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## Chiledas steps up Autism awareness efforts

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La Crosse, WI (WXOW) – World Autism Awareness Day is next Tuesday, April 2. La Crosse-based Chiledas leads the charge locally to shine the spotlight on the often misunderstood condition.

Representatives from the organization will be out in the community at UW-La Crosse, Viterbo University, Western Technical College and the La Crosse Library on Main St. Tuesday. They will share facts and fun events to help people see what factors into the umbrella condition.

“Once you’ve met one individual with Autism, you’ve met one individual with Autism,” Chiledas Karrie Zielke said of the Autism Spectrum Disorder. Zielke also said there are resources available locally for parents and families dealing with ASD. She recommends going to Chiledas website as a starting point.

Zielke also encourages everyone to wear blue next Tuesday.

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