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TMP ARCHITECTURE “LIGHTS IT UP BLUE” FOR WORLD AUTISM AWARENESS DAY

Bloomfield Hills, Mich., April 3, 2012 — TMP Architecture was among the many businesses and buildings commemorating World Autism Awareness Day yesterday, April 2, 2012. A portion of TMP employees' families are touched by autism spectrum disorders, and TMP's focus on creating educational environments also provides a sensitivity to the needs of autistic students.

Autism Speaks, the world's largest autism science and advocacy organization, launched its inaugural *Light It Up Blue* campaign in 2009. Prominent buildings across North America and the world — including the Empire State Building and the Sydney Opera House — turned their lights blue on April 2, 2012 to raise awareness for autism.

Charles Zwierzchowski, TMP employee since 1988, remarks, "I'm so pleased that TMP is doing its part to raise awareness about autism spectrum disorders. TMP's visible location and our involvement in the K-12 education environment makes the firm's 'Light it Up Blue' effort even more important. Our office definitely isn't the Sydney Opera House or the Empire State Building, but our location at a prominent Bloomfield Hills intersection gives our firm the opportunity to help raise awareness locally."

TMP volunteers have seen firsthand the effects of autism spectrum disorders on both children and their families with the firm's involvement in the *Miracle League of Michigan*, an organization that gives children with physical or mental disabilities a chance to play baseball.

TMP Architecture has offices in Bloomfield Hills and Portage, Michigan, producing a variety of projects for K-12 educational, college / university and municipal clients. The firm's projects include two new LEED Silver Certified high schools in Michigan, a LEED Gold Certified school in Jenks, Oklahoma, and the new University of Michigan Basketball Player Development Center in Ann Arbor. Some of the firm's current work includes various projects for Oakland Community College, West Bloomfield School District and the University of Alabama.