

Power of Parents Rally, October 7-8, 2005

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Friday Morning at the Power of Parents Rally

When I first decided to attend the Power of Parents rally on October 7-8, 2005 in Washington DC, I had no idea what to expect – and to be sure, I was not disappointed. Had the rally been last year, cross country travel would have been unthinkable; my then 3 year old son, Ryan, was simply too severe and too sick for me to even contemplate such an endeavor. But after a year of intense biomedical intervention, Ryan has now begun to thrive, and so I decided to invite a friend and go. As a side note, the sad reality is that the numbers in attendance at national rallies will never reflect our true numbers across the world; most of the children are too severely affected for the parents to consider travel for a few days. The reality of autism (what I believe in most cases to be mercury poisoning by another name) has also left many families penniless, teetering on the brink of financial ruin.

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