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## April is Autism Awareness Month

Each year during Autism Awareness Month, organizations around the world sponsor unique educational and fundraising events to increase awareness and understanding about autism and individuals who are affected with autism in communities worldwide.

On April 2, several cities and countries around the world took part in "Light it Up Blue," an international campaign launched by Autism Speaks, an autism advocacy group, to celebrate World Autism Awareness Day and Autism Awareness Month by shining bright blue lights from iconic buildings and landmarks around the globe. Niagara Falls, the United Nations, the Empire State Building, and the White House are just a few of the landmarks that glowed blue on April 2 in years past. The campaign aims to help raise awareness and bring focus on autism spectrum disorder which [impacts 1 percent of the world population](#).

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