



AUTISM SOCIETY OF GREATER AKRON'S



FEATURING A TOAST TO EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR LAURIE CRAMER

SPONSORSHIP AND EVENT INFORMATION

**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 2024
ST. GEORGE FAMILY CENTER
3204 RIDGEWOOD ROAD, FAIRLAWN, OH 44333
DOORS OPEN AT 5:30 PM**



AutismAkron.org | 330.940.1441 EXT. 8



A Message From Executive Director Laurie Cramer



In 1965, Dr. Ruth Sullivan was the first elected President of the Board of the Autism Society of America (ASA). As an original founder of ASA, she was also one of the main advocates who worked to pass federal legislation allowing children with disabilities to attend public schools. I will never forget hearing Dr. Sullivan speak to a group of parents of children with Autism at an ASA conference. She told us to “never give up and never give in” and showed this picture.

She told us to pick up the baton and to keep advocating for our children – and other children – who live with Autism. As I sat with tears in my eyes listening to this amazing mom and advocate, I knew why I left my career in public relations to pick up that baton, becoming the first Executive Director of the Autism Society of Greater Akron (ASGA).

It is time for me to pass that baton to the next Executive Director – and advocate – as I step down at the end of this year.

Please join me to celebrate the next chapter of the Autism Society of Greater Akron.

As you consider your priorities and how you can positively impact our community, I hope you will help ASGA continue to be the organization that advocates for understanding, hope, and a connection for people living with Autism and other developmental disabilities and their families.

Thank you for an amazing journey. I invite you to support our future and celebrate our legacy over the last 13 years by joining us as a sponsor and attendee at our Fall Gala.

You are the connection.™



Laurie Cramer
2005-2009 Volunteer / Board Member
2009-2011 Chairman, ASGA Board
2011-2024 Executive Director

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Greater Akron



OUR SUPPORT AND COMMUNITY IMPACT

Over the past few years, ASGA has experienced unprecedented growth in almost every aspect of what we do, making connections for more than 33,000 individuals and families with the resources, support, and education they needed to live better lives.

HERE ARE SOME HIGHLIGHTS:



Quadrupled participation in Social Clubs and Adapted Community Events.



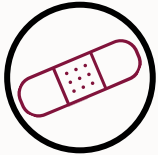
Awarded first Federal grant from the Department of Justice to train Police Officers about Autism, wandering and elopement.



Ensured missing Autistic adults can be searched for utilizing Ohio's Missing Alert System - a result of ASGA's advocacy.



Doubled HelpLine calls led to connecting individuals with Autism and their families to more resources and services.



Achieved greater health equity for the Autism community by participating in a national Aging and Disability Vaccination Collaborative grant.



Achieved a new milestone with our Water Safety Program, delivering nearly 4,000 lessons since 2017.



Expanded iCan Bike Camp to also include Stark County.



Printed 3rd Edition of Newly Diagnosed Guide for Children and 1st Edition Newly Diagnosed Guide for Adults

YOUR sponsorship will mean even more programs, services, connections and milestones for the Autism Community in 2025.



OUR WORK

Your local Autism connection.

The Autism Society of Greater Akron (ASGA) is an affiliate of the Autism Society of America (ASA), the largest and oldest grassroots Autism organization in the country. ASGA supports the Northeast Ohio Autism community through one-on-one support, inclusive programs and events, educational webinars, advocacy, community training, and skill enhancement opportunities. ASGA is an affiliate of the Autism Society of America. It was founded in 1987 by parent volunteers of children with Autism.

Our Mission

We create connections, empowering everyone in the Autism community with the resources needed to live fully.

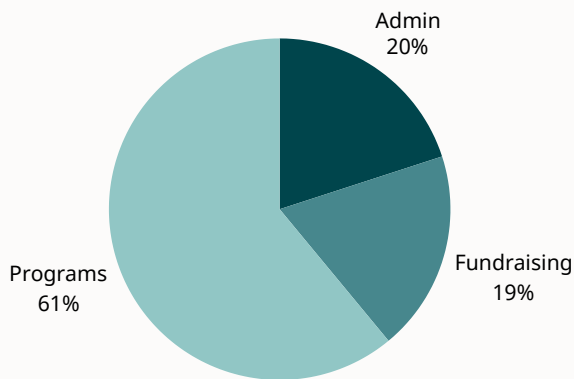
Our Vision

Creating a world where everyone in the Autism community is connected to the support they need, when they need it.

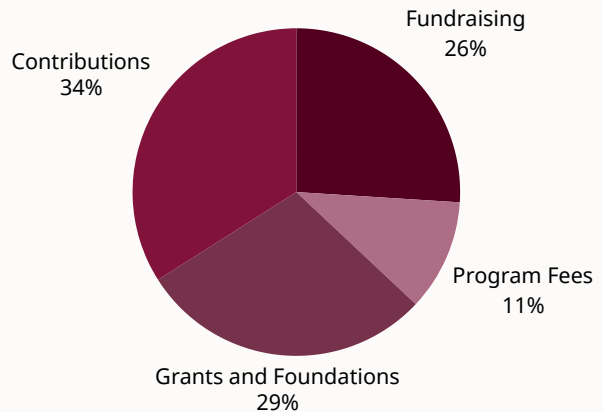
OUR FUNDING

ASGA is not a direct service provider that receives reimbursement through Medicaid or Health Insurance. We depend on the support of the communities we serve, including individual donors, foundations, grants, and corporate sponsorships to provide free, or greatly reduced programs and services to our community. All money donated stays local.

WHERE YOUR MOENY GOES



REVENUE SOURCES



Please consider supporting this needed work. Your contribution allows us to continue to provide programs and services at little or no cost to the recipients. Please join us and sponsor today.

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Sponsorship Opportunities

Saturday, November 9, 2024 | Doors Open at 5:30 PM

St. George Family Center | 3204 Ridgewood Road, Fairlawn, OH 44333

Title \$25,000

Exclusive Sponsorship - 1 Available

- Honored with premium seating for up to 18 guests
- 3 drink tickets per guest
- Invitation to VIP Reception for 4 guests
- Recognized on event marketing as Title Sponsor
- Recognized from podium with opportunity to speak
- Logo featured on all social media posts
- Name and logo featured on Photo Booth
- Full page event program ad
- Logo on ASGA website for 12 months
- Premium recognition on event signage, press release, invitation, event website, and promotional materials

Premier \$15,000

Exclusive Sponsorship - 1 Available

- Honored with preferred seating for 9 guests
- 3 drink tickets per guest
- Invitation to VIP Reception for 2 guests
- Logo on event marketing
- Logo recognition on event signage
- Recognized from event podium
- Logo featured on social media posts
- 1/2 page event program ad
- Logo on ASGA website for 12 months

Bronze \$10,000

- Honored with reserved seating for 8 guests
- 2 drink tickets per guest
- Invitation to VIP Reception for 2 guests
- Logo on event marketing
- Logo recognition on event signage
- Recognized from event podium
- Logo featured on social media posts
- 1/4 page event program ad
- Logo on ASGA website for 6 months

Ruby \$8,500

- Reserved seating for 8 guests
- 2 drink tickets per guest
- Invitation to VIP Reception for 2 guests
- Logo on event marketing
- Logo recognition on event signage
- Logo featured on social media posts
- 1/4 page event program ad
- Logo on ASGA website for 6 months

Garnet \$7,500

- 6 Guest tickets
- 2 drink tickets per guest
- Invitation to VIP Reception for 2 guests
- Logo on event marketing
- Logo recognition on event signage
- 1/4 page event program ad
- Logo on ASGA website for 3 months

Diamond \$5,000

- 5 Guest tickets
- 2 drink tickets per guest
- Invitation to VIP Reception for 2 guests
- Logo on social media posts
- 1/8 page event program ad

Gold \$2,500

- 5 Guest tickets
- 1 drink ticket per guest
- Invitation to VIP Reception for 2 guests
- 3 Social media posts
- 1/8 page event program ad

Silver \$1,000

- 4 Guest tickets
- 1 drink ticket per guest
- Invitation to VIP Reception for 2 guests
- 2 Social media posts
- Listed in event program

Partner \$500

- 2 Guest tickets
- 1 drink ticket per guest
- 1 Social media post
- Listed in event program

Friends of ASGA \$500

Recognized at the event and in the event program as a supporter of ASGA.

To sponsor contact **Kamelia Fisher**
Kamelia@AutismAkron.org
330-940-1441 EXT. 8

Ask about other opportunities with unique benefits

***Event marketing includes print, event program, digital newsletter, event signage, social media and event website.**

****Sponsorship must be confirmed by October 4, 2024 to be included in event program.**



Make a Donation

I cannot attend, but please accept this donation in support of ASGA and individuals living with Autism.

AMOUNT: _____

Name / Company Name: _____

Recognition Name: _____

Contact: _____

Title: _____

Street Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____ Date: _____

Please remit this form with your donation.

Payment by Check is Preferred

Make checks payable to: Autism Society of Greater Akron

Mail to: 580 Grant Street, Akron, OH 44311

Online Payments and Questions

Please contact Kamelia Fisher, Senior Director of Development and Engagement at Kamelia@AutismAkron.org OR 330-940-1441 EXT. 8.

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Thank you for your support.

Autism Society of Greater Akron is an IRS 501 (c) (3) nonprofit organization and your gift is tax-deductible to the extent allowed by law. Consult your tax professional for details.



AUTISM SOCIETY OF GREATER AKRON 2024 FALL GALA SPONSORSHIP FORM

Sponsor Information

Name / Company Name:

Public Recognition Name:

Contact Person:

Title:

Email Address:

Street Address:

City: Zip:

Phone:

Today's Date:

Type of Sponsorship

Choose Your Sponsorship Level:

Title <i>1 Available</i> <input type="checkbox"/> \$25,000	Premier <i>1 Available</i> <input type="checkbox"/> \$15,000	Bronze <i>1 Available</i> <input type="checkbox"/> \$10,000	Ruby <i>1 Available</i> <input type="checkbox"/> \$8,500	Garnet <i>2 Available</i> <input type="checkbox"/> \$7,500	Diamond <i>3 Available</i> <input type="checkbox"/> \$5,000
Gold* <input type="checkbox"/> \$2,500	Silver* <input type="checkbox"/> \$1,000	Partner* <input type="checkbox"/> \$500	Friends of ASGA <input type="checkbox"/> \$500		

****Limited Availability***

Description of Organization (For Marketing Purposes)

Important Deadline: High resolution logos due by October 4, 2024. Email to Kamelia@AutismAkron.org.

Payment: Checks preferred but if you would like to pay online, please visit AutismAkron.org/Donate. We ask that you pay the credit card fee. Checks made payable to Autism Society of Greater Akron can be mailed with this form to:

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