Ten things A mother of a child with autism wants everyone to know

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Autism does not know social boundaries - any family can have a child with autism. Remember this, please.
If you see my child having a tantrum, don’t rush to the conclusion that it is spoilt. Images, sounds, scents that are normal for us, for a child with autism can be confusing, frightening, unpleasant, even painful - if you are unable to help, simply walk away. Show empathy.
If my child does something inappropriate, it is not because it is poorly brought up - children with autism have difficulties in learning socially accepted norms of behaviour. Please, have patience.
If my child appears indifferent or uninterested in people, don’t give up your efforts to say hello, children with autism see and hear you. Their response might be a little unusual. Be flexible.
If my child does not speak, it does communicate.
Tune in, please.
If you are in a playground, there is no need to move your child away, my child is not contagious or a threat. Be reasonable.
If my child needs to sit with yours in school together, don’t object, see an opportunity for your child to learn something. 

Tolerance, please.
If you notice a child that doesn’t answer questions, alone on the street, someone is probably already looking for it—take it by the hand, call the police and wait for someone to come. Be a good citizen!
Our family is like any other.
No pity, please!
I am a proud mother and I love my child just the way it is.
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