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Dear Friends and Family of Autism Pensacola,

Please join us for our **Connecting the Pieces Gala Live and Silent Auction on Thursday, May 2, 2024, at Sanders Beach-Corrine Jones Community Center** for an evening filled with libations, silent and live auctions, paddle pledges, and an array of delectable cuisine.

Looking back on the past two decades, it is encouraging to know that 20 years ago, Sharon and Logan Fink orchestrated the Inaugural Connecting the Pieces Gala at Tiger Point Country Club, and raised a commendable \$3,000 from an attendance of only 50 people. Since that modest beginning, the event has raised over **\$2 Million** to support our mission.

Initially intended to fund the annual Kids for Camp, the Gala's fundraising has expanded to benefit other programs as well, such as Sensory Street, Project Lifesaver, and the Holiday Gift Card Assistance Program.

Kids for Camp, established in 2003, is the only summer program in the surrounding area that is designed specifically for children with autism. It is a data-driven program that provides enjoyable social experiences and a variety of learning opportunities for children and young adults with autism. It also offers valuable training for special education teachers and college students who are studying in fields related to autism or other developmental disabilities. Sensory Street is a free 3-day event introduced in 2021 that helps to spread awareness of autism to the local community and highlight the various therapies used to help those who are challenged by it. Project Lifesaver is a collaboration with Escambia Search and Rescue in which children who wander are equipped with transmitter bracelets that help return them to their families. The Holiday Gift Card Assistance Program offers \$100 gift cards to families in need to help with gifts, food, and any other expenses during the holidays.

These are just a few examples of the impactful programs we proudly offer through our organization on the Gulf Coast. The annual Gala serves as a celebration of our mission and a commitment to sustaining and expanding these essential programs for the autism community.

Enclosed are details on the various sponsorship opportunities that show how your support can create a significant and lasting impact on those we serve.

We extend our heartfelt gratitude for considering our invitation and hope to celebrate with you at this year's Connecting the Pieces Gala.

Warm regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Nora Emling".

Nora Emling
Board Chairman
Autism Pensacola Inc.

AUTISM PENSACOLA PROGRAMS

BY-THE-NUMBERS

KIDS FOR CAMP 2023

Total Campers: 57
Financial Aid Awarded: \$29,200
Total Coaches & Instructors: 36
Total Volunteer Hours: 2,397

SENSORY STREET 2023

Total Attendees: 1,029
Total Children: 450
Number of Activities: 16
Cost to Guests: \$0
Total Volunteer Hours: 257

HOLIDAY GIFT CARD ASSISTANCE 2023

Total Gift Cards: 57
Total Families: 53

PROJECT LIFESAVER

Total Clients Enrolled: 65
Cost to Client: \$0
Success Rate: 100%

OTHER PROGRAMS & SERVICES

Caregiver Support Groups
Respite Opportunities
Adult Cooking Class
Young Adult Game Night
Fun with Friends
Family Picnics in the Park
Trunk or Treat
Sensory Santa



SPONSORSHIP LEVELS

Presenting Sponsor \$15,000

Logo incorporated in event logo & "Presented By" in event name
1 table of 8 with Premium Seating at the Connecting the Pieces Gala Dinner and Auction
Top tier recognition in promotional ads for all major API fundraisers
Public-facing media opportunities for TV, radio, newspaper, and online
Full-page ad in gala program
Top tier recognition on event slideshow, all social media, signage, and website

Platinum Sponsor \$10,000

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

Gold Sponsor \$5,000

1 table of 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 of 8 at the Connecting the Pieces Gala Dinner and Auction
Third tier recognition in promotional ads
Half-page ad in gala program
Third tier recognition on event slideshow, social media and website

Centerpiece Sponsor \$3,000

2 tickets to Connecting the Pieces Gala Dinner and Auction
Signage on all guest tables
Recognition in Gala program, event slide show, social media and website

Cocktail or Dessert Sponsor \$2,500

2 tickets to the Connecting the Pieces Gala Dinner and Auction
Signage on designated table
Recognition in gala program
Recognition on event slide show, social media and website

Table & Paddle Pledge Sponsor \$2,000

1 reserved table for 8 at the Connecting the Pieces Gala Dinner and Auction
1 Paddle Pledge sends 1 child to Kids for Camp for one week.

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.



MAY 2, 2024
SANDERS BEACH COMMUNITY CENTER
PENSACOLA, FLORIDA

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
- ☐ TABLE & PADDLE PLEDGE ~ \$2,000
- ☐ TABLE ~ \$1,600
- ☐ BRONZE ~ \$1,500
- ☐ PADDLE PLEDGE ~ \$500

Sponsor/Business Name: _____

Contact: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

- ☐ Mail check payable to Autism Pensacola
- ☐ Pay online at www.autismpensacola.org
- ☐ Send invoice to this address:

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