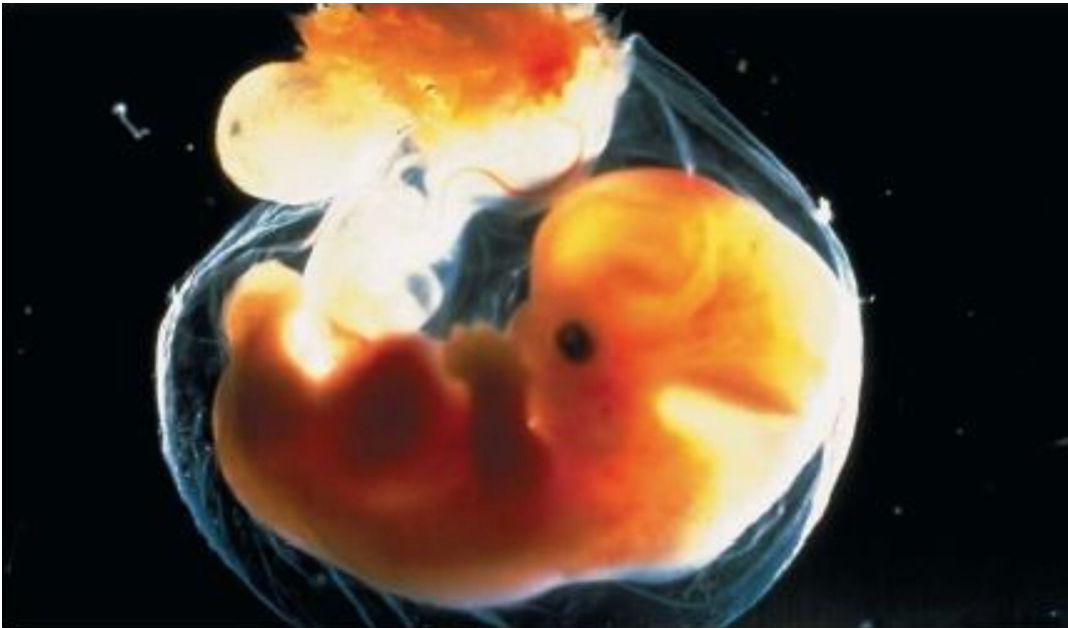
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- WHEN RICHARD-MICHAEL WAS CONCEIVED....
- DREAMS....
- BEST DAD EVER....





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- RICHARD-MICHAEL WAS ALWAYS SMILING AND LAUGHING.
- HE HARDLY EVER CRIED.
- HE LOVED THE ATTENTION OF IMMEDIATE FAMILY MEMBERS AND FRIENDS.
- HE WAS HITTING HIS DEVELOPMENT MARKERS.



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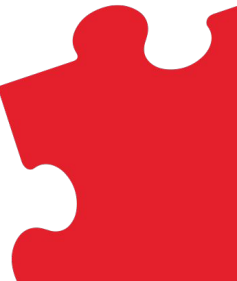
- “THERE’S SOMETHING WRONG WITH RICHARD” ....
- RICHARDS 1ST MELT DOWN.
- MMR AND OTHER VACCINATIONS.
- DIAGNOSIS PROCESS.
- HOW DO I FIX THIS?
- WHAT DO YOU MEAN, AUTISM?
- WHERE ON THE SPECTRUM IS HE?
-  WHAT DO WE DO NOW?....



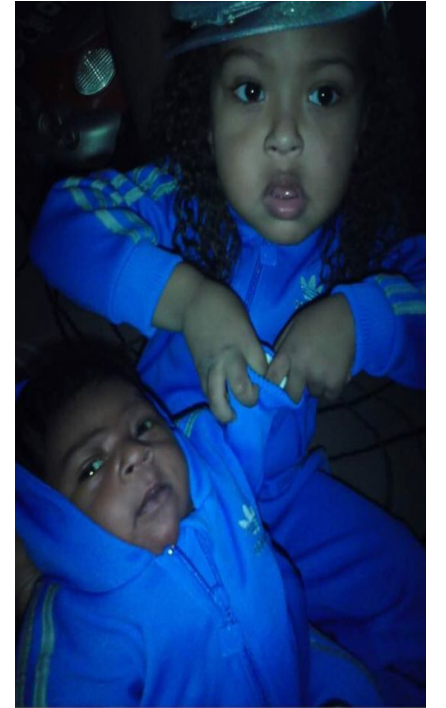
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- RIGHT BEHIND YOU....
- NOTHING HAS CHANGED REALLY....
- LOVE OVERLOAD....
- WHAT ARE THE ODDS? WHAT ARE THE STATS?
- AM I AUTISTIC?



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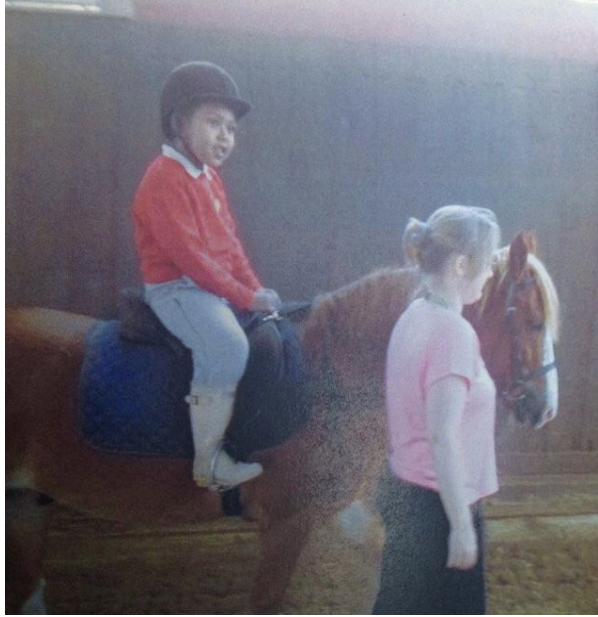


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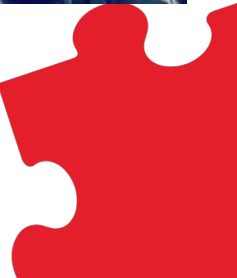




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# THE AUTISTIC DAD : ARE YOU AUTISTIC?



THANKS FOR LISTENING

