



#DoubleDownForAutismVirtual FAQ

Saturday, October 17 Double Down Program

- 5:00 pm **Virtual Happy Hour:** Enjoy our signature cocktail...from your couch!
Double Down live program will start soon!
- Download the Handbid and Bingo app (details will be sent to ticket holders) to play, buy raffle tickets, and bid on auction items
- 6:00 pm **Live streamed program!** Welcome to ASGA Virtual Double Down
- Individuals and families want to thank you for your support! Tune in to hear from them.
- 6:00 – 9:00 pm Online Bingo, 50/50, Raffles, Silent Auction continues
- 9:00 pm Handbid closes

** Prizes and items purchased and won can be picked up at ASGA's offices on Saturday, October 24, between 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. at 580 Grant Street, Akron, 44311. If needed, we can also make special arrangements if that doesn't work.*

What is Double Down for Autism? Double Down for Autism is the Autism Society of Greater Akron's Casino Night. This year is our fourth year holding this popular event. Due to COVID-19, we decided to go virtual.

When you say virtual, what do you mean? You can participate from the comfort of your own home! You'll be sent a "Party Pack" and the rest happens in Handbid, our online silent auction site. We'll also invite you to a brief program all about how your participation makes a difference in our community. We'll be connected...without being together!

What if I have been invited to a "House Party?" Board members and staff are hosting intimate "House Parties." House Party guests enjoy the same things as ticket holders. Please register on Handbid if you are attending a House Party to receive notifications, be able to bid on silent auction items, and to enter raffles.

When does everything start? October 5! #DoubleDown2020 silent auction, 50/50, and raffles open. We'll end with our live program on October 17.

What apps do I need? Download Handbid for the silent auction and for ticket holders, download Bingo Maker and join the ASGA game. More info coming soon.

How do I purchase a ticket? [PURCHASE A TICKET RIGHT HERE!](#) Tickets are \$25 and can be purchased on Handbid. Buy yours by Oct. 4 to be entered into the Early Bird Raffle for a chance to win a \$75 gift card to TGI Fridays (redeemable at Stow location only).

What do ticket holders receive?

- One entry into raffle to win \$500 exclusive to ticket holders (winner picked 10/17).
- Access to Bingo games (win prizes!)
- Invited to online program
- Party Pack that includes:
 - Officially branded deck of standard playing cards
 - Autism Awareness pin
 - ASGA Magnet
 - Early access to Silent Auction items
 - Access to evening program

What is the virtual program? We have an evening of fun all planned! You'll receive additional instructions prior to event, including how make the signature cocktail.

Where does the money go? Autism doesn't stop because of the pandemic and neither does ASGA! We need your support more than ever as we've launched new programs and services to meet the autism community's needs now! Here are a few...

- We have already spent our initial budgeted dollars for our "[Take-A-Break on ASGA](#)" program, exceeding upwards of \$20,000. We hope to continue this program for area families who need respite and food support.
- Our new [Social Club for Adults](#) with autism is going strong! The laughing and sharing warms our heart! This group is full and we would like to offer another group, but need resources.
- We're launching a teens and middle-school social skills group, professionally facilitated, and want to keep the cost affordable to families. This is a huge need!
- Area "chats" are sprouting up all over our service territory, including one for [grandparents](#)!
- [Webinars](#) continue to replace our educational workshops and we have found that even more parents and professionals can participate because they are virtual! That's great news as we help families/guardians make more informed decisions.
- Our [trainings](#) are also kicking back up as we are asked by community professionals to help them learn about supporting and engaging people with autism in the community.

GOT QUESTIONS? Please email ASGA at info@autismakron.org or call 330.940.1441.

ASGA is going strong!

Thank you for making it possible with your participation in Double Down for Autism!