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## Choices Markets to Host Fundraiser to Raise Awareness and Funds for Autism Speaks Canada

VANCOUVER, BC--(Marketwired - July 21, 2016) - Choices Markets will host its 4<sup>th</sup> annual Puzzle Piece Campaign from August 1-12 at all eleven of its British Columbia stores. During the campaign, stores across the province will raise funds through the sale and purchase of puzzle pieces. There will also be charity barbecues on August 13<sup>th</sup> at all Choices locations. All contributions will go directly to Autism Speaks Canada.

Autism Speaks Canada is part of North America's largest autism science and advocacy organization, working both locally and nationally to increase awareness about autism spectrum disorder, fund autism research and support services, and advocate for the needs of individuals with autism and their families in British Columbia and across all of Canada.

### About Autism Spectrum Disorder

Autism is a general term used to describe a group of complex developmental brain disorders -- autism spectrum disorders -- caused by a combination of genes and environmental influences. These disorders are characterized, in varying degrees, by communication difficulties, social and behavioral challenges, and repetitive behaviours. An estimated 1 in 68 children are diagnosed with autism.

### About Autism Speaks Canada

Autism Speaks, along with Autism Speaks Canada, is the world's leading autism science organization. Together with Autism Speaks, we have invested over \$200 million to scientific research, \$9 million in Canada. Since 2010, Autism Speaks Canada has granted over \$4 million to service organizations across Canada promoting collaboration, best practices and building capacity to support individuals and families living with Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD). Autism Speaks Canada is committed to supporting research and services across the country; raising public awareness to encourage inclusion; and collaborating with other organizations to speak alongside the autism community. Please visit [AutismSpeaks.ca](http://AutismSpeaks.ca) to learn more.

### About Choices Markets

With 11 stores and a gluten free bakery across Metro Vancouver, the Fraser Valley and the Okanagan, Choices Markets is a family owned, local grocer of natural, organic and specialty foods. For more information visit [www.choicesmarkets.com](http://www.choicesmarkets.com).

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