



## ASPERGER'S ASSOCIATION OF NEW ENGLAND

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Columbia Business School of Boston  
CBS Gives Back  
c/o Ms. Lei Choon Ong  
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Dear Ms. Ong:

On behalf of the Board of Directors and staff of the Asperger's Association of New England, we would like to express our deepest appreciation to you and your Columbia Business School of Boston (CBS) colleagues, Supriyo Dey, Victor Fung, Evan Jacobs, Naomi Nuta, Cathy McCarthy and Barbara Wipf, for the time and energy you spent helping AANE start its strategic planning process and for the recommendations you put forth about how AANE might position itself for a healthy future.

We are thankful for the many hours you spent interviewing, researching and then integrating the information you gathered. We appreciate the time you took to listen to our ideas and concerns so that you could understand our organization. Your final report and presentation reflected the prodigious amount of work and thought you put into the project and will serve as a starting point for us as we chart our future direction and explore ways to ensure that our programs and services remain relevant and useful to those impacted by Asperger Syndrome.

Once more, we greatly appreciate the work and time you spent on our project. We feel fortunate to have had the chance to get to know many of you personally. We are thankful to have been one of your initial projects and know that, as you continue your "CBS Gives Back" work, you will have a major impact on the non-profit organizations with whom you consult. It was a pleasure working with all of you.

Most sincerely,

  
Dania Jekel

Executive Director

Nancy Schwartz

  
Chair, Board of Directors