"To everything there is a season, and a time for every purpose under Heaven."
—"Turn, Turn, Turn"
by Pete Seeger

Twenty Years of CHADD

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THIS IS THE SEASON OF CHADD—we are turning 20 and our purpose is more focused than ever.

With this issue, CHADD is unveiling exciting changes in our flagship publication. *Attention* magazine has a fresh, creative makeover—with new colors and with a classic, readable typeface that makes for a distinctive new look. With our new designers, we are also embarking on an exciting editorial direction. We have responded to our reader survey. Our content is more reader-friendly, with more focused articles. The careful use of color, headlines, column indentations and bylines further highlight relevant content. New items—"For the Fridge" and "Keepers"—provide tips and strategies for success. We hope you love the new look, the new articles, and the new direction of *Attention* magazine. It is a time for change.

In 1987, no one imagined the impact a small, dedicated group of people—Harvey Parker, Fran Gilman, and Carol Lerner—would have as they formed CHADD with the intent to provide support and to share information about attention-deficit/hyperactivity disorder (AD/HD). CHADD's purpose remains virtually the same today—parents and professionals working together. CHADD has become the nation's leading organization serving individuals with AD/HD and their families. It is a season to celebrate the history of CHADD.

CHADD has big plans to mark this milestone anniversary and to prepare for the future. The 2007 conference—November 7-10 in Crystal City, Virginia—will feature recipients of CHADD's most prestigious award and an anniversary gala. James Carville will share his story of living with AD/HD. Ty Pennington's mother will accept CHADD's humanitarian award on behalf of her son for his dedication, work, and support of families. We will be entertained by the Capitol Steps, political satirists who are fall-down funny.

It is a time to share the science of AD/HD, to network, and to meet incredible individuals.

It is a time for collaborative partnerships.

On November 8, all CHADD conference attendees will visit with their U.S. Congressional delegations. We hope to have over a thousand people on the Hill. We need hundreds of you to turn the eyes of the nation on AD/HD—we need to come together to help others understand the effects of this disorder on people and their families. It is a time to make our voices heard—to make sure our elected officials know that we are paying attention. It is time the nation understands.

It is a time to celebrate our successes—over 1,000 parents educated about the disorder through Parent to Parent. The new *Educator's Manual on AD/HD* has been disseminated to every elementary and secondary school in the nation. *Attention* magazine reaches more than 50,000 readers bi-monthly. And over 150,000 people access CHADD's Web site each month.

CHADD's Web site also has a new face. You can navigate the site with more ease. Prominently displayed is the National Resource Center on AD/HD, the clearinghouse of science-based information about AD/HD. You can access the NRC's What We Know information sheets, as well as thousands of articles on AD/HD. There are exciting new additions including VideoCHADD, In the News, the CHADD Leadership Blog, and CHADDNotes. You can readily access information and register for our annual and regional conferences. You can participate in informal online research surveys. It is a time to be connected and to support each other.

Join us as we celebrate CHADD's 20th anniversary. It is a season to recognize current and past volunteers, to remember our accomplishments, to share the latest research on AD/HD, and to plan for the future. Together our voices are powerful and our stories are compelling. It is a time to be seen and to be heard!

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