

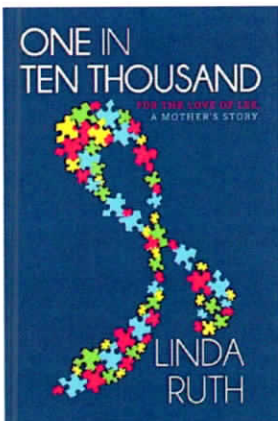
Open letter to parents of children with autism

Dear Parent,

When you're a parent of an autistic child it is often difficult to figure out the next few days, weeks, or months. It is also difficult to get an understanding of what the future holds. I understand what you're going through, and I know how you must feel. My son, Lee, received his autism diagnosis in 1976. At that time, Lee was one in ten thousand children who were identified with autism. Now, the number is unbelievably, one in forty-four.

Back at that time, the only vision of our son's future was the recommendation of doctors to place him in an institution. With little real guidance for the growing number of autistic individuals, many parents placed their children where they thought they'd get the best care, easing also, the stigma of having a child who appeared to be so very unusual. For us, the decision was simple; we chose to make our own path for Lee, not choosing the status quo, but instead tried to find our own way in the fledgling world of autism support.

Today the options and resources for these special children have improved and expanded, but one thing remains the same from 1976; it's very difficult to get a glimpse at a possible life path for them. For us, perseverance, faith, and love were the hallmarks of Lee's (now in his late 40's) journey.



I wrote my book, **“One in Ten Thousand, for the Love of Lee, a Mother’s Story”** because I feel I have a lot to share with parents and caregivers who could use a bit of hope and encouragement during what is a difficult time, as you try to find a path forward for your loved one.

My book deals with methods we used, the challenges we overcame, health issues he endured, schooling, socialization, career and job training, and living arrangements when Lee became an adult.

Believe me when I say, “I’ve been there” and I’d like to share my hope for you that there is definitely a better tomorrow.

My book is available at most book retailers (Amazon, Barnes & Noble, Target, etc.) or directly at the QR code below. I’d encourage a look at the summary of the book to see if it is something you would be interested in as an option for helping you with your situation.

If you have specific questions or are interested in more information, I can be reached at laruth158@comcast.net.

I wish you, your child, and their life’s path all of the best possible outcomes.

Sincerely,

Linda A. Ruth
mother/author/autism advocate



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