

Akron Walks for Autism

A Walk and 5K Run

June 9, 2012

Lock 3, Downtown Akron

Last year, more than 1,100 people gathered at Lock 3 in downtown Akron to support **Akron Walks for Autism**, a walk and 5k run to benefit the Autism Society Greater Akron (now the Autism Society of Ohio, Greater Akron Office). Also part of this amazing event was an Autism Vendor Fair, where 40 leading companies and organizations showcased products, services, and information related to autism and other disabilities.

Please accept this letter on behalf of the Autism Society of Ohio, Greater Akron Office as a request for sponsorship for this year's Walk/Run. Your **sponsorship** will contribute to our goal of raising funds to support children and adults with Autism and their families. All donations are tax deductible under 501c3 Tax # 34-1694514.

This special event builds the community and raises awareness of the day-to-day challenges faced by people with autism and those who love them. All money raised provides services and support to local families. The Autism Society of Ohio, Greater Akron is part of the Autism Society, a national organization with a chapter network that focuses on bringing services and support to local individuals and families impacted by autism. The Greater Akron office serves Summit, Stark, Medina, Portage and Wayne counties.

What we do...

- **Information and Referral:** Support individuals and their families with information on community services and programs;
- **Programs:** Bring needed programs to our local area that support our mission;
- **Educational Outreach:** Provide support materials to schools and organizations about how best to support those with autism;
- **Awareness:** Raise awareness of autism in the community by educating on what it means to have autism and how to best support the autism community;
- **Improve Services and Supports:** Advocate for changes at the federal, state and local levels to ensure individuals with autism are supported across their lifespans;
- **Team Members:** Collaborate with organizations with like missions to work together to provide the best possible outcomes and services.

Join Our Akron Walks for Autism Team!

Corporate Giving Levels

Presenting Sponsor \$8,000 – 1 Presenting Sponsor

- Co-branding on all walk print materials including t-shirts, posters, brochures and programs;
- Speaking opportunity on event day;
- Co-branding on website, social media and Firstgiving website (registration site);
- Corporate Team walks free (runners must register separately);
- Free Autism Vendor table;
- Bonus: Sponsorship on all materials – including website, t-shirt, marketing flyers – for *Lose the Training Wheels (LTTW)*, a summer bike camp that teaches children with disabilities to ride a bike. LTTW is a one week camp that touches 40 children, their families, 50+ volunteers in a way that will forever change their lives. Campers receive a trophy and t-shirt. For more information on LTTW, go www.losethetrainingwheels.org.

Dream Maker \$5,000

- Logo on all walk print materials, including t-shirts, posters and walk brochures;
- Logo/link on website and social media opportunities;
- Corporate team walks free (runners must register separately);
- Full Page acknowledgment in program;
- Free Autism Vendor table;
- Logo as sponsor on Firstgiving website (registration site) and social media call outs.

DEADLINE: February 24, 2012 to be included in brochure

Super Hero \$2,500

- Logo/link on website and social media call outs;
- Corporate placement in brochure;
- Name on t-shirt;
- Corporate team walks free (runners must register separately)
- Half-page recognition in program;
- Free Autism Vendor Fair table;
- Logo as sponsor on Firstgiving website (registration site).

Champion \$1,000

- Link on website and social media recognition;
- Program recognition;
- Free Autism Vendor Fair table;
- Name on t-shirt.

Advocate \$500

- Program Acknowledgement;
- Website recognition;
- Free Autism Vendor Fair table;
- Name on t-shirt.



Sponsorship Form

Sponsorship Level: (Please Circle)	Presenting Sponsor \$8,000	Dream Maker \$5,000	Super Hero \$2,500	Champion \$1,000	Advocate \$500
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Sponsor: _____

Contact: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ E-Mail _____

***Please make checks payable to: Autism Society of Ohio
Donations are tax deductible as non-profit, # 34-1694514.***

Corporate Checks Accepted
Mail checks to: P.O. Box 2831, Akron, OH 44309

Autism Vendor Fair Form

Yes, we are proud sponsors of *Akron Walks for Autism*.

Please reserve a table (included with sponsorship) for us at the Autism Vendor Fair at Lock 3 as part of event.

Vendor: _____

Type or Organization: _____

Contact: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ E-Mail _____

Please mail all forms to: Laurie Cramer
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