

Please Join Us: October 26, 2016 @ 7 p.m. EDT

AAC Family Voices

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**Presenters: Richard Ellenson and Thomas Ellenson
Godfrey and Sweta Nazareth**
Facilitator: Sarah Blackstone, PhD, CCC-SLP

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Seminar Highlights: How does AAC impact the family? Join us for this important USSAAC webinar! You'll meet the Ellenson's, a dad and his teen-age son Thomas and learn about his family's ongoing journey and experiences with AAC approaches. You'll also meet the Nazareth's. Godfrey has an acquired disability and you'll hear from him and his wife about their journey and experiences with AAC approaches. This webinar features those who represent our most important voices. There will be plenty of time for discussion, questions and answers.

Bio Sketches:

Richard Ellenson brings enormous vision and energy to his position as CEO of the Cerebral Palsy Foundation. In his first two years, he has greatly expanded CPF's range of work as well as its profile. He has spearheaded a multisite initiative to transform basic healthcare for women with disabilities, created a partnership with the NYC School System to build innovative frameworks for inclusion, collaborated with Microsoft to enhance access to gaming for people with disabilities, and is teaming with many of the country's top institutions to develop CPF's Virtual CP Center.

Richard is the father of a 19-year-old son who has Cerebral Palsy. He has worked tirelessly to create awareness about people with disabilities and to share stories about their spirited and resilient lives. He and his son have been featured as ABC World News People of the Year, in a New York Times Sunday Magazine cover story, and as a feature segment on ESPN's E: 60.

Richard has been honored with the Visionary Leadership Award from Resources for Children with Special Needs, as Caregiver of the Year by United Cerebral Palsy of NYC, and by many other organizations within the world of disabilities.

Godfrey Nazareth M.S. is an entrepreneur & speaker, and by training both a Biomedical Engineer and Research Scientist. He currently serves as NTP Research Fellow in Anesthesiology and Critical Care Medicine at the Children's Hospital of Philadelphia (CHOP), amongst other projects he has been working on development of next-gen surgical visualization systems, and advanced medical simulation technologies for pediatrics.

Godfrey has over 12 years of experience in biomedical product development; pharmaceutical formulation and novel sterilization technologies, and design, development & commercialization of a wide variety of medical devices and combination products.

In addition to his appointment with CHOP, Godfrey has ongoing projects and affiliations with multiple organizations, institutes and universities including: Drexel University; University of Pennsylvania; Philadelphia Pediatric Medical Device Consortium; National University of Ireland, Galway; Penn State University, Rehabilitation Engineering and Research Center on Augmentative and Alternative Communication; Temple University, Pennsylvania Initiative on Assistive Technology; American Heart Association etc.

Disclosures:

R Ellenson:	Financial- CEO of the Cerebral Palsy Foundation and, as such, receive a salary. Owner Panther Technology, which creates apps for a variety of purposes - including Total Talk, which is a Speech Generating App Nonfinancial-none	G Nazareth:	Financial- none, Nonfinancial-none
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Objectives

Participants will be able to:

- List two ways an acquired communication disability affects the family dynamic.
- List two ways having a child with complex communication needs affects the family dynamic.
- Describe one “lesson learned” that will influence the participants’ intervention practices, and how those practices may be changed.

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Time Ordered Agenda

5 minutes	Intros, Overview, Announcements
10 minutes	Richard: Journey with Thomas- Raising a child with CCN
5 minutes	Thomas: Getting a word in edgewise- My view on being an AAC user and its impact on the family
10 minutes	Godfrey: Journey to disability and discovery of AAC; Being a father and husband who doesn't speak
5 minutes	Sweta: My perspective on AAC's impact on a family
10 minutes	Lessons Learned: Panel discussion- All: Advice to stakeholders
15 minutes	Q & A

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