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An AAC* Story Contest

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ISAAC'S GOAL IS TO PROMOTE THE HUMAN RIGHTS OF PEOPLE WHO USE AAC THROUGH FULL PARTICIPATION, EQUALIZATION OF OPPORTUNITY AND DEVELOPMENT.

Learning to communicate in many situations with many different people is essential to a full life. There are many different AAC methods, and people who use AAC often use more than one method. The right combination of methods can help a person to have rich conversations, make friends, cope with problems, be less lonely and frustrated, do well in school, find a job, help others, and make major and minor life decisions.

To promote 2009 International AAC Awareness Month, ISAAC is sponsoring a contest. We invite people who use AAC, of all ages and writing levels, with or without help, to:

- ❖ **Write a story, poem, or essay, or**
- ❖ **Submit a video or narrated slide show.**

We ask you to focus on explaining all the many ways you communicate using AAC in different situations and with different people. Tell your story and teach the world about the methods of AAC that help you communicate effectively - at any time, in any place, with any person, and about any topic. Tell your story and teach the world about the importance of communication and the need for better listening and understanding among all people.

For information on contest dates, guidelines, literacy resources, and more visit:

www.aacawareness.org

*AAC means Augmentative and Alternative Communication, the many ways to help people with little or no speech – like electronic talking aids, computers, books and boards with pictures, words or letters, and sign language.

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