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Firefly Autism's Launches One Of A Kind Program For Adults On The Spectrum

DENVER, CO – Firefly Autism, the leading provider of services for people on the spectrum in Colorado is launching their highly anticipated new adult program for members in their community. The vast majority of Autism treatment focuses on early intervention. Beginning as early as possible is crucial to achieving success for those with autism and their family. However, this is a relatively new phenomenon and millions of adults in the U.S. who did not have access to testing or treatments, may have grown up never realizing they were on the spectrum but always wondering if they were different or felt ostracized.

[Firefly Autism](#), a non-profit organization, is one of the first organizations in the nation to shine a light on adults who are on the spectrum. With the expanded space in their new facility, Firefly will be providing a program for adults on the spectrum to build a community of support amongst peers, hosted in the center during the evenings. This is part of an expanded commitment to research across behavioral challenges.

Jesse Ogas, executive director of Firefly, says he will never forget when he was giving a future investor a tour of the Firefly facility. The investor said, "Why wasn't there a firefly for me when I was growing up – now it makes sense to me, now I understand why I was different. There was not a place where I was growing up to feel accepted or understand why I was doing what I was doing. My dream was to be married and have a family and it was never achievable for me. It made me angry. To this day I still want a person to spend my life with. I'm happy to know that this place exists for others to find help and accomplish their dreams."

Ogas, says, "With the rate of 1 in 54 globally, if you have not been touched by autism, in the next 3 to 5 years you will be. Directly or indirectly. People on the spectrum want what everybody else wants; to be happy, feel fulfilled and live the life that they always imagined. Firefly is here to help with that. We continue to recognize gaps in resources and assess common issues encountered, so that we can make a difference not just for one person on the spectrum but for that individual's entire universe. It affects us all. We have a world that we need to educate. All they want is an equal shot."

There are millions of adults out there that have never had a chance to receive treatment nor were many aware that they could benefit from treatment.

For more on Firefly Autism visit fireflyautism.org, and follow on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), [Instagram](#).

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