APRAXIA KIDS OBSERVES APRAXIA AWARENESS DAY ON MAY 14

NATIONWIDE – Apraxia Kids encourages all individuals to use their voices while raising awareness about childhood apraxia of speech on May 14, Apraxia Awareness Day. **Together we are** a community filled with parents, professionals, supporters, and those with apraxia of speech. We encourage our community to wear blue, <u>share brochures</u> and other literature found on the Apraxia Kids website, <u>submit or receive a proclamation</u> in their hometown, host an <u>awareness event or fundraiser</u> all to further sustain the many programs offered by Apraxia Kids.

Childhood apraxia of speech (CAS) is a motor speech disorder that makes it difficult for children to speak. Children with the diagnosis of apraxia of speech generally have a good understanding of language and know what they want to say. However, they have difficulty learning or carrying out the complex sequenced movements that are necessary for intelligible speech.

Raising awareness is one of the most tangible ways that communities at large can help children with apraxia thrive. Collective increased awareness means that children will be diagnosed faster, resulting in better, earlier intervention. A quick and easy approach to engage with larger networks is by following Apraxia Kids on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram.

On this Apraxia Awareness Day, we encourage the community to support Apraxia Kids and our programs and services by raising <u>awareness</u> and <u>funds</u> to further our mission.

About Apraxia Kids

Apraxia Kids is the leading nonprofit that strengthens the support systems in the lives of children with apraxia of speech by educating professionals and families; facilitating community engagement and outreach; and investing in the future through advocacy and research. Since our inception in 2000, Apraxia Kids has provided support to thousands of families and professionals. We envision a world where every child with apraxia of speech reaches their highest communication potential through accurate diagnosis and appropriate timely treatment. We believe that every child deserves a voice. For more information on Apraxia Kids and childhood apraxia of speech, please visit our website at www.apraxia- kids.org.