

## For Immediate Release

### New Book Offers Hope to Hispanic Parents of Children With Autism

NEWARK, NJ, April 1, 2013--Lena McCalla Njee, a special education teacher of children with autism, today, launches the Spanish edition of her book, "El Autismo Inspira! La esperanza como salvación para los padres," to kick off National Autism Awareness Month. She wrote the book to reach the underserved Hispanic community, sharing resources, stories and case studies that will resonate with parents.

Author, McCalla Njee cites that Hispanics are the nation's largest minority group, and "among the 30 million young people, 20%, are Hispanics." (Pew Research Hispanic Center). As a result of this tremendous growth, she says: "I see increasing numbers of Hispanic parents of children with autism who do not understand or know how to deal with these special children."

Recent studies confirm the need for readily accessible and better resources to reach parents. "Compared with White children, Latino children with autism and other developmental disabilities had a consistent pattern of worse health care access, utilization, and quality." (The American Association on Intellectual & Developmental Disabilities Journal, July 2012).

The author advocates the dissemination of information to bridge the language gap and make resources accessible to Hispanic parents on a wider scale.

To learn more about autism, meet the author at the following events:

Book Expo America (BEA), Booth #: W 576, Jacob Javitz Center, New York on  
**May 30, May 31 and June 1, 2013.**  
Harlem Book Fair, 6 West 135th Street & Malcolm X Boulevard.  
Saturday: **JULY 30, 2013 Time: 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.**

El Autismo Inspira is available in print and eBook wherever books are sold online.

#### ABOUT THE AUTHOR:

Elected as "Teacher of the Year (2011-2012) in the Irvington School District, Lena McCalla Njee teaches children with autism. In addition to "El Autismo Inspira," she launches her new childrens' book, "Iván Consigue la Casa de sus Sueños" in May 2013.

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