Autism Warrior Event – June 8, 2019
Sponsorship Opportunities

Event to benefit:

AUTISM SOCIETY
Improving the Lives of All Affected by Autism
Mahoning Valley

Saturday, June 8, 2019
Canfield Fairgrounds, Canfield, OH

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Dear Community Member,

I am writing to invite you to be part of our annual autism community event, which has grown in past years to allow us to move to our new event location, the Canfield Fairgrounds. On **June 8, 2019,** the Autism Society of Mahoning Valley will be hosting an Autism Warrior Event to bring together the Mahoning Valley and beyond for a first-time event featuring a Ninja Warrior Course, People-Powered Tractor Pull, as well as our annual 5K and 1 Mile Community Walk, previously known as the **Valley Autism 5K & Walk** and the largest special needs resource fair in the Valley.

The U.S. Centers for Disease Control revised its statistics in 2018 on the occurrence of autism in America to state that **one in 59** children are affected by autism. From the newly diagnosed child to the school aged children to the severely disabled autistic adult. These are all our families and they need our help.

The **Mahoning Valley** chapter of the Autism Society of America was founded by local families in 1989 to support families in Mahoning, Trumbull and Columbiana counties. Its mission is to improve the quality of life for families living with an ASD diagnosis, and to bring about opportunities for individuals working through life with this disability. ***Our 100% volunteer organization*** is dedicated to accomplishing this through information and referral, family support, advocacy, raising awareness and resource development.

What do we really do? Here's a typical call: A mother is driving home having just received the news that her 3-year-old was diagnosed as being on the Autism Spectrum. She is scared and sad. She doesn't know what this means short term or long term. Where to send them to school? What early intervention therapies does he need? How do I get funding for therapies and other services? Are there other mothers I can talk to about this? What do I do RIGHT NOW?

This is where the Autism Society shines. In our role as the autism "bridge organization" we are uniquely driven to work with all of the schools, therapy centers, community organizations and government agencies to bring together the necessary resources for families. In addition to direct calls for information and referral, we host educational and social programs to help the many facets of ASD and the issues faced by children, adults and their caregivers. These include:

- Autism family social events, like our **Autism Family Swim & Monthly Community Outing Programs**
- Seasonal events like **Special Santa**, **Special Bunny** and **Family Portrait** photo sessions;
- Mini grant programs, like our Holiday Mini Grants and Teacher Mini Grants
- Collaborative programs like our Sensory Friendly event at the Oh WOW! Children's Museum
- Resource programs like our **Special Needs Resource Fair**; and **educational workshops**
- **Camp F.R.I.E.N.D**, our summer day camp, known for welcoming neurotypical peers and creating community immersion for participants.

***This is why we need your support*. What can you do?** Quality programming like this can cost upward of $75,000/year. Please consider becoming part of the individual and corporate underwriters that make these programs happen. We offer several levels of support, and we hope that you will consider supporting our efforts at one of these levels. The details are attached. If you'd like to contribute, but in a way not listed, please let us know. **Any funds raised by this event stay local and support our families.**

I would be delighted to speak with you and answer any questions you might have. Please call 330-333-9609 or email me at walk@autismmv.org. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,
Robin Suzelis, Board President
Autism Society of Mahoning Valley

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Sponsorship Levels

Title Sponsor (annual sponsor, 1 available) **$5,000** - SOLD!

- Company logo prominently displayed on ASMV website for the partnership year
- Listed as Autism Warrior Title Sponsor on TV ads
- Option to be present and distribute company information at any event
- Company name/logo part of all advertising, promotional materials for each event
- Company mention in all media communications
- Company name/logo on each event website
- Ongoing announcements on all social media (Facebook, Twitter, etc.)
- Company name/logo prominently on any event gear (t-shirts etc.)
- Right of first refusal for this level next year
- Corporate banner prominently displayed at each event (company provides)
- Corporate name prominently listed above the event brand in all references
- A double (up to 9 x 30) tent space to distribute materials
- Company name/logo on 3' x 4' banner above the grand stand
- Website sponsor page linked to corporate website
- Company logo acknowledgement on event t-shirts
- Company branded goodie bag insert welcomed for all 2019 events (company provides)
- Invitations to Appreciation Event and appreciation gift
- Twenty 5K team member registrations with t-shirts and Four Ninja Warrior Obstacle Course registrations

Thank you to our Title Sponsors!

Gold Event Sponsor (For Event Only) **$2,500**

- Sponsor an Autism Warrior event, limited opportunities – Ninja Obstacle Course, People-Powered Tractor Pull, Valley Autism 5K or Special Needs Resource Fair
- Corporate banner prominently displayed at event (company provides)
- Company name on 3' x 4' banner above the grand stand
- A single tent space (up to 10' x 10') to distribute materials (company provides)
- Company logo on the event website
- Company logo on event t-shirt and all onsite materials
- Company logo on goodie bag and branded goodie bag insert welcomed (company provides)
- Sponsor recognition gift & invitation to Appreciation Event
- Ten 5K team member registrations with t-shirts and Two Ninja Warrior Obstacle Course registrations

Silver Event Sponsor (For Event Only) **$1,000**

- A single tent space (up to 10' x 10') to distribute materials (company provides)
- Company logo on the event website
- Company name listed on event t-shirt and all onsite materials
- Company branded goodie bag insert welcomed (company provides)
- Sponsor recognition gift & invitation to Appreciation Event held
- Five 5K team member registrations with t-shirts and One Ninja Warrior Obstacle Course registration

Bronze Event Sponsor (For Event Only) **$500**

- Opportunity to distribute materials on the common table in promotional tent
- Company name listed on the event website
- Company name listed on sponsor display sign near entrance
- Company branded goodie bag insert welcomed (company provides)
- Two 5K team member registrations with t-shirts
- *Set-up own 8' table in resource fair building for an additional $100 sponsorship.*

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Sponsorship Level:	Title (one available)	Gold	Silver	Bronze
(Please Circle):	$5,000	$2,500	$1,000	$500

Sponsor: _____

Contact: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ E-Mail: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Please make checks payable to: Autism Society of Mahoning Valley

The Autism Society of Mahoning Valley is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization.

Please mail all checks and forms to:

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Or email form to: walk@autismmv.org if need to wait for corporate check.

Event Chair – Robin Suzelis
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