

## **New iPrompts Feature Puts Billions of Images at the Fingertips of Caregivers**

*iPrompts® v1.2, now available on the iTunes App Store, empowers parents and professionals of those with Autism and other special needs to customize and present visual prompts anywhere, anytime – and with almost any desired picture*

Shelton, Conn. | June 6, 2010 – HandHold Adaptive®, LLC, a developer of handheld software for those with special needs and their caregivers, has released iPrompts version 1.2, which allows users to vastly expand the software’s image library by integrating images from the Internet.

iPrompts, an “app” used by thousands of caregivers on the iPhone, iPod Touch and iPad, includes a variety of picture-based prompting tools, such as visual schedules and countdown timers. Through iPrompts, parents and professionals provide structure in a convenient, flexible manner, helping those with special needs transition to new activities, make choices, and focus on the task at hand.

Today’s release incorporates powerful new functionality, allowing users to search the Web for images, and save any desired results directly into the app. The app’s “starter” library of several hundred, high-quality digital pictures and illustrations can now be expanded from a variety of sources, including digital pictures transferred by users from personal computers, pictures taken from the iPhone’s camera, and the billions images freely available on the Internet.

Version 1.2 is available as a free update to all existing iPrompts users. For new users, the software application costs \$49.99, and can be purchased through Apple’s online App Store, or directly from HandHold Adaptive as part of a bundle including additional hardware. A base of 10 percent of all iPrompts sales are contributed to Autism Speaks™, the nation’s leading autism advocacy and research organization.

“Integrating images from the Web really turbo-charges our content library,” said Daniel Tedesco, Founder and CEO of HandHold Adaptive. “This is another giant step forward in the revolution of picture-based communications. Caregivers can now create visual prompts using almost any picture they can think of. All it takes is an Internet connection and a few seconds. Creating step-by-step instructions using pictures, or presenting choices between any images – the possibilities are endless, and it’s all in the palm of your hand.”

To access the feature, users simply enter keywords into the “Search” field shown at the top of the Library screen. So long as a WiFi or 3G connection is available at the time of the search, the results screen will include both locally-saved images and top results from the Internet, which can then be saved into the “my pictures” folder. Web searching may be turned off by accessing the main “Settings” icon of the iPhone, iPod Touch, or iPad.



As a methodology, picture-based communications are often used by caregivers of those with language, cognitive, and attention deficits, including people with autism spectrum disorders and other special needs. iPrompts brings these methods into the “wireless revolution,” building upon the popularity and superior usability of Apple’s iPhone, iPod Touch, and iPad. The application is especially helpful in reducing the frustrations of everyday life when traveling or “on the go” with those impacted by autism.

“I whipped up a schedule on my iPod, and off we went to the store. In the past, I would have attempted the trip without the visuals, but now there will be no excuses,” said Diana Alves, an iPrompts user and parent of two children with autism. “It was so successful. I can’t tell you how that feels.”

More information about iPrompts, including screenshots, testimonials, and a video tutorial, can be found by visiting [www.iprompts.com](http://www.iprompts.com).

About HandHold Adaptive, LLC:

Founded by the family of a boy with autism, HandHold Adaptive, LLC is a Connecticut-based software development firm that researches, tests and deploys assistive technologies to support those with special needs and their caregivers. HandHold Adaptive believes the “differently enabled” shouldn’t be left out of the wireless revolution, and is committed to adapting mass market handheld devices to make life easier for those with developmental challenges.

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