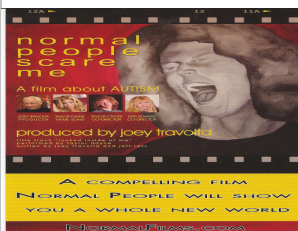


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## Understanding Autism: Individual, Sibling & Parental Perspectives

Saturday, December 15, 2007, 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.  
Caldwell College Alumni Theater, Caldwell, NJ

Featuring guest speakers and private screenings



**Taylor Cross**  
Speaker, Filmmaker, Self-Advocate in Disabilities

### ABOUT THE SPEAKER:

At 14, Taylor Cross had an idea. He wanted to make a movie he could sell to make money for a community project he was involved in. Diagnosed with autism spectrum disorder at 6, Taylor had always loved the movies, and the arts were a heavy emphasis on his social and life skill interventions. Creating a 10 minute short film at 15 with producer and mentor, **Joey Travolta**, and his mother, disabilities advocate, Keri Bowers, the trio turned the short student film into a feature-length, 90 minute film. The result is...

"**Normal People Scare Me**," a compelling film about autism.

Taylor, who is now 18 years old, has traveled extensively in the US and abroad over the past two years with his mom screening the film and delighting audiences with Taylor's personal Q&A style and wit.

### ABOUT THE FILM:

Normal People Scare Me, features interviews with 65 individuals and family members living with the everyday realities of autism spectrum disorders. It is the first film to explore everyday life with autism from the first-person perspective of so many individuals affected by the baffling disorder.

### LINK TO SNEAK PREVIEW:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=T4tFCFpH8Vw>

WEBSITE: [www.normalfilms.com](http://www.normalfilms.com)



**Keri Bowers**  
Speaker, Filmmaker, Disabilities Advocate

### ABOUT THE SPEAKER:

Having worked in the disabilities field for over 18 years, Keri's hands-on work with kids and adults, parenting a child with special needs, full-time work in the non-profit sector and advocacy have turned Keri into a speaker not to be missed. Keri's talks have audiences waiting for the key secrets she shares in the arts and other innovational ideas for interventions for disabled individuals. "Normies" – or individuals without disabilities also find the film and talks fascinating and informative.

**Normal People Scare Me**, a 90 minute feature film, was co-created with Keri's son, Taylor, 18, with autism. The documentary has been featured on various news programs, including: **CNN/Paula Zahn Now**, **PBS/California Connected**; **Geraldo at Large**; **The Today Show**; **Extra**, and **The New Naomi Judd Show**. Magazines, including **People**, **Spectrum**, **Scholastic**, and the cover of **The Autism Perspective Magazine** have featured Keri and Taylor's work in film and public education. The **Centers for Disease Control** used the film as an internal education film.

**The Sandwich Kid**, a film about siblings of people with disabilities created with Keri's son, Jace, now 12 years old, captures the intrinsic issues of a brother or sister faced with a sibling having a disability. Issues of everyday living, the challenges, sacrifices – as well as the benefits of living with a disability are explored in this compelling film.

Join us for an experience that will open your mind and touch your heart.

All donations to directly benefit Creating Choices for Children (CCC), Caldwell, NJ  
to enrich its current extracurricular programs and form social skills groups

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