

January 13, 2022

Dear Sir or Madam,

At Autism Society Northwestern Pennsylvania, we've served over 2,000 families in Erie and the surrounding counties for over 20 years. We are aiming to increase the number of individuals and families with the purchase and renovation of our new Family Center in 2021.

On Saturday, April 23, 2022, we are planning to host our 21<sup>st</sup> Annual Walk for Autism. Our annual Walk is our signature event supporting our education and therapeutic programs. For 2022, we are embracing a new venue, Lake Erie Speedway, providing ample room for all participants. We think our efforts would go even farther with your donation. Please find the enclosed Sponsor Registration form outlining how we would recognize your invaluable help.

As a local organization, we are in the trenches with our families providing support, referrals, education, and most importantly a community of understanding. We are pleased to introduce our 2022 Walk Chair Family, Theresa, Vinnie, Donnie, and Gianni Mastrostefano.

We are the Mastrostefano (Mastrey) Family, and we have the honor to represent the Autism Society NWPA as this year's walk family. We were first introduced to the Autism Society when our boys were in kindergarten (our boys are fraternal twins and Donnie is on the Autism Spectrum and



Gianni is not). Our school sent home a flyer about the new program, Lego Club and encouraged families to participate. We signed Donnie up and dragged him to participate. At home Gianni was out of sorts and this situation was not working. I happen to mention this dilemma to Tish. She encouraged me to sign Gianni up for Lego Club. I did not realize that all activities are inclusive of neurotypical siblings, not only are they welcomed, but they are also encouraged to join activities to help with peer modeling!

Since our boys are very close this was an Autism-friendly activity that they could enjoy together without Donnie having to adapt to fit in. Both boys participated in Lego Club through elementary school. Now Donnie participates in Lego Club and Friends and Pal Teen Club. Gianni has begun to volunteer at Teen Club.

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The experiences our boys have had at these activities are priceless and have helped both develop valuable social skills.

We are thankful that the Autism Society has a new Family Center because that enables them to serve the Autistic Community in the ways they have been doing only better. Autism is usually reported as 1/44 children are diagnosed with Autism. Those children grow up to be teens and adults. It is important to have community-based programs to help families with their children, teens, and adult loved ones. The Autism Society NWPA with the opening of the Family Center is growing to help facilitate that need for families.

We are grateful that our educators directed us to the Autism Society and that we are fortunate to live in a community that has an amazing organization to help our family when needed. -Theresa, Vinnie, Donnie and Gianni

Thank you for considering sponsoring our 21<sup>st</sup> Annual Walk for Autism and being an important part of providing a helping hand to individuals and families living with Autism in our local community.

If you have any questions about this event or sponsorship opportunities, please call me so I can answer them for you. Your support of our 21<sup>st</sup> Annual Walk for Autism WILL make the difference in the life of a child or adult living with Autism.

With gratitude,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Tish Bartlett".

Tish Bartlett  
Executive Director

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Sam Lopez".

Sam Lopez  
Board Development Chair

Enclosures: 2022 Walk for Autism Sponsor registration  
2021 AS NWPA Annual Report

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*21st Annual Walk for Autism – Saturday, April 23, 2022 - Lake Erie Speedway*

**2022 SPONSORSHIP REGISTRATION**

\_\_\_\_\_ (name/company name) is donating

\$\_\_\_\_\_ to benefit the 2022 programming and Family Center of the **Autism Society NWPA**  
\_\_\_\_\_ Walk Team (if applicable).

Based on the above donation amount, I qualify for the following sponsor level:

**Diamond Sponsor \$10,000 or more**

Your company/organization logo in all advertising; Premium placement on Walk Commemorative Apparel. Logo and company description on our social media platforms. Acknowledged at the Walk and during announcements.

Up to 20 Team registrations with Commemorative Walk Hoodie: (adult sizes only)

\_\_\_ S; \_\_\_ M; \_\_\_ L; \_\_\_ XL; \_\_\_ 2XL; \_\_\_ 3XL

Please use the back of this form to list walkers' names along with size choices.

**Platinum Sponsor \$5,000 to \$9,999**

Your company/organization logo in all advertising; Premium placement on Walk Commemorative Apparel.

Logo and company description on our social media platforms. Acknowledged at the Walk and during announcements.

Up to 10 Team registrations with Commemorative Walk Hoodie: (adult sizes only)

\_\_\_ S; \_\_\_ M; \_\_\_ L; \_\_\_ XL; \_\_\_ 2XL; \_\_\_ 3XL

Please use the back of this form to list walkers' names along with size choices.

**Gold Sponsor \$1,000 to \$4,999**

Your company/organization logo in all advertising; Mid-level placement on Walk Commemorative Apparel.

Logo on our social media platforms. Acknowledged at the Walk and during announcements.

Up to 5 Team registrations with Commemorative Walk Hoodie: (adult sizes only)

\_\_\_ S; \_\_\_ M; \_\_\_ L; \_\_\_ XL; \_\_\_ 2XL; \_\_\_ 3XL

Please use the back of this form to list walkers' names along with size choices.

**Silver Sponsor \$500 to \$999**

Mid-level placement on Walk Commemorative Apparel; Acknowledged at the Walk and during announcements.

*Please note: Walkers who desire Commemorative Walk apparel must register separately and pay posted fee*

**Bronze Sponsor \$250 to \$499**

Name placement on Walk Commemorative Apparel (Print how name should appear on shirt)

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- Friend of Autism**      **\$249 or less**

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- In-Kind Donation**  
**(Value of \$250 or greater)**      Name placement on Commemorative Apparel; mentioned on our social media platform

*PLEASE LIST ITEMS DONATING:*

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All sponsorship levels include mention during Autism Walk day announcements in addition to the benefits listed above.

Official logos should be provided prior to **March 31, 2022** in order to meet print deadlines. Please send logos via email in EPS and JPEG format to [wzukowski@autismnwpa.org](mailto:wzukowski@autismnwpa.org) for Silver, Gold, or Platinum Sponsors. Diamond Sponsors logo deadline: February 1, 2022 to be included in the Walk marketing.

**Sponsor Team Walk Registrations with Commemorative Hoodie**

Sponsor Name: \_\_\_\_\_

- I would like our hoodies packed with Team \_\_\_\_\_
- We will pick up our hoodies from the Autism Society NWPA Office.

<u>Sponsor Level</u>		Walker's Name	Hoodie ADULT SIZE (circle size)					
<b>Gold</b> <b>Platinum</b> <b>Diamond</b>  Gold Sponsorship includes up to 5 Walk Registrations	1		S	M	L	XL	2XL	3XL
	2		S	M	L	XL	2XL	3XL
	3		S	M	L	XL	2XL	3XL
	4		S	M	L	XL	2XL	3XL
	5		S	M	L	XL	2XL	3XL
<u>Sponsor Level</u> <b>Platinum</b> <b>Diamond</b>  Platinum Sponsorship includes up to 10 Walk Registrations	6		S	M	L	XL	2XL	3XL
	7		S	M	L	XL	2XL	3XL
	8		S	M	L	XL	2XL	3XL
	9		S	M	L	XL	2XL	3XL
	10		S	M	L	XL	2XL	3XL
<u>Sponsor Level</u> <b>Diamond</b>   Diamond Sponsorship includes up to 30 Walk Registrations	11		S	M	L	XL	2XL	3XL
	12		S	M	L	XL	2XL	3XL
	13		S	M	L	XL	2XL	3XL
	14		S	M	L	XL	2XL	3XL
	15		S	M	L	XL	2XL	3XL
	16		S	M	L	XL	2XL	3XL
	17		S	M	L	XL	2XL	3XL
	18		S	M	L	XL	2XL	3XL
	19		S	M	L	XL	2XL	3XL
	20		S	M	L	XL	2XL	3XL

**PLEASE NOTE:** Commemorative Walk Hoodie may be substituted with the Commemorative Walk t-shirt or long sleeve t-shirt. Please make a note next to the walker's name. Otherwise, all walkers will receive a hoodie.