Autism Group to initiate new Anti-Bullying Program in NE Ohio Schools

Cleveland, OH (November 2014) Northeast Ohio Autism Group (NEOAG) is a non-profit 501(c)(3) charity that provides financial assistance to schools and programs for children and adults with autism in NE Ohio, supporting over 50 organizations to date. In lieu of the sad and horrific events lately regarding the mistreatment of children and young adults with autism, NEOAG is planning a new series of fundraising events for a different purpose; to initiate targeted anti-bullying campaigns in our schools.

NEOAG will be sponsoring motivational speaker, Anthony lanni, for a tour of northeast Ohio schools beginning with Independence Middle School on Thursday, November 13. He will also speak to a group of students, parents and professionals at the school that evening at 6:30 pm. Independence Middle School is located 6111 Archwood Rd, Independence, 44131. The evening event is free and open to the public.

Anthony is 25 years old and is the first known athlete with autism to play in the NCAA, earning two Big Ten championships as well as being a member of the 2012 Final Four Team for Michigan State. He was bullied as a child and now dedicates his time to touring schools throughout the country to speak to youths about autism and the effects of bullying. Please visit <u>www.relentlesstour.com</u> to read more about him and what he does. NEOAG is raising funds to be able to bring this amazing young man and his message to as many schools possible in our area. The first fundraising event is being held on Monday, December 1 at Corleone's Ristorante in Parma.

For more information on NEOAG, please visit <u>www.neoag.org</u>. Event information at <u>www.rockthepuzzle.com</u>

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