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### **Shonda Schilling To Speak at Meeting Street to Kick Off National Autism Awareness Month**

*New York Times Best-Selling Author and Wife of Retired Red Sox Pitcher Curt Schilling  
Offers Heartfelt Insight and Support to Families*

PROVIDENCE (March 15, 2011) -- Shonda Schilling, wife of retired Red Sox pitcher Curt Schilling, will share her experiences as the mother of a child with Asperger's Syndrome during "An Evening with Shonda Schilling" being held at Meeting Street on Tuesday evening, April 5 from 6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. The joy and pain of adapting their lives to support their son Grant's Autism Spectrum Disorder is chronicled in Shonda's New York Times best-selling book "*The Best Kind of Different: Our Family's Journey with Asperger's Syndrome.*"

Schilling's speaking engagement will launch this April's National Autism Awareness Month at Meeting Street. During the event Shonda will share her family's story and how Grant's struggle with Asperger's Syndrome changed her life, the life of her World Series all-star husband, and the lives of her other three children. Her compelling tale of love, grief and self discovery resonates with parents and caregivers of children with special needs and provides valuable insight into how she copes and rejoices each day as the mother of Grant. The presentation will conclude with a question and answer session. During a reception following the presentation, Shonda will be available to sign books. Her book will be on sale that evening at a discounted price.

"An Evening with Shonda Schilling" is free and open to the public. Registration is required by March 30 and seated is limited. Registration for the event being held on the Meeting Street campus at 1000 Eddy Street in Providence can be made by calling 401-533-9299 or by sending an e-mail to [info@meetingstreet.org](mailto:info@meetingstreet.org)

For additional information on Meeting Street and the services available for children with Asperger's Syndrome and other Autism Spectrum Disorders, please visit [www.meetingstreet.org](http://www.meetingstreet.org). More information about Shonda Schilling and her book is available at [www.thebestkindofdifferent.com](http://www.thebestkindofdifferent.com).

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