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It is an honor to thank you once again for your generous support of our 17th annual GAA golf outing! We hope that everyone has a terrific day of golf and fun today! Your giving directly supports people with autism. Through your support, we were able to help many families in challenging circumstances struggling with school, home aggression, financial challenges, and lack of in-home therapies and respite. This past year we aided Autism New Jersey in providing families with support and resources, as well as their advocacy with legislators in Trenton. Along with Branching Out Foundation, we led local autism support groups and events for parents providing meetings, literature, grants, and recreation. We partnered with the Crayola Experience and Freefall trampoline park for sensory friendly family events. Our GAA Grant program funded grants to families and teachers for iPads, camp, training, equipment, therapies, as well as outreach to local schools, camps and special needs organizations. As always, **100% of net proceeds are used to support our mission: “money raised here, stays here.”**

Thanks to your overwhelming generosity at last year’s golf outing, we were able to grant >\$160K:

- ❑ **\$42,000 Autism NJ:** Autism NJ diligently works and advocates improving the lives of people with autism. ANJ provides information, advocacy, consultation, services, family and professional education, and works to enhance public awareness
- ❑ **\$37,000 GAA Community Grants Program:** Grants to local families in need and autism programs, incl. therapies, iPads, advocacy support, family respite & emergency assistance, adult programs, and education & safety training sessions
- ❑ **\$16,000 Warren County Autism Support Group:** Facilitated and funded family support groups, parent training, speaker sessions, books, and local recreation events such as FreeFall, Crayola Experience, A Mother’s Rest respite weekends, etc.
- ❑ **\$16,000 Page One Resource Center:** BOF Community Resource Center for families with special needs in under-served Warren County, NJ providing family education, resource referral, social skills groups, training and events
- ❑ **\$12,000 Anthony Marino Rutgers University Doctoral Studies Award:** Scholarship award for PhD candidate(s) at RU Douglass Developmental Disabilities Center (DDDC) studying in the field of autism (*Gabrielle Pignatelli & Jeanine Ederer*)
- ❑ **\$9,000 High School Scholarships:** special needs HS students pursuing secondary education in college or vocational training
- ❑ **\$7,000 Local Outreach:** micro grants to local NJ organizations helping families with extra needs, POAC, Alternatives, etc.
- ❑ **\$6,000 NJ Daredevils:** Special needs ice hockey program supporting players of all abilities, “*Hockey Is For EVERYONE*”
- ❑ **\$5,000 Branching Out Foundation:** summer bowling, social skills sessions, annual local Sensitive Santa, and recreation
- ❑ **\$4,000 ARC of Warren County:** Warren County Autism Awareness month speaker Kerry Magro & Camp Warren T-shirt
- ❑ **\$3,000 HFAL:** funded trauma informed, restraint-free crisis intervention specialty training for Hope For All Learners staff
- ❑ **\$3,000 Blue Bridge Training grant:** provided free autism ID cards for any family during April, autism awareness month

Again, on behalf of everyone helping today and supporting Greenwich Autism Alliance, THANK YOU!

Kelly Milazzo

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