



AUTISM  
PENSACOLA



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February 12, 2023

Dear Friends of Autism Pensacola,

Eleven years ago, we found ourselves entering the world of autism at what we thought would be a routine, eighteen month well child visit. When reviewing Preston's milestones, the one that threw up the red flags with the pediatrician was whether he used his index finger to point at a desired object. This, coupled with a lack of language, set in motion a series of events that would forever change our lives. It often seems like yesterday we started this journey, and it can be hard to believe we will have a teenager in May.

One of the first connections we made was with Autism Pensacola. This connection helped link us with various providers, therapists, play groups, and most importantly friends, friends that would become family. Facing an autism diagnosis can leave a family feeling alone, scared, and helpless among other things. Our family is grateful for the support that we have received from Autism Pensacola over the years. In fact, we're so grateful that we are hosting the 2023 Autism Pensacola Connecting the Pieces Gala on Thursday, April 27, 2023, at Sanders Beach. Our theme for this year's gala is "All the Colors of the Spectrum" as we celebrate the beauty found within all individuals on the spectrum.

Autism Pensacola plays a critical role in helping families in the greater Gulf Coast area when receiving an initial diagnosis and continuing to be there throughout their lives. The organization has a variety of programs, from support groups to adult cooking classes to our summer program, Kids for Camp. As we move towards autism acceptance, it has never been more important than it is now to support the mission of Autism Pensacola and provide support and acceptance within our community. Our families want nothing more than to be accepted wherever we go, whether it be the grocery store, out to dinner, a sporting event, or spending time on our beautiful beaches.

As Chairman of the Board and Preston's mom, I thank you for your consideration in supporting Autism Pensacola. Sponsorship details are enclosed, and you will soon be hearing from fellow board members as we follow up. Remember – ALL money raised from the Connecting the Pieces gala goes directly to support the programs that address the needs of OUR LOCAL families living with autism. Jay and I look forward to celebrating with you on April 27 at Sanders Beach.

If you have any questions or would like to help, please call the Autism Pensacola office at 850-434-7171 or email [gala@autismpensacola.org](mailto:gala@autismpensacola.org).

Warm Regards,

*Jay and Kat Lea*

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**2023**

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APRIL 27, 2023  
SANDERS BEACH COMMUNITY CENTER  
PENSACOLA, FLORIDA

## CONNECTING THE PIECES GALA SPONSORSHIP LEVELS

### **Platinum Sponsor \$10,000 (2 available)**

1 table for 8 with Premium Seating at the Connecting the Pieces Gala Dinner and Auction  
Top tier recognition in promotional ads for all major API fundraisers  
Full-page ad in gala program  
Top tier recognition on event slideshow, all social media and website

### **Gold Sponsor \$5,000 (12 available)**

1 table for 8 with Premium Seating at the Connecting the Pieces Gala Dinner and Auction  
Second tier recognition in promotional ads  
Full-page ad in gala program  
Second tier recognition on event slide show, all social media and website

### **Silver Sponsor \$3,000**

1 table for 8 at the Connecting the Pieces Gala Dinner and Auction  
Third tier recognition in promotional ads  
Half-page ad in gala program  
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### **Centerpiece Sponsor \$3,000 (exclusive)**

2 tickets to Connecting the Pieces Gala Dinner and Auction  
Signage on all guest tables  
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### **Cocktail or Dessert Sponsor \$2,500 (1 each available)**

2 tickets to the Connecting the Pieces Gala Dinner and Auction  
Signage on designated table  
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### **Bronze Sponsor \$1,500**

4 tickets at a reserved table at the Connecting the Pieces Gala Dinner and Auction  
Half-page ad in gala program  
Third tier recognition on event slideshow, social media and website

### **Table Sponsor \$1,600**

1 reserved table for 8 at the Connecting the Pieces Gala Dinner and Auction

### **Paddle Pledge Sponsor \$500**

1 Paddle Pledge sends 1 child to Kids for Camp for one week.

\*Commitment forms, ads, and logos must be submitted to [Gala@AutismPensacola.org](mailto:Gala@AutismPensacola.org) no later than **Monday, March 27, 2023** to ensure full acknowledgment in print materials.



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## CONNECTING THE PIECES GALA SPONSORSHIP COMMITMENT FORM

I wish to sponsor the Connecting the Pieces Gala at the level indicated below:

- PLATINUM ~ \$10,000
- GOLD ~ \$5,000
- SILVER ~ \$3,000
- CENTERPIECE ~ \$3,000
- COCKTAIL OR DESSERT ~ \$2,500
- BRONZE ~ \$1,500
- TABLE ~ \$1,600
- PADDLE PLEDGE ~ \$500

Sponsor/Business Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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- Mail check payable to Autism Pensacola
- Pay online at [www.autismpensacola.org](http://www.autismpensacola.org)
- Send invoice to this address:

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### FOR MORE INFORMATION:

Autism Pensacola Connecting the Pieces Gala  
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\*Payment installments may be arranged for your sponsorship.

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