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## The Grandparent Autism Network, an all-volunteer nonprofit organization, extends cost-free membership to grandparents nation-wide

Tustin, California, March 27, 2012 - The Grandparent Autism Network announced today that grandparents residing outside of Orange County, California may now apply for membership online on the GAN website, <a href="www.ganinfo.org">www.ganinfo.org</a>. GAN was initially established in 2006 to serve members from the 34 cities that comprise Orange County, CA.

"GAN's mission has changed from informing grandparents about autism," stated Bonnie Gillman, Executive Director, "to promoting awareness and understanding of autism and enhancing the resources essential to community responsiveness." GAN has sponsored events, programs and projects that can be replicated in other communities. Expanding outreach to grandparents will encourage the development of more support for families throughout the country.

A new **e-Newsletter** will be sent to all GAN members. It will focus on universal grandparent issues and what grandparents can do to improve the quality of life for families affected by autism.

For additional information, visit www.ganinfo.org