

“SHARE OUR SIMILARITIES, CELEBRATE OUR DIFFERENCES.”

— M. Scott Peck

Come **#CELEBRATE DIFFERENCES** with us.



Share



Act

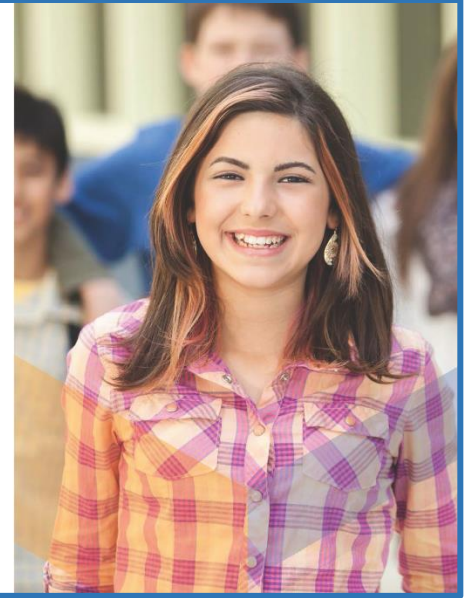


Learn



Give

www.autismakron.org/differences



NATIONAL AUTISM AWARENESS MONTH

Share Our Similarities, Celebrate Our Differences.





“We see things differently” is the theme of this year’s celebration of *April, National Autism Awareness Month*, being celebrated across America by the Autism Society of America and its affiliates. That means, of course, that the Autism Society of Greater Akron is all in!

SO WHAT ARE WE GOING TO DO?

Our April calls to action – Share, Act, Learn and Give, will be wrapped up into our stories that we’ll share with you. Called “A day in the life of the Autism Society of Greater Akron,” we hope you’ll learn more about what we do to support our community and how you can get involved.

So be sure to LIKE our Facebook page, follow us on Twitter, sign up for newsletter, etc., so you can be a part of our April campaign goals! We’re also launching our Spring Membership initiative, where we hope you will consider joining ASGA as a member that demonstrates your annual support.

AND WHAT CAN I DO, YOU ASK?

 Share	<p>Share your stories with us about life with autism. Perhaps you teach a child with autism, drive someone with autism to work or school, provide speech or occupational therapy, or are a parent, grandparent, or sibling. Will you share your story with us, your social media, or other networks?</p>
 Act	<p>Act to bring more awareness and understanding to autism. Sign up for ASGA’s News & Happenings for volunteer opportunities, to be a part of our advocacy work, or to participate in our programs.</p>
 Learn	<p>Learn more about autism. Here are just a few tips to consider...</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Those 1:59 children with autism will grow up to be adults with autism • Seven out of 10 adults with autism are unemployed • More than half still live with their parents after the age of 25 • Services and supports for adults with autism are highly dependent on underpaid, undertrained, and underprepared direct care staff. • Adults with autism able to continue their academic goals, lack prepared post-secondary opportunities. <p>We all must be active in ensuring the voices of the autism community are heard throughout the local, state and national network of support systems.</p>
 Give	<p>Give to support ASGA and our work in the community. Become a member, donate, or give your time. You are working and contributing to your own community where it can make the most impact!</p>

So join us in celebrating the month of April! It’s our month, so let’s do it right! #CelebrateDifferences

GIVE TO THE CAUSE FOR AUTISM AWARENESS

Month of April	BUY a Puzzle Piece Cookie at The West Side Bakery • Both Locations ~ Akron & Green
April 2	VISIT The District Boutique • Donating 20% of Sales • 3875 Massilon Rd, Ste 130, Uniontown
April 2	GET Your T-Shirt from North Lawrence Fire Department online at https://bit.ly/2HM3yDG
April 6	WATCH Screevo's Video Gaming Marathon to Benefit Autism at http://bit.ly/2TINlqV
April 19 & 20	PURCHASES at Barnes & Noble In-Store and Online Benefit ASGA & Team BeeBoat
April 27	SHOP at Team Andrew's Heroes 4th Annual Shopping Fundraiser at http://bit.ly/2Jxmvwm
June 15	Step Into Autism (Formerly Autism 5k Run & Walk) • Firestone Stadium This is ASGA's signature FUNdraiser to support individuals and families living with autism in our community. Make your team today @ AutismAkron.org/StepIntoAutism .

INCLUSIVE EVENTS

April 7 8:00–11:00 am	Caring Bunny • Summit Mall • 3265 W Market Street, Fairlawn Calm environment with planned activities and visit with Easter Bunny. Details @ AutismAkron.org/Bunny .
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SKILL ENHANCEMENT

July 8 - 12	iCan Bike Camp • Copley High School Auxillary Gym • 3807 Ridgewood Road Copley 5-day camp teaching individuals age 8 and older of all different abilities how to ride a bicycle independently! Details about camp times, cost and video to watch @ AutismAkron.org/Bike .
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SUPPORT

April	Coffee, Tea, & Autism Support Groups Held Monthly Medina ▪ 1 st Saturday, April 6 @ 10:30am ▪ Spokes Café II, 5741 River Styx Road, Medina Stow/Kent ▪ 1 st & 3 rd Friday, Apr 5 & Apr 19 @ 7:00pm ▪ Panera, 4338 Kent Road, Stow Ravenna ▪ 4 th Tuesday, April 23 @ 10:00am ▪ Reed Memorial Library, 167 E. Main St., Ravenna
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VOLUNTEER

June 15	iCan Bike Camp • Copley High School Auxillary Gym • 3807 Ridgewood Road Copley 80 volunteers needed to serve as spotters. Must be age 15 or older. Details at AutismAkron.org/Volunteer .
July 8 – 12	Step Into Autism (Formerly Autism 5k Run & Walk) • Firestone Stadium 50 Volunteers needed for a variety of positions. Details @ AutismAkron.org/Volunteer .

WORKSHOP

April 9 6:30 pm – 8:30 pm	Portage County Area Transition Booster Series • Medicaid Eligibility, Application & Appeals Reed Memorial Library • 167 E. Main Street, Ravenna Hear John Ballard & Tami Gaugler of Tri-County Independent Living Center discuss the Medicaid eligibility, application, and appeals process. Register @ https://tinyurl.com/yd6vxb22 .
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