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Dear Friends,

It is a profound honor to serve as the host of Autism Pensacola's 19th Annual Connecting the Pieces Gala. Since its creation in 2004, this event has become more than a celebration - it's a testament to the power of community, compassion, and collective action in support of individuals with autism and their families.

Connecting the Pieces is much more than a gala. It represents a vital source of support and encouragement for hundreds of children, individuals, and families who benefit from Autism Pensacola's invaluable resources, programs, and services. Autism Pensacola has provided not only a safe space for children and teens to grow, learn, and build relationships, but has also been a resource that extends beyond families and into essential community services, including law enforcement.

In Escambia County, the Sheriff's Office is committed to working closely with organizations like Autism Pensacola to build understanding and skills essential for interacting sensitively and effectively with individuals on the autism spectrum. Training and resources empower our deputies to respond with compassion, knowledge, and awareness, which helps to create safer interactions for everyone involved. This partnership reflects our dedication to fostering a community that respects and supports every individual, including those with unique challenges and abilities.

The Connecting the Pieces Gala is a crucial source of funding that has made it possible for Autism Pensacola to grow from a grassroots organization to a professionally-run nonprofit. Thanks to the generosity of sponsors, attendees, and community supporters like you, Autism Pensacola is now a trusted leader in advocacy, awareness, and guidance for families and community organizations throughout the Gulf Coast.

I want to personally thank you for considering a sponsorship for this year's Gala. Your support will affirm our shared commitment to ensuring that no one on this journey walks alone. For decades now, Autism Pensacola has been there, taking the hands of individuals with autism and guiding them with empathy and respect, and your steadfast stewardship ensures that they are able to continue doing so.

Thank you for joining us in this mission. Together, we are building a brighter, more inclusive future for every child, individual, and family touched by autism.



Warm regards,

Sheriff Chip W. Simmons
Escambia County Sheriff's Office

AUTISM PENSACOLA PROGRAMS

BY-THE-NUMBERS

KIDS FOR CAMP 2024

Total Campers: 42
Financial Aid Awarded: \$21,600
Total Coaches & Instructors: 28
Total Volunteer Hours: 3,300

SENSORY STREET 2024

*Attendance numbers were lower than 2023 because we reduced the number of days from 3 to 2.

Total Attendees: 850
Total Children: 255
Number of Activities: 16
Cost to Guests: \$0
Total Volunteer Hours: 2,500

HOLIDAY GIFT CARD ASSISTANCE 2023

Total Gift Cards: 38
Total Families: 34

PROJECT LIFESAVER

Total Clients Enrolled: 81
*increase of 17 since 4/24
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
Bowling with Santa



2025 SPONSORSHIP LEVELS

Presenting Sponsor \$15,000 (exclusive)

Logo incorporated into the event logo
Table of up to 10 with Premium Seating
Top-tier recognition in promotional ads for all major API programs and fundraisers
Public-facing media opportunities for TV, radio, newspaper, and online
Full-page ad in Gala program
Top-tier recognition on event slideshow, social media, signage, and website

Platinum Sponsor \$10,000

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Top-tier recognition in promotional ads
Full-page ad in Gala program
Top tier recognition on event slideshow, social media, signage, and website

Gold Sponsor \$5,000

Table of 8 with Premium Seating
Second-tier recognition in promotional ads
Full-page ad in Gala program
Second-tier recognition on event slideshow, social media, signage, and website

Silver Sponsor \$3,000

Table of 8 with Premium Seating
Third-tier recognition in promotional ads
Half-page ad in Gala program
Third-tier recognition on event slideshow, social media, signage, and website

Bronze Sponsor \$2,500

4 tickets with Reserved Seating
Half-page ad in Gala program
Third-tier recognition on event slideshow, social media, signage, and website

Specialty Sponsorships \$1,000 (*other sponsor levels may add for \$800)

Cocktail Sponsor (signage at bar w/logo, name on presentation visual)
Dessert Sponsor (signage at dessert table, name on presentation visual)
Band Sponsor (signage near band, name on presentation visual)
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APRIL 10, 2025
SANDERS BEACH COMMUNITY CENTER
PENSACOLA, FLORIDA

SPONSORSHIP COMMITMENT FORM

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

- PRESENTING SPONSOR ~ \$15,000
- PLATINUM SPONSOR ~ \$10,000
- GOLD SPONSOR ~ \$5,000
- SILVER SPONSOR ~ \$3,000
- BRONZE SPONSOR ~ \$2,500
- SPECIALTY SPONSORSHIPS ~ \$1,000 OR \$800
 \$1,000 FOR SINGLE SPONSORS ~ \$800 FOR ADD-ONS TO HIGHER LEVEL SPONSORS
 - COCKTAIL SPONSOR
 - DESSERT SPONSOR
 - BAND SPONSOR
 - CENTERPIECE SPONSOR

Sponsor/Business Name: _____

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- Mail check payable to Autism Pensacola
- Pay online at www.autismpensacola.org
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*ALL PAYMENTS DUE IN FULL BY MARCH 10, 2025.